



# NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL

## *Progress Report*

### Spring 2011



## Administrator's Corner

The lands that are now National Forests were settled by people who made a living utilizing different kinds of natural resources. Each group had a different impact on the land and left different stories we can interpret today. One way is through the study of artifacts. The Nez Perce National Historic Trail (NPNHT) saw a variety of many different groups of people. The Nez Perce have had a strong connection to the land for generations. The interconnections between all living things is an example of the basic philosophy of the Nez Perce people. Other tribes have also utilized portions of the trail as it crossed their traditional homelands. This land is important to them as well.

The fur trade reveals today the use of marten set traps and trapline blazes as they came to trap beaver, marten, and other fur bearing animals. Many Native Americans traded for glass and metal goods brought in by the fur trade.

Agriculture was another evidence of people leaving marks on the trail. People sought to raise sheep and then cattle. The trail saw some 35,000 sheep grazed with a sheep driveway over the trail in the early 1920's and then moving on to become a cattle driveway.

Industry also made its mark when people arrived to mine the rich gold, highwaymen and looters utilized the trail as a route.

Transportation was one more evidence of use by Native Americans using the trail to access buffalo in the plains. It was used as a trade netlink between the Pacific Ocean as far as the Dakotas. This transportation was heightened for fighting fire and stabilizing communication lines. Today, one can see the ruts and trail as it crisscrossed over the landscape and be able to photograph the telephone insulators and galvanized number 12 and then number 9 wire.

The Forest Service will consider ecological, social, economic, interpretive, educational, volunteerism, cultural, and historical factors when setting priorities for future management of the NPNHT. Ecosystem management is the driving force behind current policy of the Forest Service, USDI Bureau of Land management, and other Interior agencies. This combines philosophy, conservation, ecology, and environmentalism. We do have to take a look at the broader picture of the interaction between people and the environment.

The work of Edward Grumbine, a professor at the University of California Extension, in Santa Cruz, CA, captures one element of what ecosystem management means for resource stewards.

“People are a fundamental part of ecosystems, both affecting them and affected by them. Involve people at all stages in the analysis and decision making phases.” *The USDA Forest Service-The First Century. April 2005.*

This has set the stage for the NPNHT Administration to undertake the revision of the Trail's 1990 Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP). This is a complex revision process to an action plan and a revised CMP completion which will take several years. However, investing 3-4 years to complete a revised CMP is a wise and needed investment.

This CMP will serve to enhance an understanding of, and promote the use of, the NPNHT and Auto Tour Route by both internal and external stakeholders. Join us in working together to produce a quality CMP.

We invite you to participate in our CMP workshops during the coming months. For more information about the CMP revision process please see page 2 of this Report or visit the CMP page on the Trail website: [www.fs.usda.gov/npnht](http://www.fs.usda.gov/npnht)



L-R: Jim Zimmerman NPTF board member, Sandi McFarland Trail Administrator, Jim Evans Executive Director of the Nez Perce Trail Foundation (NPTF) at Hike the Hill Week in Washington D.C.

*Sandi McFarland*, Administrator NPNHT



## Public Invited to Participate in Workshops on Future Administration of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail



During the next six months, managers along the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) will host a number of workshops and ask for public input on a variety of topics related to the administration of the Trail.

The next sessions in this [series of workshops](#) is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2011, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Kamiah, ID, at the Kamiah Emergency Services Building (Fire Hall), 515 Main St.. This meeting will be hosted by staff from the Clearwater/Nez Perce National Forests and the NPNHT. The next evening on Wednesday April 27, 2011, staff from the [Nez Perce National Historical Park](#) along with the

Clearwater/Nez Perce National Forests and the NPNHT will host a workshop at the [Idaho Fish and Game office](#), 3316 16th Street, in Lewiston, ID, again from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Additional workshops are planned for Cody, WY; Billings, MT; and Lewistown, MT, on May 10-12, 2011 and in Bozeman, MT, West Yellowstone, MT; and Cooke City, MT, June 14-16, 2011.

