



Trail News

Revist, Rewind, Rediscover Red Clay in Tennessee

by Jane Switzer, Red Clay State Historic Area

Previous visitors to the Cherokee council grounds at Red Clay State Historic Park may not recognize the upgraded and rejuvenated face of Red Clay. With last year's Tri-Council resolution to support Red Clay's Cherokee Heritage Festival and to make it a truly authentic event, the park has been rejuvenated and now features more quality Cherokee activities that accurately portray the Cherokee people's customs, lifestyle, and beliefs. For example, on April 18, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. EST to 3:00 p.m. EST, the park will be offering the 2nd Annual Cherokee Lecture Symposium. This event will feature scholars such as Dr. Anne Rogers, Cherokee History Professor at Western Carolina University and a national director of Trail of Tears Association; Lamar Marshall, cultural heritage director of Wild South-Cowee, and Anita Finger-Smith of Cherokee Genealogy Services. During the summer, Red Clay will also continue the annual Cherokee concert series that will feature Cherokee artists with original and traditional music. Dates and artists will be announced on Red Clay State Historic Park's Facebook page prior to the concerts.

The seven clan mask carving by John Grant of Cherokee, North Carolina, is completed and is a wonderful example of the local community partnership with Red Clay. The basis for the project occurred when the large tree was struck by lightning and had to be removed. In conjunction with the artist, Red Clay Park Manager Erin Medley came up with the idea for the carving since the tree had seven protruding stumps from the base. After securing community and grant support from Tennessee Arts Commission,



photo courtesy of Red Clay State Park
Cherokee artist John Grant recently carved masks of the seven clans of the Cherokee into seven remaining stumps of a centuries-old tree that grew along the wooded edge of Red Clay State Park. (top: John Grant beginning the carving process; bottom: the finished work of art)

the Bradley County Chamber of Commerce, Rick and Ramona Bird of Cherokee, North Carolina, and the Friends of Red Clay, the project was completed and remains a highlight of every guest's visit.

Red Clay is improving at a rapid pace. The council house replica benches were in need of replacement and the timbers were donated by Shane Bickford of Bledsoe County from his family sawmill. Visitors will be happy to know that there are now seven benches in place of the six that were removed. The new tulip poplar benches are installed and ready for park programs

and tours. The park is also renovating parts of the James F. Corn Interpretive Center with the assistance of Dr. Carroll Van West, Tennessee State historian and professor at Middle Tennessee State University. New exhibits and reorganization will occur as a result of this partnership with the Bradley County Chamber of Commerce Vice President Melissa Woody and Dr. Van West. There are numerous projects and renovations happening every week at Red Clay with the help of local partners and generous donors. Red Clay looks forward to updating you on the progress and hopes you'll be there to see all the improvements!

The park is also proud to announce the historic gathering of the three federally recognized Cherokee Tribes meeting at Red Clay for the first time since removal. This Tri-Council meeting will be enormously significant, and the park is honored to play a part in Cherokee history. Dates have been tentatively scheduled for late July 2015. Staff will keep you posted as more information is confirmed about this historic event.

Other events and projects will be announced via the park's Facebook page and through Red Clay's website. Please feel free to call the park visitor center with any questions or comments. All suggestions and feedback are welcome.

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Trail of Tears Association State Chapter News

TENNESSEE

Tennessee chapter members and partnership organizations from across the state have been hard at work to promote and interpret the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. On November 1, 2014, four new wayside exhibits were unveiled along the 2.5-mile Trail of Tears retracement trail in David Crockett State Park. Tennessee chapter members Doris Trevino and Vicky Garland shared their research and knowledge to assist in creating the new waysides, which were written by Amy Kostine of the Middle Tennessee State University Center for Historic Preservation (CHP) and designed by Coreen Donnelly of National Trails Intermountain Region (NTIR). They discuss the Bell detachment's journey through Lawrenceburg and David Crockett's opposition to the Indian Removal Act. The trail development and the waysides were made possible by an Active Trails grant from the National Park Foundation.



photo courtesy of Carlos Wilson

Tennessee chapter member Carlos Wilson stands by an original route sign along the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail.

