



# Retirees newsletter

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## 2002 Retreat In the Northwest

In the March 2001 Newsletter, we reported that Arlen Borgen has volunteered to organize a retreat in the Baker City area of eastern Oregon. Baker City area is the site of many early CH2M HILL projects. The opinion survey of our retirees preference as to the frequency and location of the retreat showed a majority would like to have the retreat once every 2 years and held in several geographic areas.

However, all retirees are invited to the Baker City retreat. Retreats for other areas, when organized, will be reported in future issues of the newsletter.

After meetings with interested retirees, Arlen has proposed to hold the retreat from September 5 through 8, 2002. September is the best time in the eastern Oregon area. It is after the summer vacation crowd has left and before the elk hunters come. Later than that, it will be too cold. The proposed itinerary and activities of the retreat are as follows:

*(For those who do not want to drive from the Portland or Boise area, transportation will be furnished by other CH2M HILL retirees.)*

**Day 1–Thursday, September 5. Arrive Baker City, Oregon.** Those attending the retreat can either drive, or fly into Boise or Portland and proceed to Baker City. Arlen has also enlisted Joe Worth in addition to Arleta Burton to help in the planning and organizing of the event. Joe has researched the traveling information including the points of interest along the way and what you might do before and after the retreat. His detailed information is in the article on page 2.

Attendees will need to schedule arrival no later than 4 p.m. on September 5 for registration and checking into the hotel or motels. The center of activities will be at GEISER GRAND HOTEL in downtown Baker City. The hotel was originally built in 1889 and beautifully restored in 1997. There are other nice motels off Interstate I-84 in Baker City. There are also good camp grounds for those who travel by motor home or recreational vehicles.

In the evening we will have a welcome dinner at GEISER GRAND.

**Day 2–Friday, September 6. Tour Wallowa Mountains and Snake River Canyon Scenic Area.** After breakfast on your own, we will board a bus and drive to the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center east of Baker City (about 5 miles). The visit will take about 3 hours. Then we will continue on east towards the Snake River Canyon and stop for lunch at a town named Halfway, which was made well known by selling its name to the dot com industry. After lunch we will tour the scenic Snake River Canyon and drive down into the Hells Canyon to the road's end at the lower Hells Canyon Dam. Return to Baker City in the late afternoon and proceed to the Haines Steak House 10 miles north, for dinner.

**Day 3–Saturday, September 7. Tour Scenic Areas of Blue Mountains.** We will gather at the GEISER GRAND again in the morning and take the bus to the top of the Blue Mountains by Anthony Lakes and its ski resort. In addition to the spectacular scenery in the area, there are attractions like the old mining town of Granite, fishing, gold panning and dredge tailings. After a short sight seeing train ride through the old gold dredge tailings to Sumpter and back, we will have an out door barbecue. After that we will return to Baker City for free time to browse the town, museum, historical houses, etc. The evening will be free.

**Day 4–Sunday, September 8. Farewell Breakfast at the Geiser Grand.** We will conclude the retreat after the farewell breakfast. However, there are more places to see and things to do for those who want to extend the adventure. Please refer to the pre- and post-retreat tour information suggested by Joe Worth in the following article.

Anyone that is interested in attending this retreat, not limited to retirees who reside in the NW area, please send a post card, call, or e-mail to RAC/CVO with your comments and suggestions, prior to March 15, 2002.

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