On October 6, 1986, Congress amended the National Trails System Act of 1968 to include the 1,170 mile Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT). The Regional Forester of the Northern Region is delegated the responsibility from the Chief of the Forest Service for the administration of the NPNHT in cooperation with other affected Federal Agencies.

The 1990 Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) successfully established the start-up of the Trail which was the major focus for the Plan at that time. Action is needed now to revise the current CMP for the NPNHT because the CMP is more than 20 years old. The CMP needs to be revised to meet future management challenges, address changed conditions, and embrace new opportunities to lead the management of the Trail into the 21st Century. Information gathered at these [workshops](#), as well as written public comment, will be used to help managers develop the purpose and need for action for the CMP revision.

The Trail commemorates the 1877 Flight of the non-treaty Nez Perce from their homelands while being pursued by the U.S. Army under the command of General Oliver Otis Howard. The journey of the Nez Perce from their homelands is one of the most fascinating and sorrowful events in U.S. history. The Nez Perce Chiefs saw flight to Canada as their last hope for peace. Their desperate and circuitous route is today called the [Nez Perce National Historic Trail](#). It stretches from Wallowa Lake, OR, to the Bear Paw Battlefield near Chinook, MT.

The Trail was also a prehistoric travel corridor for a number of tribes traveling from the Pacific Northwest to the buffalo hunting grounds on the Great Plains.

For additional information please visit the NPNHT website at: [www.fs.usda.gov/npnht](http://www.fs.usda.gov/npnht). This website provides more information about the NPNHT, the process for the revision of the CMP, a schedule of upcoming workshops, and an additional means to provide written comment if people are unable to attend one of the scheduled workshops. **A comment form is provided in this newsletter.**





# Nez Perce National Historic Trail Launches New Website

The Nez Perce National Historic Trail (NPNHT) has unveiled a new website. The newly designed site went live on February 28, 2011, and it features new updates and improvements. The new site is more user-friendly and easier to navigate. On the new home page, visitors can read about the latest news and events happening along the Trail, learn about new Trail publications, access frequently asked questions about the Trail, become involved in the current effort to revise the Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) for the NPNHT, and access numerous tools to prepare for a trip along the NPNHT.



The site contains the information featured in our previous site but in a new format. Important information about the NPNHT includes educational materials for teachers and students learning about the Trail, Trail publications, information about Nez Perce traditions and culture, wildlife found along the Trail, and links to other Federal partners along the Trail and the [Nez Perce Trail Foundation](#).

By using the Alerts and Notices link Trail users can obtain updates on weather, fires, and a variety of important Trail safety and outdoor ethics information.

“The staff of the NPNHT hopes you will find this new website is very user friendly,” said Trail Administrator Sandi McFarland. “We think people seeking information about the Trail will have a much easier time navigating and locating the information they are looking for. We will make frequent updates to the site, so we encourage the public to visit frequently and share any feedback or ideas they have with us.”

Other sections and features of the new website include:

- Trail maps, including the start of a Google earth virtual tour hosted by the Nez Perce Trail Foundation
- News and events along the Trail
- A publications page, which includes the quarterly Trail Progress Report, auto tours, and other handouts
- Learning Center for youth, parents, and teachers
- Land & Resources Management page, which features ways to be involved with the Trail CMP revision
- Annotated bibliography, listing numerous publication related to the NPNHT
- Key contact information
- Photo gallery

The new Trail website can be found at [www.fs.usda.gov/npnht](http://www.fs.usda.gov/npnht).



## Hike the Hill Week 2011



Sandi McFarland and Roger Peterson participated in the American Hiking Societies Hike the Hill event, February 12-17, 2011, in Washington D.C. They attended interagency meetings with other National Trail Coordinators, as well a daylong meeting with staff from other National Trails Administered by the U.S. Forest Service. Trail staff also attended meetings with the Partnership for the National Trails System, American Hiking Society and leadership with the US Department of Agriculture Forest Service, and the Department of Interior.

(Photo L-R Jim Zimmerman, Sandi McFarland, Jim Evans, Roger Peterson)

Jim Evans and Jim Zimmerman from the Nez Perce Trail Foundation met with several congressional staffers during the week.