The CHP continues to make interpretation and preservation of the Trail of Tears a top priority. It has completed a draft of a booklet entitled, "Restoration Guide for Historic Log Houses on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail," in partnership with NTIR. Scheduled to be printed in Spring 2015, the booklet offers advice and solutions regarding the restoration and preservation of historic log structures by addressing common problems faced by homeowners. In addition, undergraduate and graduate students at the CHP are hard

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at work drafting new exhibit panels on the Trail of Tears for The Heritage Center of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County and Red Clay State Historic Park.

GEORGIA

The Georgia chapter seems to always be in high gear. Chapter and board members are fortunate to have so many wonderful and dedicated volunteers to help their president with all the work of the chapter. Leslie Barker Thomas took over as president after Jeff Bishop received an offer he could not refuse to be the director of museums for Newnan-Coweta County, Georgia. Congratulations Jeff!

The chapter has a written, permanent agreement with the Bandy Heritage Center on the campus of Dalton State University in Dalton, Georgia, for archival space. The chapter out grew its space for storage at the New Echota facility library and, with the help of Jeff Bishop, was able to negotiate space at the Bandy Center for storage of the chapter's historical research materials. Soon these records will be completely digitized and available to search on the Bandy Heritage Center's website. These will include many records from the late Reverend Charles O. Walker's research on North Georgia's Cherokees that never made it into his books. (The book *Images*, the first in the series of Reverend Walker's known as *Footprints of the Cherokees*, is now available on Amazon.com.)

Chapter board members have attempted to update the chapter website at gatrailoftears.com, and they have found themselves using Facebook and sending out email updates more. The weekly email news is now being sent by chapter member Walter J. Knapp who teaches history part-time at North Georgia College in Dahlonega.

Myra Reidy, Ph.D., is currently working on creating more traveling trunks for the school systems to use to teach the second and third graders about the Trail of Tears. Donna Myers, Ph.D., put together the first

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three trunks, and they are in high demand by teachers, so more are needed.

Dr. Reidy and Jeff Stancil, a retired ranger from the Vann House, are working towards signing the Federal Road county by county as part of the Trail of Tears. They hope to do this with the assistance of local governments and the local transportation department.

Chapter secretary Linda Baker is working diligently with the Cherokee County Historical Society in Canton towards getting signage for Fort Buffington. The archaeology work has been completed, and now it is a matter of getting permission for the signs and determining sign placement.

The chapter is reviving its certification efforts for removal sites in the state and hope to have at least three more within the next six months.

Well into his eighties, chapter member Bill Barker is a task force all by himself. He and Jeff Bishop worked hard to get three sites certified in Chattooga County: Island Town, Chattooga Town, and Dirt Town. Dirt Town seems to be the hold up in completing the wayside exhibits, but the chapter hopes to have good news soon on these. Bill also recently found a pre-removal cabin near Armuchee Creek.

The biggest task facing us currently is preplanning for the 2016 conference to be held in Dalton, Georgia. The chapter has already met with the chamber of commerce, the local conference center, and the tourism director for northeast Georgia. The chapter is checking out new and different venues to visit for field trips and a list of potential speakers.

NORTH CAROLINA

The North Carolina chapter meeting was held at the Cowee Historic School in Murphy in November 2014. The chapter was honored to have several guests attend, including DeLanna Studi, whom we gave a letter of support for a community

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engagement and theatre creation project with the Trail of Tears as one of her focal points. The Kenan Institute for the Arts at UNC-School of the Arts will sponsor the project. Jim Kautz from the Bartram Trail Conference also attended. Program speaker Tyler Howe, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' cultural resource officer, spoke on the Cowee Mound site and the town's importance in Cherokee history. Tom Belt and Lamar Marshall led a tour to the mound following the talk, where attendees learned more about the important site located within the Little Tennessee River Valley in the northern section of what is now Macon County. The village site has an earthen mound and was a major Middle Cherokee town site, located on both sides of the Little Tennessee River. William Bartram visited the town in 1775 and noted about 100 houses with a townhouse on the mound. It was a center for trade between the Cherokee, the British, and later the Americans.

