

ABSTRACT

Title of Thesis: MANAGING HISTORIC TRAILS THROUGH
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This thesis examines all the factors that must be taken into account as the Bureau of Land Management, and the Oregon-California Trails Association works to preserve the Historic National Trails that run through the State of Wyoming. This thesis examines the issues that are involved in preservation from all of the major stakeholders. These stakeholders include: The agricultural community, and oil and gas industry, the tourism industry, and the Bureau of Land Management itself. The research includes interviews with all of the stakeholders to examine their attitudes and ideas about preservation of the trails. The thesis concludes showing that, at this point in time, all stakeholders in this process are willing to work together to preserve historic trails as long as there is some compromise on the federal governments side. Even

though, in the past, there has been animosity between many of the stakeholders and the BLM, this work shows that all groups are still willing to work together in preservation of the trails.

All of the stakeholders must begin to work on a hierarchy of preservation and each must be willing to compromise and reach a consensus that will benefit all of the current stakeholders.