For several days Trail personal also had the opportunity to attended workshops and meetings sponsored by the Partnership for the National Trails System and American Hiking Society. The American Hiking Society thanks everyone who showed their love of trails on Valentine's Day and participated in the Hike on the National Mall! This started on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and ended at the US Capitol.

In contrast to the 2010 event, this year's Hike on the Mall took place in gorgeous and windy 60 degree weather and was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to the National Park Service and their employees, and the Capitol Police for making this event an enjoyable one.

The event was a great opportunity to engage with the National Trails community and share information about the Nez Perce National Historic Trail.

(Some information provided by the American Hiking Society)



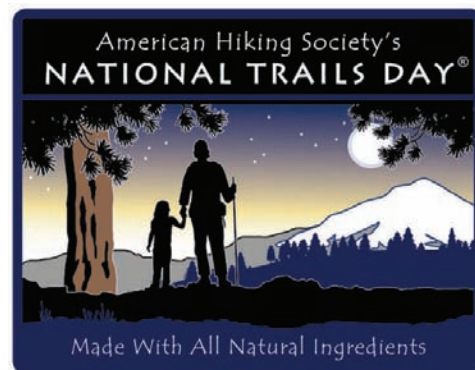
(Photo above: Jim Evans at PNTS meeting)

## National Trails Day Saturday June 4th: Made With All Natural Ingredients

The theme for National Trails Day 2011, Made With All Natural Ingredients, encourages all Americans to get outside, connect with local outdoor clubs, businesses, community groups, and parks and recreation departments as well as federal land managing agencies to experience, appreciate, and celebrate the natural places where we can find a spread of scenery, a plateful of peace, and a heap of happiness and health.

Save the date, Saturday, June 4, 2011, to participate in a local hike, bike, horseback ride, maintenance project, paddle trip, health fair, and more.

Find an event near you, visit the American Hiking Society website at:  
[www.americanhiking.org/national-trails-day/](http://www.americanhiking.org/national-trails-day/)



## University of San Diego Offering Nez Perce Trail Professional Development Course for Educators

The University of San Diego will once again offer a course to educators interested in learning more about the Nez Perce National Historic Trail.

There are two parts to this course which can be taken separately or together. The first session starts in the Wallow Country of Oregon. This course focuses on Nez Perce culture and events of the 1877 War and Flight leading up to the Big Hole battle.

The second session, which is co-sponsored by the Nez Perce Trail Foundation through a Challenge Cost Share grant from the NPNHT, concentrates on the Nez Perce and their experiences in Yellowstone Park in 1877 as well as the flora, fauna, and fascinating geology of the region.

Instructors are hoping that more educators from the Northwest and Rocky Mountain regions will take part in these sessions. Space is still available at this time.

For more information contact the Nez Perce Foundation, Duane Heglie with the University of San Diego, visit the Universities website, see link below, or call Duane at 916-933-1368 or by e-mail at: [heglie@comcast.net](mailto:heglie@comcast.net)

Additional information is also available in the NPNHT Winter 2011 Progress Report (pg. 9).

Course link: <http://www.usd-online.org/areacourses.aspx?id=56>



### UPCOMING Events:

- April 26, 2011—Nez Perce NHT [CMP Revision Public Workshop](#), Fire Hall, Kamiah, ID
- April 27, 2011—Nez Perce NHT [CMP Revision Public Workshop](#), Idaho Fish and Game Office, Lewiston, ID
- May 3-5, 2011— Idaho Tourism Conference, Lewiston, ID
- May 10, 2011—Nez Perce NHT [CMP Revision Public Workshop](#), Big Horn Federal Bank, Cody, WY
- May 11, 2011—Nez Perce NHT [CMP Revision Public Workshop](#), BLM Office, Billings, MT
- May 10, 2011—Nez Perce NHT [CMP Revision Public Workshop](#), BLM Office, Lewistown, MT
- May 14 -18, 2011— [13th Conference on National Scenic and Historic Trails](#), Abingdon, VA
- May 20-22, 2011 — 11th Annual [Weippe Camas Festival](#), Weippe, ID
- June, 2011 — Additional Nez Perce NHT [CMP Revision Public Workshops](#), see Trail website
- June, 2011 National Great Outdoors month—[www.funoutdoors.com/](http://www.funoutdoors.com/)
- June 4, 2011 — National Trails Day
- June 18, 2011 — White Bird Memorial, White Bird, ID
- June 25, 2011 — Mountain to Meadows Fun Run at Lolo Pass
- July 22-24, 2011— Annual Nez Perce Tamkaliks Celebration, Wallowa, OR
- Fee Free Days at Yellowstone National Park:
  - April 16-24 (National Park Week)
  - June 21 (First day of summer)

