

# FALL 2002 Progress Report

## ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER:

**Nez Perce Trail 125th Commemoration:** The 125th Commemoration of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail gave us a real opportunity to share with the public and agency employees the history of the trail this year. We joined together with our partners in hosting some very special events.

This year commemorates a significant and tragic event in history. It was on this trail 125 years ago that Chiefs Joseph, Looking Glass, White Bird, and Toolhoolhoolzute and others of the Nez Perce attempted to lead their people to safety from the pursuing whites. The normally peaceful Nez Perce were forced into a fight they did not want.

See the section below on the Commemoration events or our feature section on the 125th Commemoration online.

We will continue to reap the benefits of this 125th Commemoration for years to come. We hope this Progress Report serves to enhance communication among the many individuals, organizations, and agencies with an interest in the Nez Perce Trail.

**Legislative Status Report:** The Interior Department agencies and the Forest Service are funded at Fiscal Year 2002 levels by a Continuing Resolution through January 11, 2003. The 107th Congress has left it to the 108th Congress to decide what to do about funding for the rest of FY2003 as well as FY2004. The repayment of most of the \$1.2 billion the Forest Service transferred from other accounts to pay the costs of fire suppression in 2002 has not yet been resolved. But -- the 107th Congress has given us a 15th national historic trail! In the waning days of the session the House completed work on S. 1946 authorizing the Old Spanish Trail National Historic Trail. Just before adjourning on November 20, the Senate passed a package of trail bills by unanimous consent. The package includes:

- H.R. 37, as amended by the Senate, to authorize revisions of the feasibility studies for the Oregon, California, Mormon Pioneer, and Pony Express Trails
- S. 1069, Senator Levin's amended version of the Willing Seller bill - providing land acquisition authority for the Ice Age, North Country, and Potomac Heritage Trails
- S. 2952, extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail east to the Falls of the Ohio River in Clarksville, Indiana, and Louisville, Kentucky.

Although these bills were passed by the Senate too late for the House to act upon them, their passage is a significant step forward. The bills can be readily introduced in the 108th Congress and will receive priority by the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. The new bills will likely not require hearings for the Committee to act upon them.

**A Warm Welcome to New Partners:** Partnerships offer creative and collaborative solutions to challenges of managing and preserving the Trail. Without the efforts and contributions of our

partners in this endeavor, our achievements would amount to but a fraction of what's been accomplished so far. We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our newest partners:

- Nez Perce Appaloosa Horse Club
- Yellowstone National Park
- Museum of West Yellowstone
- American Girl
- National Geographic Magazine

We'll add news and notes about these partnerships to the NPNHT website over the next few months.

**Nez Perce Trail Bibliography Update:** Work on an annotated bibliography of material -- from books to videos to theses -- related to the Nez Perce Indians, the U.S. military, and the war of 1877 is under way and will be ready for publication in January. This revised work will include an annotated video bibliography, a non-annotated list of historical references, and an historical collections guide. The collections guide includes museums and libraries with holdings relevant to the Nez Perce Indians, the U.S. military, and the conflict of 1877. Both the annotated bibliography and historical collections guide were previously published in June 1999.

**Nez Perce Trail Bibliography Update:** Copies of the 2003 updated bibliography and historical collections guide will be mailed to the Forest Supervisor's offices with management responsibility along the trail, Nez Perce National Historical Park units, Bureau of Land Management offices, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service offices, and Tribal offices. To obtain a copy please contact the trail administrator at <mailto:smcfarland01@fs.fed.us> or call (208)476-4541.

**NPNHT Open House:** A number of NPNHT open houses will be planned along the entire trail this coming 2003 calendar year. Citizen involvement is important; watch for the announcement in your area.

**Trailwide projects:** A long list of projects have been completed or initiated since earlier this year. There are far too many to list here, but highlights include:

- COMPLETED PROJECTS:
  1. New items online:
    - Photo gallery
    - Postcards
    - News page update notices
    - New 125th Commemoration feature
    - Updated links page and established new links from other sites
  2. Promotional items to raise awareness of NPNHT and website
  3. Media packets
  4. 125th Commemoration videos at Big Hole and Bear Paw
  5. Helped Museum of West Yellowstone with a semi-permanent display
- ONGOING PROJECTS:
  1. Two new traveling displays

2. Updated and reprinted NPNHT brochure and auto-tour brochures
  3. Developed new Clearwater auto:tour brochure
  4. Remade 20-minute "Landscapes of History" video
- NEW PROJECTS:
    1. Education trunk
    2. New display for kids
    3. Administrative history book
    4. Updated website bibliography, postcards, photo gallery, news section, cavalry section, kids' craft activities
    5. Produce annotated and non-annotated bibliography (book)
    6. Frameable NPNHT poster
    7. Wallowa-Whitman auto-tour brochure
    8. Semi-permanent display for Lolo Hot Springs Resort

This Progress Report merely hints at how much is going on along the trail. Many important projects are not even mentioned, but will be discussed in upcoming reports. The diversity of efforts by tribes, agencies, organizations, and volunteers working together is the best sign that the future of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail is in the best hands.

