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(Neb.)- Scotts Bluff National Monument To Hold 1851 Treaty Presentation



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(GERING, NE) Many treaties were made between various Indian tribes and white settlers. Come attend a program with Ranger Jerry Lucas and discover what was different about the 1851 treaty signed at Horse Creek.

The Fort Laramie Treaty of 1851 is more commonly called the Horse Creek Treaty of 1851 since it took place near Horse Creek in western Nebraska. The treaty was written in response to growing concerns about the interactions between the white emigrants on the trails leading to Oregon, California and Utah and the diverse tribes of Indians. Jerry Lucas will discuss the events leading up to the treaty, what took place during the meeting of tribes and government officials and the results of the treaty. The program will take place on Saturday, July 20 at 3:00 p.m.

Jerry Lucas is a seasonal park ranger who loves history. Although he was working for the U.S. Postal Service when he moved to Scottsbluff 30 years ago, it was the area's history that drew him here. Since his retirement he has spent much of his time researching various periods with special emphasis on Native Americans. This is his eighth summer at the monument and Jerry enjoys talking to the visitors, especially when in character as "Frenchie" the fur trader. He has also presented a variety of programs over the years on Hiram Scott, Rebecca Winters, Native Americans and others.

The program will be inside the visitor center.

The Scotts Bluff National Monument visitor center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The summit road is open from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. All Monument trails are open from sunrise until sunset. Please inquire about the Bi-Park Annual Pass valid at both Fort Laramie National Historic Site and Scotts Bluff National Monument. Additional information about Scotts Bluff National Monument programs and schedules may be obtained at the visitor center, by calling 308-436-9700.