

John's Journey - Day 14

April 14, 2009

Waldenburg, AR to Fair Oaks, AR

Travelled about 30 miles today.

I pulled out at 7:40 AM. It was cloudy & threatening to rain all day today. It was pretty cool. The terrain is still fairly flat and the mules are doing okay.

I'm a little concerned about Mack. Although he is doing okay, the britching strap continues to rub - so I think I'll loosen it for the next few days to see if that helps. It could be because he is laying back onto the strap while he is walking so he doesn't have to work too hard.

I've also noticed that Jack seems to be doing most of the work & Mack is contented to let him. So I'm going to change the harness a little bit for the next few days also. I dropped two links on the lead mule (Jack) & pulled Mack all the way back. This should even up the weight distribution & Mack may get the idea that I want him to pull his own weight. (Kids)

I drove a little further than I had planned today. I couldn't find a good place to park so we pressed on to Fair Oaks, AR. I spoke to Leon, the owner of the New Holland Dealership and he was okay that we spend the night. Unfortunately I couldn't put up the fence for the mules, so I needed to tie them up for the night.

Tomorrow I'm going to head towards Brinkley, AR & stop near I-40. I'll see what it looks like when I get there and then decide from there.