If you have an interest in featuring a particular trail site or segment, please contact the NPNHT Administrator:

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## **HISTORIC AND SCENIC TRAILS CONFERENCE:**

The 8th National Historic and Scenic Trails Conference was held October 17-21 at Fort Smith, Arkansas. The Conference was sponsored by the Trail of Tears Association of the Cherokee Nation, and the theme was "Telling Our Trails Stories - Educating the World about the National Trails System." Two panels presented information to attendees; the first was "How Do We Know Where the Trail Is and How to Manage It?"

The panel discussion, led by Sandi McFarland, NPNHT Administrator, and Doug Gober, District Ranger for the North Fork Ranger District of the Clearwater National Forest, discussed the challenges with conflicting stories that often confuse rather than clarify the puzzle of the location of the real trail tread. They discussed how they are sorting through the various versions and accounts to find the "real" location of the Nez Perce Trail



Steve Elkinton, Program Leader, National Trails System Programming, with award from NPNHT's Sandi McFarland at the conference in Fort Smith.

The second Panel was "Multi-Cultural Perspectives on Several Historic Trails." Sandi McFarland gave a presentation on the many perspectives about the events associated with the Nez Perce National Historic Trail and the longer cultural meaning of the traditional travel routes used by the NiMiiPu. There is a shared agreement about the importance of preserving the Trail and listening to the accounts of the many voices that know it.

A presentation was made on behalf of the Forest Service Region One NPNHT. The award was in the form of a framed photograph along the Trail with etched metal. The award recognized Steve Elkinton, Program Leader for National Trails System Programming in the Washington Office of the Park Service. He was presented an award for his continued support in recognizing and strengthening preservation, development, and promotion of the National Trails System.



Gary Werner, Executive Director Partnership for National Trails System, accepts award from Sandi McFarland at conference in Fort Smith.

Jim Miller, National Dispersed Recreation Program Manager for the Forest Service in Washington, D.C. was also recognized for his outstanding efforts toward securing trail funds to complete and sustain a world-class system of protected trails.

Gary Werner, Executive Director for National Trails Systems, was also recognized for his outstanding contributions assisting National Trails in recognizing and strengthening the role of public and private partners in the preservation, development, commemoration, and promotion of the National Trails System for the education

and appreciation of all.

Congratulations to the recipients, and many thanks for all you do!

## **NOTES FROM THE FIELD:**

**BEAVERHEAD/DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST:** Much of the original corridor for the NPNHT and Lewis & Clark Trail is now a road. Many people would like to explore these routes in a more primitive way, on foot or by horseback. To accommodate these visitors and minimize user conflict, the Beaverhead/Deerlodge is proposing an alternate non-motorized route along the corridor.

Much of the field work to identify potential trail locations was completed this summer, and the planning process is well under way. Officials hope to have the planning complete this winter so construction on this new trail can begin next summer.

The Forest was also very active in the 125th Commemoration at Big Hole Battlefield, as well as the Nez Perce Appaloosa Club ride. Forest officials helped prepare for the trail ride by identifying large group camp areas and helping with logistics. Some employees also rode with the Appaloosa Club.



Nez Perce Appaloosa Club campsite, 125th Commemoration at Big Hole Battlefield

The Beaverhead/Deerlodge also hired Jack Losensky, retired USFS ecologist and fire historian, to research the fire history and vegetation changes along the corridor. The resulting document, "An Assessment of Vegetation and Fire for Trail Creek Corridor and Lemhi Pass," identifies fire events dating back to the 1500s in some areas.

The Lewis and Clark Trail and the NPNHT share the same corridor through the Beaverhead/Deerlodge. The current interest in the Bicentennial Commemoration of the Corps of Discovery journey provides a great opportunity to tell another story of this route, the story of the Nez Perce flight in 1877. Interpretive panels for sites west of Big Hole are being developed to share the Nez Perce story.

The NPNHT also crosses private land as it winds through this area. The Forest Service is negotiating to purchase rights of way through three parcels of private land along the trail. Surveys for two of the three sites are complete.

**CLEARWATER NATIONAL FOREST:** Construction is nearly complete on the new Lolo Pass Visitor Center, which will feature an expanded, paved parking area, a remodeled host residence, and an interpretive trail. The Center, which will open early next year, was made possible by a partnership among the Forest Service, Idaho Department of Transportation, and Montana Transportation Department. Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation also contributed funding.



Dennis Havig  
Wisdom District Ranger



The new Lolo Pass Visitor Center on the Clearwater National Forest will open early next year.

Many interpretive opportunities are being developed for the new Visitor Center, for Highway 12, and for the Wendover Staging Area and Trailhead.

Interpretive signs, with text developed by a committee from the USFS, NPS, Nez Perce Tribe, and Kootenai-Salish Tribe are now

with the contractor, who is finalizing the layout. Interpretive sign examples include "MY NAME IS K'USEYNEISSKIT," which describes the Trail to the Buffalo first used by Nez Perce as a travel and trading route, and later used by them as an escape route. Another is "SONGS OF SADNESS ON THIS SACRED PATH," which describes the Nez Perce flight of 1877 as they left Nimiipuum Wetes (Nimiipuu Homeland).

