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Glimpses of the Past: June 18, 2015

"Wars, Cows, Wagons, and Steam Engines, Oh my! Fort Union and the years 1876-1881"

LAS VEGAS, NM: Of the many time periods that make up the story of Fort Union, none had a greater impact on the American Southwest than the years of 1876-1881. From patrolling the Santa Fe Trail and the newly established cattle trails, to providing security details for railroad construction, and to leading simultaneous campaigns against the Ute and Chiricahua Apache tribes, this five year period would prove to be one of the most frenzied, bloody, and pivotal in the history of the fort and the Army of the Southwest.

Join Ranger Ron Harvey, Lead Interpretive Ranger of Fort Union National Monument and discover how this period of the fort's history pressed both Fort Union and its soldiers to near breaking points, while simultaneously and permanently altering the Southwest's culture, economy, and industry. This program will be held at the CCHP/Santa Fe Trail Interpretive Center, 116 Bridge Street, Las Vegas, New Mexico, Thursday, June 18, 2015, 7:00PM.

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