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), in conjunction with other agencies within the Department of the Interior, will waive recreation-related fees for visitors to the National System of Public Lands on the first day of summer, **June 21**.



## Travelers' Rest State Park Celebrates 10th Anniversary

On March 20, 2001, the Montana State Land Board accepted the donation of 15 acres of land in Lolo, MT, effectively creating Travelers' Rest State Park. In the decade since, Travelers' Rest has gone through a transformation, becoming a destination for place-based education that uses the Lewis and Clark Expedition as a gateway to inter-disciplinary learning by people of all ages and cultures.



A celebration marking the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of [Travelers' Rest State Park](#) was held on Saturday, March 19, 2011.

Noted Montana historian and Lewis and Clark expert Hal Stearns presented as part of the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Winter Storytelling Series. The Story Teller Series concluded on March 26<sup>th</sup> with a panel of storytellers which included Nez Perce tribal member Josiah Pinkham.

On Sunday July 3, 2011, join Travelers' Rest in celebrating their 10th Anniversary. Spend the afternoon enjoying guided tours and kids activities, followed by a Barbeque at 5pm.

For more information about [Traveler's Rest](#) and a complete list of upcoming events, contact the Park at 406-273-4253 or visit them online at: [www.travelersrest.org](http://www.travelersrest.org).

## Tread Lightly! Launches Stewardship Grant Program

Ogden, UT (April 20, 2011) – The nonprofit organization Tread Lightly!® has announced a new small grant program to support volunteer stewardship projects across the country.

The program is designed to help individuals and clubs organize clean-ups, trail maintenance work days, and other small stewardship projects. The maximum grant amount is \$500, and those funds can be used to purchase supplies like seedlings, tools, garbage bags, water for volunteers, or to rent equipment.

To be eligible for a Tread Lightly! Stewardship Grant, applicants must be either a Club Member or an Individual 3-Year Member of Tread Lightly!.

The first grant cycle is now open with a deadline of May 18, 2011. The simple online application process requires a letter of support from a representative of the land management agency or land owner and, if applicable, any additional documentation including photos of the area. Projects can start anytime after June 1, 2011. All projects or events must be completed and final reports submitted by September 30, 2011.

Application deadlines will follow a quarterly schedule to encourage the ongoing efforts of volunteers in revitalizing their favorite recreation areas throughout the year. The second grant cycle will have a deadline of August 18, 2011. To apply for a grant or for more information, visit [www.treadlightly.org/](http://www.treadlightly.org/) or contact Monica Clay, Tread Lightly! [monica@treadlightly.org](mailto:monica@treadlightly.org).

## 'Respected Access is Open Access' Campaign Addresses Litter

Tread Lightly! and "Respected Access is Open Access" campaign partners have released a new print public service announcement (PSA) encouraging responsible behavior on public and private lands while camping, hunting, or enjoying any type of outdoor recreation. The new PSA is another tool created for land managers and media outlets as part of the ongoing education and outreach of this campaign aimed at improving recreational opportunities for all.

View all the PSAs and other resources at [www.respectedaccess.org](http://www.respectedaccess.org).



## Updates from the Top Ten Scenic Drives

### Online Marketing - Web

Enhancing SEO – natural or ‘organic’ search - for the Top Ten Scenic Drives website has included internet campaign activities such as listing changes, content enhancement, calendar of events updates, and reciprocal links. Continuous web page content enhancement included extensive narrative additions/changes for the US Forest Service, the Nez Perce National Historic Trail, and the Salmon River-Sawtooth Scenic Byway.