The Clearwater trail crew spent several weeks covering the entire NPNHT route through the Forest. They cut out windfelled trees, cleaned waterbars, built rock retaining walls, installed new signs from Musselshell trailhead to road 5019, removed boulders, and realigned a 200-foot section along the trail. Visual integrity was an important goal of the trail crew; no signs of maintenance work, such as chainsaw marks or cut logs, were left behind



**IDAHO FALLS DISTRICT BLM:** The BLM participated in the Camas Meadows Memorial on August 22 sponsored by the Island Park Historical Society, and we hosted tours of Birch Creek Valley sites for the public and for the Shelley High School history class for Archaeology Week.

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**NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK:** We have a Park-wide wayside interpretive project under way to design and produce 72 waysides in park sites currently without signing. Many Washington parks will get new signs, and we are reviewing draft designs. Two interpretive sites are being developed in Wallowa and Joseph; both deal with Nez Perce history and culture.

We plan to complete two portable interpretive exhibits (funded by NWIA, Wallowa-Whitman NF and Nez Perce Historical Park) early next year. The first depicts the Nez Perce War from the point of view of the Wallowa Valley Nez Perce, the second tells the Nez Perce story in Wallowa County. We hired Albert Andrews as interpretive planner for the Wallowa site and the new Tiwiyekinwes Cultural Center in Nespelem.



Shelley High School history class tours Birch Creek Valley sites

The "Coalition" continues to plan for construction of a new visitor center, and we acquired a portion of an acre (donated by local ditch companies) adjacent to the Old Chief Joseph Cemetery. We're pursuing plans to purchase additional acreage at this site.

We're also continuing plans to build the Joseph Canyon overlook site with the Wallowa-Whitman National

Forest, and are hoping for groundbreaking in 2003.

We did a large archaeological survey at Dug Bar (performed by the Nez Perce Tribe under contract from NPS), and planning continues for the Tiwiyekinwes

Cultural Center in Nespelem with the Colville Confederated Tribes as partners.



Shelley High School students practice atlatl skills during their tour of Birch Creek Valley sites



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**NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK RESEARCH CENTER:** The NPNHP Research Center is operated and maintained by the cultural resource division of the Park and is located in the Visitor Center at Spalding, Idaho.

The research center supports the primary themes of the Park, including:

1. Nez Perce culture - prehistoric and historic
2. Nez Perce contact with missionaries and the Christian influence on their life patterns
3. The Nez Perce War of 1877

Secondary park themes also covered in the research center collection include:

1. The effect of European and American commercial ventures on the Nez Perce and their country
2. The relationship of these factors to westward expansion in the United States
3. Natural resource management of areas associated with Nez Perce history

It is the policy of the National Park Service that its natural and cultural resources will be made available for educational and scholarly purposes. The research center collection, which includes the Nez Perce NHP Archives and Library collections, is available through on-site use to assist in the study and interpretation of Nez Perce history and culture. The Archives collection contains

Park administrative history records and donated manuscript collections, including a database of approximately 4,000 images available on a digital image viewer.

The library collection consists of approximately 3000 bibliographic items including books, theses, dissertations, and reports. Also included are reprints, audio/video tapes, microforms, subject and biographical files, maps, and periodicals.

The Cultural Resources Division will assist researchers and visitors in using research center resources. Appointments for on-site use are needed because of the small size of the facility and varying staff schedules. The NPS online library collection, including Nez Perce NHP, is at [www.library.nps.gov/webvoy.htm](http://www.library.nps.gov/webvoy.htm)

The research center is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. by appointment only. Please contact us for appointments or special accommodations.

*Robert Applegate, Archivist*

**BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST:** The Bitterroot is still heavily involved with burned area recovery efforts from the overwhelming 2000 fire season; we've been monitoring recovery efforts, especially a fuels reduction project near the Trail where dead trees are being logged to reduce the likelihood of future large, hot fires.

The fire rehab efforts gave the Bitterroot an opportunity to improve the Nee-Me-Poo trailhead across from Lost Trail Hot Springs. Currently the trailhead has no interpretation; it's basically a "wide spot" where people park. This parking area will be temporarily used as a log-landing area for helicopter logging, and the logging contractor will, as part of the contract, improve the parking area when harvesting is finished and will leave it ready for the Bitterroot to set up a formal trailhead with a three-panel interpretive display. Consultation is under way with the Nez Perce and Salish Kootenai Tribes to develop interpretive signs. Consultation is also under way to close the trailhead for two or three weeks for safety reasons during harvesting.

*Mary Williams, Archeologist*



**FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE, DWORSHAK HATCHERY:** We now have a self-guided interpretive trail focused on cultural history and Nez Perce Tribal influence of the Looking Glass era at the Kooskia Fish Hatchery, including a "Living History" feature.

In full costume, interpretive specialist Connie Grant portrays Lucy Marks, the mother of Captain Meriwether Lewis.

She reads excerpts from the Corps of Discovery journals of their travels through the Clearwater region, sections on the salmon, and the L&C encounters with the Nez Perce people.



Connie Grant portrays Lucy Marks, the mother of Captain Meriwether Lewis.

