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The Oregon Encyclopedia (The OE) continues its monthly series of History Nights at McMenamins pubs. At each History Night, The OE will look back at the seminal people and events that have shaped our communities. Visit www.oregonencyclopedia.org for History Night locations and more details.

Finding Fremont in Oregon: 1843 (film) TAKE TWO, a film by Loren Irving

Presented by Dr. Bill Lang

Tuesday, August 30

6:30 p.m.

McMenamins Edgefield, 2126 SW Halsey St., Troutdale, Ore.

Free and open to the public

Due to technical difficulties at our July History Night, we are bringing the film *Finding Fremont in Oregon* back to Edgefield on August 30.

In the winter of 1843, Brevet Lt. John C. Frémont led an expedition of 27 men south of the Columbia River and into unmapped portions of Oregon. With cartographer Charles Preuss and scout Kit Carson, Frémont and his expedition provided the nation with detailed maps of important sections of the Oregon Country just as overland migrants flooded into the region. Retracing Frémont's steps, photographer Loren Irving spent nearly a year photographing all 31 of Frémont's campsites in Oregon. Through the words of the expedition's journals, stunning photography, and original music, this 30-minute documentary chronicles Frémont's expedition as it moved through Oregon and into history. The film was produced in partnership with photographer Loren Irving, Sandy Cummings of TVStoryteller, and the Deschutes County Historical Society; funding for the documentary provided through the generous support of the Bend Foundation and the Starview Foundation.

Following the film, Dr. Bill Lang discusses how knowledge about 19th century exploration of Oregon sheds light on 20th century land use decisions and our understanding of the importance of cartography in western history.

The OE is an online resource for information on the state's significant people, places, events, institutions, and biota. Over 800 entries and essays have been published online and new entries are added every day. For more information visit www.oregonencyclopedia.org.

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