Cowee Town was burned on multiple occasions but rebuilt each time. British troops led by James Grant destroyed the town in 1761. North Carolina militia led by Griffith Rutherford burned it in 1776, and men from Tennessee burned it again in 1783.



Tom Belt leads a tour of Cowee Mound at a North Carolina chapter meeting.

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Cowee was rebuilt each time and continued to be occupied by the Cherokee until the 1819 treaty relinquished Cherokee lands east of the Nantahala Mountains. Cherokee who wished to become citizens of the United States could request a 640-acre "reserve" and continue living at the old home sites.

Euchella's reserve included the Cowee Town mound site. Joseph Welch bought 299 acres of Euchella's reserve in the land sales of 1821. The reserve lands should not have been offered for sale at the land sales of 1821, which led to disputes. Court battles resulted with *Euchella v. Welch* being the lead case. The North Carolina Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Cherokee but to prevent further violence the State of North Carolina agreed to purchase the Cherokee lands and the Cherokee moved across the boundary onto Indian lands. Joseph Welch sold land in the early 1830s to the Hall Family. They became neighbors and Welch, as local magistrate, signed a petition honoring Euchella as a good neighbor in an attempt to keep Euchella from being forced to remove to the West in the forced Indian removal of 1838. Euchella was granted immunity from removal after he helped the federal troops capture Tsali and his sons who were sought for the killing of federal soldiers.

Soldiers at Fort Lindsay, located at the confluence of the Nantahala and Little Tennessee Rivers, collected Cherokees from the area along the state road connecting the fort to Franklin, North Carolina. This road followed along the curves of the Little Tennessee River and crossed the river at the ford at the old Cowee Town site. Cherokee who had once lived at Cowee Town would have walked again through their old home sites as they were forced to leave the mountains for the new lands of Oklahoma.

Cowee Town site remained in the hands of the Hall Family. Although the mound site was farmed, it was never destroyed. In 2007, the land trust for the Little Tennessee River, a nonprofit organization located in Franklin, acquired the mound, which was placed into

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a conservation easement to protect it from development and then sold to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The chapter felt privileged and humbled to stand atop the mound and learn about its history and Cherokee culture.

The chapter's new officers and directors took the helm in January. These include Sue Abram, president; Alan Keith, vice president; Mary Wachacha, secretary; and Anita Finger-Smith, who continues to serve



(L-R) Mary Wachacha, DeLanna Studi, and Lamar Marshall visit Cowee Mound at the November North Carolina chapter meeting.

as the chapter's treasurer. Anita is now a new national director, sitting beside past president Anne Rogers. Other newly elected chapter board members include Tom Belt, Carolyn Nohria, and Hartwell Francis. They will join current board members Ginger Abernathy, Grace Hawkins, and Lamar Marshall. TJ Holland remains the chapter liaison to the Eastern Band.

Dr. Carroll Van West and Amy Kostine of Middle Tennessee State University are making plans to visit western North Carolina this spring to detail a heritage development plan for the historic Tatham cabin in Andrews. Recently, Jeanette Tatham West provided an exciting update on the Tatham Homestead. She acquired the two structures along with the property that they sat on and removed both. The Tatham homestead

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property now fronts Pisgah Road very near Business 19 (Main Street through Andrews) and Junaluska Road with an abundance of land that can support parking and grounds. Many locals are stopping and taking pictures — many of which never knew the homestead existed. The family is excited to work with the Trail of Tears Association in its restoration.

The North Carolina chapter continues to work with the EBCI Remember the Removal Riders for the 2015 June event. In addition, the chapter has been in contact with the folks at North Carolina Small Town Economic Progress (NCSTEP). They invited the chapter to attend a meeting, and chapter members who attended left with the hope that the two organizations can work together on a future project where Trail of Tears' interpretation could be established on their plans for a riverside walk in Murphy along the Hiwassee River.

The chapter applied for a development grant from the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area last fall and should hear the results sometime in February. If approved, the chapter plans to match the funding in order to develop a website and companion guide book to highlight North Carolina's important sites in the removal's history and significant sites where wayside exhibits are erected.