In July we participated in the Nez Perce Tribal pipe and empty saddle ceremony commemorating the attack on the village in 1877 at the Looking Glass / Mill Pond site at the Kooskia National Fish Hatchery.

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**LOLO NATIONAL FOREST:** During 2002 we built 120 feet of decked puncheon -- a raised wooden footpath -- to guide people safely through boggy areas on the Trail without hurting themselves or sensitive riparian and meadow vegetation.

We also cut logs from across four miles of the Trail, removed both logs and hanging brush from another 3½ miles of the Trail. We erected 230 posts with 3-inch NPNHT route markers along the trail.

*Andy Kulla, Trails, Lolo NF*

**WALLOWA-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST:** Staff on the Wallowa-Whitman this year did Level 2 maintenance on all 15 miles of trail on the Forest. We also wrote and produced some radio spots about the prelude to war and leaving the homeland for the 125th Commemoration.

Reconstruction design of the Joseph Canyon Overlook (a co-managed site with Nez Perce National Historical Park) is proceeding, and we began consultation with CTUIR and the Nez Perce Tribe on the Blue Mountain Land Exchange, under which we would potentially acquire ownership of about 3 miles of trail (currently privately owned) and access to another 2 miles currently without access.

We expanded the informational area and interpretive/educational products on the Trail in the Clarkston office of the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, and we attended Lewis & Clark meetings and workshops to ensure the protection of and accurate interpretive information on the Trail and its resources. We also collaborated with the Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center and the Idaho/Washington unit manager of the Nez Perce National Historical Park.

We submitted the Indian Village Grove of culturally modified trees for consideration as an addition to the Oregon Heritage Tree program, we worked with the Nez Perce Young Horsemen program to plan a Wallowa ride -- including a Snake River crossing.

We attended three commemoration events at Whitebird, Big Hole, and Bears Paw, and represented the NPNHT as an ex-officio member of the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council (OHTAC), a group formed to advise the governor on location, preservation, and use of the 16 designated historic trails in Oregon. In July we hosted a field trip and quarterly meeting of OHTAC during the annual Tamkaliks celebration held in Wallowa.

Other Trail activities during the year included:

- Attended NPNHT Foundation annual meeting

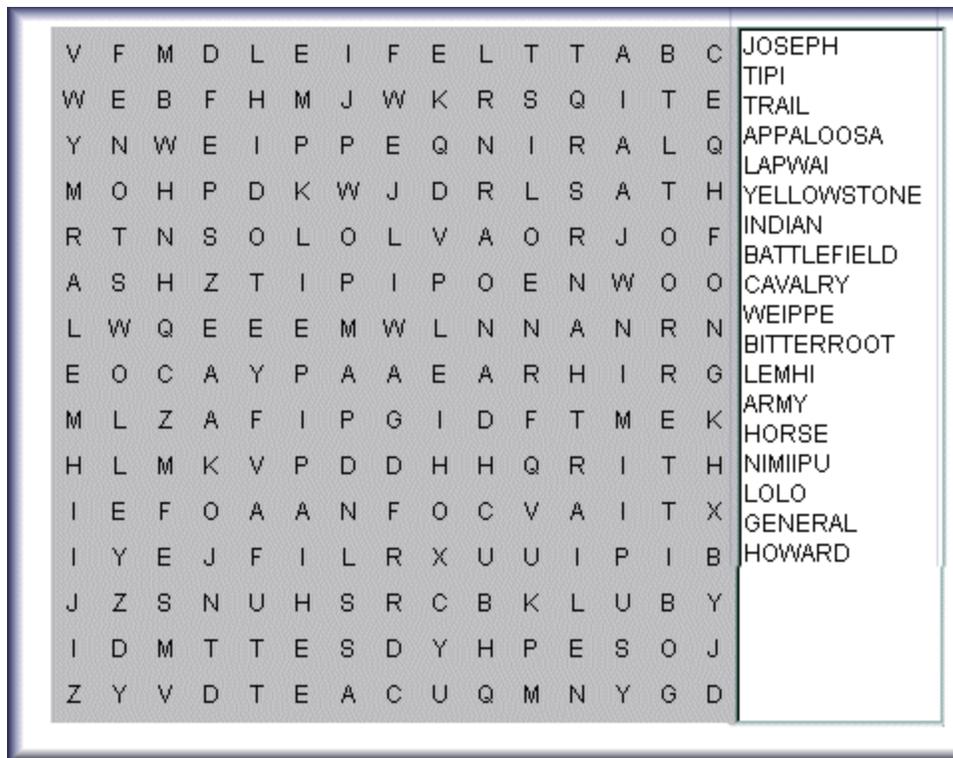
- Attended and staffed NPNHT booth at Nez Perce Country Symposium
- Attended and staffed NPNHT booth at Lewis & Clark Symposium
- Attended and staffed a joint NPNHT, Foundation, and WBNPTIC booth at Wy-Kan-Ush-Pum
- Attended annual partner meeting with NPNHP.
- Edited text related to NPNHT for new Hells Canyon NRA map
- Reviewed and edited NPNHT portion of the HCNRA Comprehensive Management Plan
- Coordinated with planning committee for new *All-American Road*, including portions of Auto Route and Adventure Route

We also assisted staff in the USFS Wallowa Mountains Visitor Center with information requests and interpretive materials and displays on the Trail, Nez Perce culture, and the Nez Perce continuum and return to the Wallowas.