A new page named ‘Events and Festivals’ was added to the Salmon River-Sawtooth page and all known events in the key towns of Challis, Mackay, Stanley, Wood River Valley, and Salmon ID were added.



The ‘Outdoor Activities’ page helps web users understand the value of their public lands, by providing narratives about preservation, protection and outdoor ethics. This page includes information related to several key outdoor activities including camping, vehicles, stay limits, pets, and wildlife.

Year to date, the Top Ten Scenic Drives website has received 14,000 Monthly Unique Visitors (the number of unduplicated – counted only once – visitors to the website). There have been 13,300 visits (a visit begins when a person first views a page and continues until all activity has stopped for 30 minutes), and the total number of pages (Page Views) viewed by web visitors has reached nearly 50,000.

Downloadable maps of each Drive are now available on the website. Users can download the maps of the Drives to their Garmin™ GPS devices prior or during their trips. [www.drivethetop10.com/Maps-Itineraries/GPS-Maps](http://www.drivethetop10.com/Maps-Itineraries/GPS-Maps)

### Online Marketing – Social Media

Key activities included posts related to events occurring in the region, photo album development and related posts, ‘liking’ other relevant Pages, comment responses, and requesting reciprocal ‘Likes’ from tourism suppliers.

January was a period of light social media activity. When Facebook posts, comments, and engagement resumed, the active users increased in direct correlation to our activity. As an example, we started January, 2011, with about 700 monthly active users, then grew to 1,000 by mid February. In early March, we jumped 55% to 2,000 monthly active users and held the course to the end of the month.

Nearly 75,000 re-printed Adventure Maps were re-distributed in February to the state/provincial and key travel associations points for each Drive and Trail, ensuring media and consumer fulfillment for the 2011 travel season and giving Top 10 travelers ready access to the popular map.

At the Montana’s 2011 Governors Conference on Tourism an overview of the Top 10 Scenic Drives project was presented in two different sessions to over 75 conference attendees. At least 100 maps were individually distributed from a display booth and 14 boxes of maps (5,450 individual maps) were allocated to the three Drives in Montana (Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Loop, Montana Scenic Loop, and the Beartooth Highway). Information about the Nez Perce National Historic Trail was also shared at the Top Ten Drives booth..

I have no doubt that 2011 will be another exciting year for the Top 10 Scenic Drives and its great partners. **Thanks for all that you do!** Your continued support and enthusiasm is very much appreciated.

*Anna Holden, Project Coordinator*

Top 10 Scenic Drives in the Northern Rockies  
[www.drivethetop10.com/](http://www.drivethetop10.com/)

*The Nez Perce National Historic Trail appreciates the Top Ten Drive’s Facebook posts on the Trail’s upcoming CMP Workshops.*





## News From the Nez Perce Trail Foundation

“Hike the Hill,” this year’s trek to Washington D.C., was attended by Jim Evans and Board member Jim Zimmerman. We visited 16 congressional offices and attended five agency meetings. We had a special meeting with Jim Bidwell and Jonathan Stevens, from the Forest Service Washington Office, and also attended by Sandi McFarland, and Roger Peterson from the Nez Perce National Historic Trail (NPNHT).



Image courtesy of the Nez Perce Trail Foundation

Meeting with Molly Westby, USFS, Dan Akin, U of Wyoming and Bob Richards NPTF in Cody about charting the Nez Perce Trail in Wyoming.

Congress is now working on a budget for Fiscal Year 2012 and results of debate remain to be seen. It does seem that we will be funded at the same rate that we have been for the last few years, which was \$610,000. I had a one on one meeting with Congressman Simpson prior to traveling to this meeting and he assured me that he would continue to support the program.

The support we have received from the Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS) has made a difference in maintaining the funding levels the National Trail System is receiving. I was elected the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for Governance for the PNTS.

Work has already begun on the Goggle Earth virtual tour of the Auto Routes and can be viewed on the [Foundation’s website](#), or find the link from the NPNHT website. We are getting nationwide coverage for this program. Special thanks to [Ron Hall](#) for the outstanding work he has done.