Members Tom Belt and Dr. Francis Hartwell, faculty in the Cherokee Studies program at Western Carolina University, recently were recognized for their contributions in a Cherokee language documentary that has been warmly received.

On a personal note, board members Ginger Abernathy and Carmaleta Montieth are recovering well from their surgeries. Both are valued members of the chapter, and the chapter wishes them a speedy recovery! On a sad note, member John Stevens passed away on December 31. He will be missed by all.

MISSOURI

The sign dedication on the Hildebrand Route in Ironton, Missouri, took place Tuesday, December 10, 2014, at the Iron County Courthouse courtroom. Arcadia Valley High School students Anna Thomas, Skyler Sanzotera, David Gifford, and Kelli Sargent gave dramatic readings from historical letters, documents, and notes written at the time of the Cherokee removal.

One of the young men read a segment from *A Connecticut Yankee in Frontier Ozarks* written by Theodore Russell Pease, a book edited by James F. Keefe and Lynn Morrow (former Missouri State Archivist). Russell's writing records the visit of Peter Hildebrand and his detachment to the Upper Arcadia Valley where they camped alongside Knob Creek. The detachment left its campsite heading north around Shepard's Mountain and then west beside Profit Mountain



photo by Deloris Wood

Original route signs were placed along the Hildebrand Route in Missouri in December 2014.

to what is now Highway N just north of Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park in Reynolds County.

More than 40 students and staff from Arcadia Valley High filled the back four benches of the courtroom. Elected county and city officials were scattered all around the courtroom. The students were assisted by drama teacher Jason Johnson and history teacher Don Barzowski. More than a hundred people, including the students, filled the Iron County courtroom. Both Barzowski, the retiring presiding commissioner representing Iron County, and Deloris Gray Wood, president of the Missouri chapter of TOTA, led the program.

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"I am here planting seeds," Wood explained. "Maybe a student will water a seed and make it grow into a plant that will produce a better tomorrow." Wood encouraged the students to volunteer and make a difference in their community.

Invited guests that gave short talks included the local U.S. Congressional delegation: Thomas Schulte represented Senator Roy Blunt, Matt Williams represented Senator Claire C. McCaskill, and Donna Hickman represented Representative Jason Smith. From the Missouri House of Representatives was Paul Fitzwater. State Senator Gary Romine sent his well wishes as he had a prior engagement and could not attend.

Mayors representing the Arcadia Valley were Shelby J. Chan of Pilot Knob, Robert W. Lourwood of Ironton, and Roy Carr of Arcadia. Each mayor gave a short talk along with Reynolds County Commissioner Eddie Williams. Iron County marked and dedicated five miles of trail on three of its county roads starting with Shepard Mountain Road (103), 101, and 100 to the west of Ironton. Williams encouraged the students to tell their friends not to tear down the signs like has happened a few times in his county. Judge Randall Head made a brief appearance at the end of the program.

Event sponsors included Iron County, the Missouri chapter of the Trail of Tears Association, chapter members Dr. Bill and Becky Ambrose, and the National Park Service's National Trails Intermountain Region (NTIR) of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

NTIR Superintendent Aaron Mahr stated for the dedication program, "*The community action of signing the Trail of Tears through Iron County may be small in its scope, but it's large in its contribution to the American public. Through this effort we are helping Americans reconcile with their complex past and build a better place for all our children.*"

Vision Becoming Reality

Using Partnerships to Develop the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail

In 1987, Congress acknowledged the significance of this tragic event in our nation's history by establishing the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. The National Park Service administers the trail in cooperation with federal, state, and local agencies; the Cherokee Nation and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; interested groups; and private landowners.

The Trail of Tears Association and the National Park Service, National Trails Intermountain Region, Santa Fe have been working with trail partners to increase visibility for the trail and to develop it for visitor use. Old traces, historic buildings, and other resources are being preserved. Many sites have been certified and numerous on-the-ground projects have been completed, such as route signing, visitor-use development, interpretive wayside exhibits, and interior museum exhibits at existing facilities.