The Indian Village Grove of culturally modified trees has been designated for inclusion in the Oregon Heritage Tree program. The grove is near the Indian Village site above the Imnaha River. The Hells Canyon NRA built a primitive interpretive trail through the grove, constructed a primitive parking area, and installed an interpretive sign. The Heritage Tree Committee will provide an anodized aluminum plaque to be mounted near the grove, and will hold a dedication ceremony in April 2003.

KIDS' SECTION: Here's a word game for the kids (little kids and big kids, too). Find the hidden words in the box and circle them. Words may be hidden horizontally, vertically, diagonally, forward, or backward. All the hidden words are on the list on the right side.

If you're looking at this online and want to print the puzzle, just click on it.



## A RECIPE FOR YOU TO MAKE:

**Military Food:** Cavalry soldiers while they were traveling needed food that was easy to carry and easy to make. They didn't have much for groceries, and they sure couldn't stop at the grocery store. They had to have food supplies that wouldn't spoil, that were also easy to carry with them in their packs or on horses. They mostly relied on dried or salted meats, dry beans, coffee, and hardtack. Hardtack is a sort of soda biscuit or big cracker, and you can make some hardtack to learn what the soldiers ate.

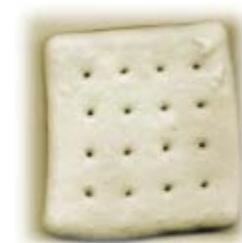
### Hardtack Recipe:

2 cups flour

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon salt

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup cold water



Hardtack biscuit

Mix the flour and soda and salt together, then use a big wooden spoon to mix in the water. Add a little more flour if it gets too sticky. Mix the dough into a big ball.

Pinch off pieces of the dough (about the size of big cookies) using your fingers or a small spoon. Flatten them and set them onto a cookie sheet about 2 inches apart. (You can also roll out the dough thin and cut it into squares.) You should stab each biscuit several times with a fork or the point of a knife to make little holes in it, like a saltine cracker -- that way they won't get too

puffy in the oven. Bake them for 8 - 10 minutes in a 400° oven; they should be very lightly browned on the bottom. Let them cool or eat them warm.

Another way to make these is called "corn dodgers," and they are tastier than plain hardtack. Use 1 cup of flour and 1 cup of cornmeal instead of the 2 cups of flour, and use milk instead of water, and add 2 teaspoons of baking powder along with the soda and salt. You can also add an egg to the mix along with the milk, which makes them even tastier. Heat several tablespoons of bacon grease in a heavy skillet, and fry little pieces of the dough in the bacon grease. These won't keep as well as the hardtack, but they taste better!

## **125th COMMEMORATION AT BIG HOLE:**

This year marked the 125th anniversary of the Nez Perce War of 1877. The Northern Region Nez Perce National Historical Trail, the Nez Perce Tribe, National Park Service, Big Hole National Battlefield, the Nez Perce Appaloosa Horse Club, and a number of Nez Perce descendants commemorated the 125th anniversary on August 8 and 9.

Over 900 people gathered at the Big Hole Battlefield to honor those who died and those who survived.

A full schedule of activities in recognition of the battle included a picnic to honor the descendants. Jerome Greene, author of *Nez Perce Summer 1877*, was the keynote speaker. The *Billings Gazette* reported that the descendants came from all across the United States:

- Three brothers and a cousin, Richard and Bob and Larry Luppi, all related to both First Sgt. Patrick Rogan and musician John McLennon, each of whom received the Medal of Honor for their bravery that day.
- A Nez Perce woman whose great-great-grandfather, Wounded Head, and great-great-grandmother Penahwenonmi were both wounded, but survived the battle. Their 2-year-old child did not.
- A New York woman, a grandniece of slain First Sgt. Frederick Stortz, who in his last letter to his father told of a premonition of death.
- A Nez Perce pipe carrier whose ancestor spent the night singing his death song, which haunted the soldiers under siege.

<C:\Documents and Settings\kthrall\My Documents\NPNHT\WEBSITE\125th\riders.jpg> Nez Perce riders from the Nez Perce Appaloosa Horse Club unwound by the campfire discussing language, stories, the war of 1877, and traditions of the Nez Perce people. A candlelight vigil was held in the evening, and area 4-H members lighted and distributed 160 luminaries on the battlefield in memory of the 90 Nez Perce and 70 soldiers and volunteers who were wounded or killed there.

The next morning opened with the Nez Perce Appaloosa Horse Club making a commemorative ride into the battlefield in full regalia before the memorial ceremony, which included posting of the colors, a traditional pipe ceremony, and an empty horse ceremony led by Rudy Shebala. The

Horse Club then rode down to the warrior and prophet Wottolen's campsite for a remembrance of the role he played in the battle.

Rosa Yearout, a descendent of Chief White Bird and Wottolen, made an afternoon presentation on the horses and the Nez Perce. Members of the Montana Army National Guard provided a Color Guard to honor all of the participants in 1877, and soldiers in full costume presented a living history demonstration.

