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CALIFORNIA TRAIL CENTER PROGRESS CONTINUES

The California National Historic Trail Interpretive Center planned to be built near Elko, Nevada, recently passed a major milestone on the road to construction.

“We just made another giant step towards getting the Trail Center built,” said BLM California Trail Center Manager Dee W. Lloyd. “Last week BLM issued the contract for Design Development and Construction Documents for the Trail Center building and interpretive exhibits. It’s a tremendous hurdle.”

“What this means is that we’ve started the last major work component needed before we go out for bid with the construction contract. At the end of this phase, we’ll have the blueprints in hand for the Trail Center and the exhibits inside it,” Lloyd concluded.

BLM Elko Field Manager Helen Hankins commented, “The Trail Center has been a grass roots citizens-initiated project since the beginning and we need the public to stay involved. We’ve held several public meetings the past three years and we plan to hold several more as we continue with the project.”

“As things currently stand, we plan to begin construction in December 2004 and have the Grand Opening in June 2006,” Hankins added. “The California Trail Center and its associated wayside exhibit sites will serve as a key means to educate the public about the California Trail – which was the largest voluntary migration in history. Education will lead to a better understanding and ultimately preservation of this national resource.”

For more information about the California Trail Interpretive Center, contact Dee W. Lloyd at the BLM Elko Field Office (775) 753-0237.

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