Certified Sites

Andrew Ross House, AL
Arcadia Valley Campground, MO
Audubon Acres, TN
Berry's Ferry and John Berry Homesite, KY
Big Spring, KY
Brainerd Mission Cemetery, TN
Browns Ferry Tavern, TN
Campground Cemetery, IL
Cedartown Cherokee Removal Camp, GA
Chattanooga Regional History Museum, TN
Cherokee County Historical Museum, NC
Cherokee Heritage Center, OK
Chieftains Museum/Major Ridge Home, GA
City of North Little Rock Riverfront Park, AR
Columbus-Belmont State Park, KY
Crabb-Abbot Farm, IL
Crider Tavern Complex, KY
David Crockett State Park Trail Segment, TN
Delta Cultural Center, AR
Fitzgerald Station and Farmstead, AR
Fort Gibson, OK
Fort Payne Cabin Site, AL
Funk Heritage Center, GA
Giles Co. Trail of Tears Interpretive Center, TN
Green County Trail Segments, MO
Golconda Riverfront, IL
Gray's Inn, KY
Hair Conrad Cabin, TN
The Hermitage, TN

Historic Road from Ross to Ridge's, GA
Hiwassee River Heritage Center, TN
James Brown Cherokee Plantation, TN
Jentel Farm Trail Segment, IL
John Martin House, TN
John Ross House, GA
Junaluska Memorial and Museum, NC
Lake Dardanelle State Park, AR
La Petite Roche, AR
Laughlin Park, MO
Mantle Rock, KY
Maramec Spring Park/Massey Iron Works, MO
McGinnis Cemetery Trail Segment, IL
Mount Nebo State Park, AR
Murrell Home, OK
Museum of the Cherokee Indian, NC
New Echota State Historic Site, GA
Paducah Waterfront, KY
Petit Jean State Park, AR
Pinnacle Mountain State Park, AR
Port Royal State Park, TN
Radford Farm, KY
Red Clay State Historic Area, TN
Rockdale Plantation/George Adair Home, GA
Running Waters, John Ridge Home, GA
Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, TN
Snelson-Brinker Cabin, MO
Star City Ranch Trail Segment, MO
Tennessee River Museum, TN
Toler Farm Trail Segment, IL
Trail of Tears Commemorative Park, KY
Trail of Tears State Park, MO
Trail of Tears State Forest, IL
Tuscumbia Landing, AL
Vann Cherokee Cabin, GA
Vann House Historic Site, GA
Village Creek State Park, AR
Wagner Farm Trail Segment, IL
Wayside Store and Bridges Tavern Site, IL
Waterloo Landing, AL
Willstown Mission Cemetery, AL

Federal Protection Components and Interpretive Sites

Arkansas Post National Memorial, AR
Cadron Settlement Park, AR
Cherokee Memorial Park, Blythe Ferry, TN
Fort Smith National Historic Site, AR
Great Smoky Mountains National Park, TN
Mark Twain National Forest, MO
Mocassin Bend, TN
Pea Ridge National Military Park, AR
Shawnee National Forest, MO
Stones River National Battlefield, TN

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Friends of Moccasin Bend Executive Director Shelley Andrews Passes Away

Long-time friend of the Trail of Tears Association, Shelley Andrews, died on January 27, 2015. A resident of Signal Mountain, she was 65 and had suffered from ovarian cancer since 2012. Shelley's personality was effervescent, and she had the proverbial "gift of gab" that put people at ease. Her passing leaves a profound emotional void in the lives of all who knew her.

Shelley's lively personality could light up any room, and people responded immediately to her engaging smile and infectious laugh. She was a sympathetic listener and a remarkably engaged conversationalist. Shelley routinely reached out to the ill, the troubled, the bereaved, and the lonely — at all age levels — with great compassion. She truly thought first of people in need. Shelley's dedication to social and community causes was unwavering, and one always knew exactly where she stood on issues dear to her heart.

From 2003 to 2014 Shelley was executive director of the Friends of Moccasin Bend,

where she helped raise "funds and friends" for the establishment of an interpretive center at this unique downtown national park unit. Her passion for this cause was unbridled, and she established strategic, lasting contacts and partnerships with National Park Service officials, key American Indian tribal representatives, and national leaders in land conservation and historic preservation. In addition to her professional assignments, Shelley was an enthusiastic volunteer with hospice providers, arts organizations, and national parks support agencies.