The Big Hole Battlefield is the site of one of the bloodiest conflicts in the history of the American West. Cavalry troops massacred some 90 Nez Perce -- mostly women and children - in the early morning assault. The 125th Commemoration this summer memorialized not only the Nez Perce people but also the soldiers of the 7th U.S. Infantry and 2nd U.S. Cavalry and the Bitterroot Volunteers. More information and photos from the 125th Commemoration at Big Hole are available [here](#).

### **NEZ PERCE TRAIL WEBSITE REPORT:**

Additions to the NPNHT website since last spring include a photo gallery, an electronic postcards section, expanded kids' pages, and updated news section. New projects under way include a cavalry section with photos and stories, more kids' pages with interactive pages, and additions to both the postcards page and the photo gallery.

The website [www.fs.fed.us/npnht](http://www.fs.fed.us/npnht) has received a total of 87,371 hits from 6,808 separate visits, averaging over 375 visits per day.

Most of the website visitors are from the United States, but others log on from Canada, Belgium, France, the Netherlands, the UK, and Italy.

The most popular pages lately, other than the front page, are the photo gallery, the kids' pages, the education guide, and the virtual tour of the Trail.

<b>General Statistics</b>		<a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/npnht">www.fs.fed.us/npnht</a>
<b>Hits</b>	Entire Site (Successful)	87,371
	Average per Day	4,853
<b>Page Views</b>	Page Views	10,965
	Average per Day	609
<b>Visits</b>	Visits	6,808
	Average per Day	378
	Average Visit Length	00:11:17

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13	Czech Republic	2
14	Austria	2
15	Japan	2

### [NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL](#)

**FOUNDATION:** This year saw a change in Foundation leadership and an increase in Foundation involvement in events along the Trail.

Foundation activities included events at Cottonwood, Island Park, and Lapwai (Idaho), Portland (Oregon), Bear's Paw (Montana), Fort Smith (Arkansas), Baxter Springs (Kansas), and Tonkawa (Oklahoma).

**Annual Meeting:** The 2002 annual meeting was held in conjunction with the symposium "Nez Perce Country," presented by the Historical Museum on June 13 at St. Gertrude in Cottonwood, Idaho. On the day after the well-attended symposium, we met in Lapwai to hear agency reports and conduct our business meeting and election.

Paul Wapato, who has served as Treasurer for the past four years, replaced retiring President Nick Hudson. Vice President Jo T. Hallam accepted a second year in that position. Charlie Moses, Jr., who served until 2001 as Vice President, accepted the position of Treasurer. Brian McCormack, Secretary from 1997 to 2000, agreed to again accept that position, with the understanding that clerical support would be available. Keith Thurlkill, of USFS Region 1, indicated that financial support was available for

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Charlie Moses, Jr. and Ruth Wapato were guest speakers at the National Historic & Scenic Trails Conference in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

that purpose. The election of Brian McCormack completed the NPNHTF Executive Committee for 2002/2003.

**Wy-Kan-Ush-Pum:** The first event taken on by the new Foundation leadership was manning of an information booth at Wy-Kan-Ush-Pum, the two-day festival sponsored by the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Commission August 3-4 in Tom McCall Park in downtown Portland. Eight members volunteered, including three Executive Committee members.



**Posting of the colors at Wy-Kan-Ush-Pum**

Although weather and the band selection resulted in poorer attendance than last year, we were able to introduce many people to our story. The volunteers all considered it a worthwhile experience. We will favorably consider a return to this festival next year, and will seek other similar venues to broaden awareness of the Trail.

**Trail Commemorations:** The Foundation intends to have formal representation by the Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho and the Joseph Band of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation at all commemoration ceremonies at sites along the Trail. In this 125th anniversary year, members attended ceremonies at White Bird, Camas Meadow, and Bear's Paw Battleground. An injury suffered by Charlie Moses, Jr., prevented his riding in to the Big Hole Battlefield as planned. There, only the Trail Administrator represented the Foundation.



**Laurie Augustin, mayor of Island Park, receiving award at Camas Meadow Memorial, August 2002**

At Island Park, Idaho, President Paul Wapato and wife, Ruth, were guests of the sponsors on August 20 and 21 at dedications of two new Idaho Scenic Byways. The dedications, conducted by the Island Park Historical Society and the Clark County Historical Society for the Lost Gold Trails Byway and the Fort Henry Historic Byway, included inaugural bus tours of each Byway, with ceremonies at Spencer, Idaho, and St. Anthony, Idaho. The mayor of Island Park, Laurie Augustin, received an award during the ceremony. This visit highlighted the scenic and geologic

attractions of the Henry's Fork country, and uncovered interesting possibilities for Foundation events in the area.

On August 22 the events were capped when the Lapwai Tribe of Idaho ceremonial group arrived for the first-ever Camas Meadow Commemoration, held on the Jacobs Island Park Ranch near where the Nez Perce band camped in 1877. The ceremony honored all casualties of the War, from the Big Hole Battlefield to the Camas Meadow skirmish, including the freighters killed near Monida Pass.

