

**Bonneville Point**

Today we traveled up a long hill some four miles; road good; ascent very gradual. When we arrived at the top we got a grand view of the Boise river valley. It is all filled or covered with dry grass and a few trees immediately along the bank, the first we have seen for more than a month.

Cecilia Emily McMillan Adams - September 15, 1852

**Canyon Creek**

This day we traveled nineteen miles over tolerably rough road. About three-fourths of a mile after we left camp we crossed a small creek, where we found water [Frenchman Spring]. After watering, we traveled eight and a half miles, which brought us to a barrel creek [Canyon Creek]. Here we found a small creek running through a barrel-shaped valley, which is surrounded by rock bluffs about twenty feet high. We nooned at Barrel creek...

P. V. Crawford - August 4, 1851

**Hot Springs**

We started at 6 a. m. and traveled two miles to Hot Springs... Mrs. Burns tried one of them by immersing her finger, but quickly removed it without being told, declaring it entirely too hot for washing dishes... There is one cold stream of water issuing from the same rock. I sat down on this rock, putting my right hand in a cold spring of water and my left hand in a hot spring of water, the two springs being only five feet apart.

Enoch W. Conyers  
Friday, August 13, 1852

**Three Island Crossing**

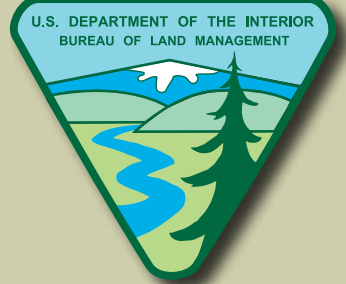
We crawled the Snake Rive(r). First we drove over a part of the river one hundred yards wide on to a island, the(n) over a northern branch 75 yards wide on a second island; then we tide a string of waggons to gether by a chane in the ring of the lead cattles yoa(k) & made fast to the waggon of all a horse & before & him led. We carried as many a(s) fifteen waggons at one time. We had to go up stream. The water was ten inches up the waggeo(n) beds in the deepe pla-ices. It was about 900 yards acraws.

William T. Newby - September 11, 1843

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