Shelley is survived by her husband, Don Andrews of Signal Mountain; parents, Tom and Margie Bowman of Piedmont, CA; son, Christopher Andrews (and spouse Erinn) of Menlo Park, CA; daughter, Megan Andrews (and partner Emily Rutherford) of Berkeley, CA; grandchildren, Isabelle Andrews and Ashton Andrews of Menlo Park, CA; brother, David Bowman (and spouse Gloria Miller) of Murphys, CA; brother James Bowman (and spouse Beth) of Alameda, CA;



brother-in-law, Bill Marcus of Woodland, CA; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A memorial service was held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chattanooga on February 14th. The family suggests that memorial donations be made to Friends of Moccasin Bend, P. O. Box 4953, Chattanooga, TN 37405. Please visit www.heritagefh.com to share words of comfort to the family.

TOTA Board Member Reflects on Experience at Biannual PNTS Conference

by Deloris Gray Wood, Missouri chapter, TOTA

Attending the Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS) 2014 National Historic Trails Workshop, October 27-30, in Salt Lake City, Utah, I attended four full days packed with programs, activities, and trail adventures. Three of the evenings included some of the most luscious gourmet food served by the Mormons. Each attendee seemed to enjoy networking while dining with other trail volunteers and government officials like the National Park Service (NPS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Highways, US Fish & Wildlife Service, and USDA Forest Service, and retired officials like Jere Krakow, former superintendent of the National Trails Intermountain Region (NTIR) of the NPS.

The workshops were led by Rob Sweeten, BLM, and Gary Werner, PNTS. All the national historic trails associations except two were represented at the workshop.

In our trail adventures, we first walked on the Mormon Pioneer National Historic Trail and the California National Historic Trail, and viewed stops on the Pony Express National Historic Trail. Walking on other national historic trails very quickly can give one the sense of the challenges that NTIR encounters while working with all the trails. There were mountains to the north on the Mormon Pioneer Trail and to the south was the Great Salt Lake on the California Trail, and on it you could see mirages off in the distance. It was so flat that a mountain looked like it was floating, hence the name the Floating Mountain.

A full day was spent visiting places along the Hasting's Cut-off on the California National Historic Trail to trace segments of the trail, like the one the Donner-Reed Party walked on their journey West. I was fortunate enough to ride with the local conference leaders who gave details along the way about the trail, sites, and tragedy along the trail.

A short movie was screened featuring local BLM interns Hannah Cowan, Michael Knight, and Jared Lundquist who, in July 2014, hiked across the Great Salt Lake Desert in Utah. They retraced 35 of the 90-mile segment that the ill-fated Donner Party took in July 1846, crossing the waterless stretch of the Hastings Cutoff on the way to California. Using the Hastings Cutoff, the Donner-Reed Party became stranded in the Sierra Nevada suffering from starvation, deaths, and cannibalism. The short movie can be viewed on YouTube.

We, like the BLM interns, followed trail markers to stay on the path to make our mile trek as authentic as possible. The trail where we visited was on BLM land and its logo is also on the billboard.

Aaron Mahr and many NTIR Santa Fe and Salt Lake City employees were present for the workshop.

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The Trail of Tears Association has entered into a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service to promote and engage in the protection and preservation of the Trail of Tears NHT resources; to promote awareness of the trail's legacy, including the effects of the U.S. Government's Indian Removal Policy on the Cherokee and other tribes; and to perpetuate the management and development techniques that are consistent with the NPS trail plan.

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The National Trails Intermountain Region administers the Trail of Tears NHT, the Santa Fe NHT, El Camino Real de los Tejas NHT, and the Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program. El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro NHT and Old Spanish NHT are administered jointly by the National Trails Intermountain Region and the New Mexico State Office of the Bureau of Land Management. These trail and corridor programs are administered in partnership with American Indian tribes; federal, state, and local agencies; nongovernment organizations; and private landowners.

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