**PNTS Conference at Fort Smith, Arkansas:** From October 18 through 21 the Executive Committee and one board member attended the Eighth Conference on National Historic and Scenic Trails in Fort Smith, Arkansas, sponsored by the Partnership for the National Trails System. The conference was hosted by the Trail Of Tears Association of the Cherokee Nation, and the theme was "Telling Our Trails Stories - Educating the World About the National Trails System." Senior leadership were in attendance from the National Park Service, the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the Federal Highway Administration. Assistant Secretary of Interior Lynn Scarlett spent October 19 at the conference, providing an interesting speech after lunch.

Plenary sessions included "Discovering the Stories of Your Trail," federal policy developments, and joint multi-year budgeting efforts by Trail administrators and the partner support organizations. Five workshop periods presented 15 sessions on a wide variety of topics useful to Trail organizations both federal and nonprofit.

**Oklahoma Territory Research Trip:** Following the PNTS conference, the Foundation contingent attempted to learn more about the stay of the Nez Perce band in the Indian Territory between 1878 and 1886 by visiting local historical groups in Baxter Springs, Kansas, and Tonkawa, Oklahoma.

Larry O'Neal of the Baxter Heritage Center has twice presented discussions of his research at Foundation annual meetings. Baxter Springs is but a few miles from the sites the Joseph Band occupied during their first year of exile in Oklahoma. Because that story is key to the heritage of his community, O'Neal has spent considerable time researching the Nez Perce period in northeast Oklahoma. In the afternoon and evening we spent with him, O'Neal was able to take us to the rail yard, where two Nez Perce children were buried on their arrival from Fort Leavenworth, and to all of the campsites the Nez Perce used during the following year.

Matthew Nowak, a Fort Leavenworth employee interested in the War of 1877, joined us for the tour and the examination of O'Neal's source materials during the evening. Nowak has offered assistance in getting some of O'Neal's materials recorded on compact disc. During our visit, the Foundation presented O'Neal with a framed Jayme van Tongel print of Chief Joseph.

From Baxter Springs, we traveled approximately 150 miles west to the area near the present Ponca City, Oklahoma, where the Nez Perce spent the 1879-1886 period. There we visited at the Tonkawa McCarter Museum in Tonkawa, and at the nearby Fort Oakland offices and museum of the Tonkawa Tribe.

Rex Ackerson, a chemistry professor at North Oklahoma College in Tonkawa, is the advisor assigned by the college to the McCarter Tonkawa Museum. Though the museum has few articles relating to the Nez Perce period, Ackerson is knowledgeable on the local history. In a tour of the area, he led us to Yellow Bull Crossing and the Nez Perce Cemetery, with a stop at the Chief Joseph Memorial on Highway 60. At the museum, we gathered information on Lucille McWilliams, a recently deceased local woman who was instrumental not only in the founding of the Museum, but also in dedication of the Nez Perce Cemetery and placement of the highway memorial. The Foundation intends to honor her in a future newsletter.

The Tonkawa Tribe were moved from their home area in Texas to the Fort Oakland Nez Perce Reservation within a month after the Chief Joseph Band left for the Northwest. The Tonkawa Chairman, Don Patterson, jokes that the Tonkawa "got a warm reservation." The Tonkawa maintain the Nez Perce Cemetery, which is a quarter-mile from their tribal offices. During our visit, another framed Jayme van Tongel Chief Joseph print was presented to the Tonkawa Tribe.

In the small Tonkawa tribal museum, we noticed a portrait of a Tonkawa named Sherman Miles, who derived his name from his service as scout for Nelson Miles. We are pursuing information on Sherman Miles; in particular we would like to know his period of service to Nelson Miles. It would indeed be an oddity of history if Sherman Miles was serving Nelson Miles during October 1877.

#### **Work Planned for the balance of 2002:**

The following tasks have been adopted as goals for the remainder of the year:

1. Contract for clerical support, allowing publication of an issue of our newsletter before the end of the year
2. Complete website conceptual design, allowing at least a two-page site to be published online.

#### **NOTES & UPDATES:**

##### **KAYA AWARDED OPPENHEIM TOY PORTFOLIO PLATINUM AWARD:**

Kaya is the latest in the "American Girl" series of dolls representing periods in American history, and the Nez Perce doll Kaya has been awarded the Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Platinum Award for 2003. The American Girl collection includes a series of multiethnic and historic dolls, each of which comes with a collection of historical accessories (such as Kaya's buckskin dress and parfleche) with books for each doll to introduce history to kids

Kaya is the first Native American doll in the collection. Her name is short for the Nez Perce name Kaya'aton'my' meaning "she who arranges rocks." The advisory board members who authenticated the creation of Kaya's stories include:



- Lillian A. Ackerman, Associate Professor, Washington State University
- Vivian Adams, Yakama Tribal Member, former Curator at High Desert Museum
- Rodney Cawston, Colville Confederated Tribes
- Constance G. Evans, Nez Perce Language Instructor, Lewis-Clark State College
- Diane Mallickan, Park Ranger, Nez Perce National Historical Park
- Ann McCormack, Cultural Arts Coordinator, Nez Perce Tribe
- Frances Paisano, Nez Perce Tribal Elder and Retired Educator
- Rosa Yearout, Nez Perce Tribal Elder, M-Y Sweetwater Appaloosa Ranch

