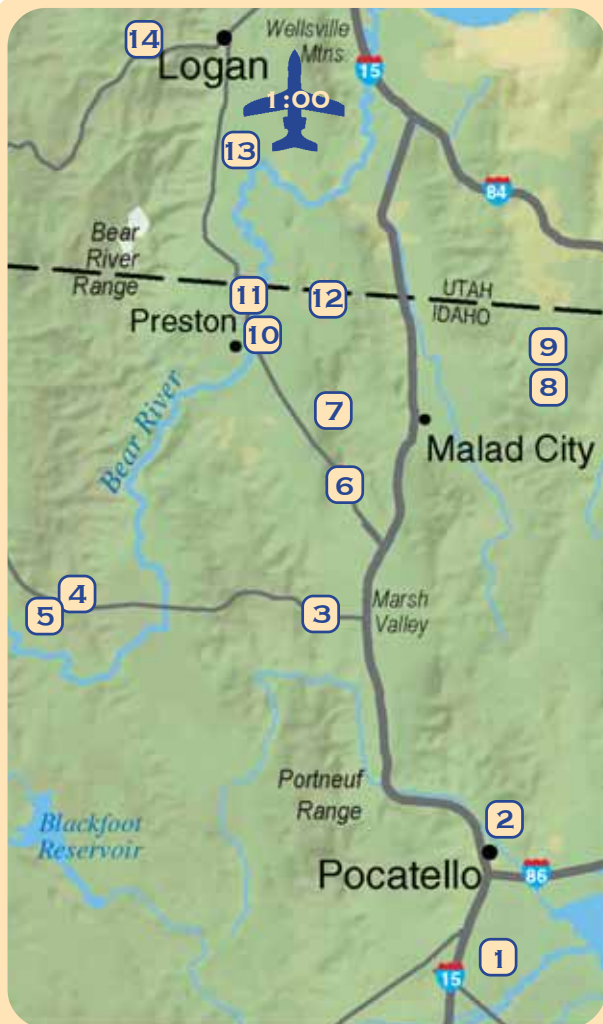


4 MIGRATION AND SETTLEMENT TRANSFORM THE WEST



SEGMENT #4 OF 5



3 Story Location (see following pages)
Approx. progress since departure (hr:min)



The next section of your flight takes you from the Snake River Plain into the mountains and valleys of the Portneuf and Bear River ranges, toward the Wasatch Range and the Great Salt Lake.

You also move from a region where waters flow to the sea (to the Snake River, then the Columbia, and on to the Pacific) to a unique zone where rivers run not to the sea, but terminate in inland salty lakes and sinks.

“If I had to do over again,... I wouldn’t do it.”

—Frank Clark, reflecting on his killing of Old Ephraim, the last grizzly bear to roam the Logan area (as related by his niece).

This, the Great Basin, extends across parts of Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, and California. Thousands of years ago in a moister climate it held an ancient inland sea, of which Utah’s Great Salt Lake is merely a remnant.

Culturally, this section of your route shows the effects of white settlement in general, and Mormon colonization specifically, on the interior West; the Indians were driven back, sagebrush converted to crop lands, predators subdued, riches mined, communities created, and economies expanded and diversified.

So, within this small swath lies a snapshot of the conversion of pre-settlement 1800s western ecology and culture into today’s modern landscape and society.

Come, meet Old Ephraim, the Sho-Bans, the Morrisites, dancing birds, an exploding lake, the people who built “soddies,” cheese-makers, an officially sanctioned cooking pot, and the great State of Utah. Learn how the West changed as white culture moved into and through it.