### **LOLO TRAIL PERMITS NOW REQUIRED:**

Please note that the portion of the NPNHT that parallels the Lewis & Clark trail through the Lolo Corridor will be accessible by non-Nez Perce only with a permit. The Clearwater National Forest will be accepting permit applications during the months of December and January. The purpose of the permit system is to protect rare cultural and natural resources along this historic route, as well as to enhance the exploration experience for travelers. Restrictions on the numbers of people, length of stay, and the size and types of vehicles are necessary to accomplish these goals. Before applying for a permit, please note the following restrictions.

#### **Traveler Restrictions:**

- Maximum parties per day: 10
- Maximum people per party: 10
- Maximum length of stay: 8 nights

#### **Stock Restrictions:**

- Maximum animals (horses, mules, llamas, goats): 10
- No grazing
- Certified weed-free hay or pelletized feed only

#### **Vehicle Restrictions:**

- No trailers (including camp and horse trailers)
- Maximum full-sized vehicles (pickups, vans): 2
- Maximum vehicle size: 23' long, 8' wide, 12' high
- Maximum ATVs (four-wheelers, motorcycles, etc.): 10
- Maximum bicycles: 10
- Noise restriction (checked on-site with a decibel meter): Maximum 96 decibels at ½ meter test

For more information on permits:

Clearwater National Forest, Lochsa Ranger District  
Route 1, Box 398, Kooskia, Idaho 83539  
**(208)926-4274**

Check the Clearwater NF website at for details.

### **TRAIL NOISE LIMITS:**

A manufacturer of aftermarket performance motorcycle exhaust systems has teamed up with the BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC) to educate off-roaders about the need for lower sound emissions by off-highway vehicles on forest trails. FMF produces the Q exhaust systems, with 2-stroke off-road silencers and 4-stroke off-road mufflers, and the company is working with the BRC, the Forest Service, BLM, and clubs to get riders into compliance with the new 96dB sound limit in California that takes effect in January.

Don Amador, western representative with the BRC, said noise is often cited as the number one complaint against the dirt-bike community. "As the competition for land-use continues to grow," he said, "it becomes important for the access community to embrace programs that respect the environment."

The BlueRibbon Coalition is a national recreation group that advocates responsible use of public lands. The 600,000-member BRC represents over 1,100 organizations and businesses.

### **THREATS TO THE TRAIL:**

Cell towers are just one of many things that can negatively affect historic landscapes and historic sites, but the impact can be reduced. Although towers require a license from the Federal Communications Commission, and are thus subject to compliance with Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act, control of the location and height of towers falls largely under local planning and zoning regulations. Towers can be accommodated without serious harm to historic resources; if trail supporters work with their county and municipal governments, local regulations can be adopted that protect these resources.

If you know about a tower near the trail, call us -- but you can act now on the local level. Scenic America has just issued a 20-page action guide for citizens concerned with this issue. You can order a copy 202.543.6200.

We also encourage trail supporters to watch for activities that could result in a loss of trail ruts, historic sites, or other trail resources.

### **PROMOTIONAL AIDS:**

#### **VIDEO LOAN:**

**Landscape of History: The Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historical Trail**

This 20-minute video was designed for use by agencies, tribes, and others interested in the preservation and management of the National Historic Trail.

The video captures the essence of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail; for thousands of years the Nez Perce followed this trail across the mountains to visit friends and relatives on the plains, to trade, and to hunt buffalo.

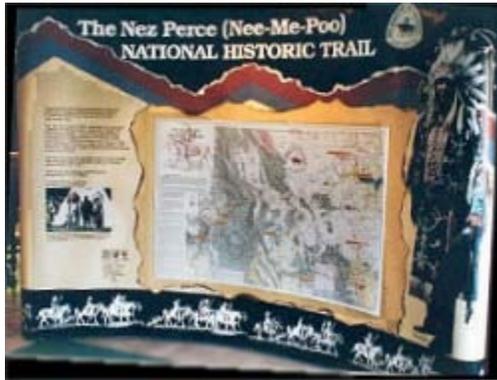
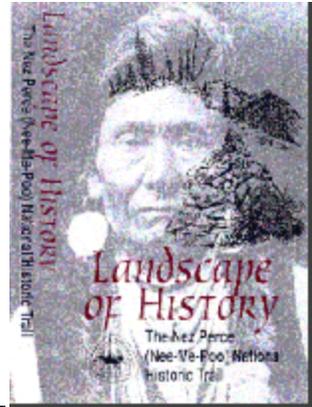
**BORROW OUR DISPLAY:**

The Nez Perce National Historic Trail display is available for loan. standing exhibit includes colorful historic information on the Nez

This display is perfect for centers, and schools. It is well in advance.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

For further information, or to reserve the display, contact [Sandi McFarland](#), Administrator, at or at (208)476-8334.



This 8'x10' free-maps, graphics, and Perce Trail.

meetings, fairs, visitor popular, so reserve it