Sandi McFarland, Administer for the NPNHT, has been a great help and has supported our efforts to be an effective partner as possible.

At the Foundation's spring board meeting in Coeur d’Alene, ID, Julie Molzahn from the U.S. Forest Service presented information on the progress on the Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) revision for the NPNHT. She encouraged our members to attend as many of the public workshops as possible and to send their comments to the Trail Administrator in writing or via the CMP website located on the [NPNHT site](#). I have attended three of the programs and plan on attending more. I will be asking Board Members to attend those workshops that I cannot make.

I will be attending the 13<sup>th</sup> Partnership for the National Trails System Conference in Abingdon, VA, in May. Also, I will be attending a fund raising seminar in Idaho Falls in April.

Discussion occurred regarding when and where to have the Annual Membership and Board of Directors meeting. It was agreed to have the meeting in Pendleton in October, 2011. I will communicate with a task force group and make the arrangements. If you have suggestions for speakers please contact me at 208-940-0053 or [executivedirector@nezpercetrail.net](mailto:executivedirector@nezpercetrail.net).

Jim Evans  
Executive Director  
Nez Perce Trail Foundation







## News From the National Park Service:

### Big Hole National Battlefield

We are eagerly waiting for the spring (summer) thaw to be able to finish the Visitor Center roofing project.

Turner Exhibits of Lynwood, WA, has been sending the park samples and concepts for the fabrication of the new exhibits. There is still no date for when the new exhibits will arrive and be installed, but we anticipate them arriving before August. The Park staff has been in daily consultation over proposed slight changes and treatments, and each step brings us closer to the day we can open the new doors to the Visitor Center, and close down our temporary Visitor Center and convert it back to a house.

Visitation was down by more than a thousand people from last winter to this winter. The Park staff is not sure if this is because of the construction project or the economy, but as the days get slightly warmer and longer we are starting to see a small increase in people visiting the Park, including snowshoers and cross country skiers making use of the remaining snow still on the ground.

In a follow up to last year's first and very successful new education program, the park is again hosting Coyote Camp. This week long camp (May 23-27) will have more cultural demonstrators thisand we already have more students signed up this year than last. Two days are full with more that 200 students each and the other days are filling up fast. Check the "[For Teachers](#)" section of the Big Hole website for more information. If funding allows, plans are being made for a fall version of the Coyote Camp.

Steve Black  
Superintendent  
Big Hole National Battlefield



Roger Peterson, US Forest Service Image

## News From the BLM:



### Missouri River Breaks Interpretive Center Plans 5th Anniversary Celebration

The Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument Interpretive Center (701 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Fort Benton, MT) plans to host a series of events this summer in commemoration of its 5<sup>th</sup> year of operation.

**On Sunday, June 26** at 11 a.m., visitors to the Center will learn about the Nez Perce National Historic Trail from Jim Evans, Executive Director of the Nez Perce Trail Foundation. In the early Autumn of 1877, the Nez Perce, traveled through the Missouri River Breaks area as they attempted to flee to Canada with the U.S Army in pursuit.

The Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument Interpretive Center opened its doors in 2006. The Center's on-site exhibits highlight the area's natural and cultural history, helping visitors experience the region's many cultural stories, from Native Americans and explorers to trappers and steamboat captains. Displays of native wildlife, including mammals, prehistoric fish, and indigenous songbirds also highlight a visitor's experience. A lovely, short riverside trail allows visitors an easy, and delightful walk near the Mighty Mo. The trail includes a stop at a metal sculpture and interpretive site that discussed the Nez Perce at Cow Island Crossing (pictured above).

For more information on the Center's summer anniversary activities or general information, visit the facility's website: [www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/lewistown\\_field\\_office/umrbnm/interpcenter.html](http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/lewistown_field_office/umrbnm/interpcenter.html) or call 406-622-4000. Information provide by the Montana/Dakota BLM.





## News From the National Park Service:

### Spring News from Bear Paw Battlefield

On March 27, 2011, Jonathan Tourtellot, geotourism editor for *Traveler* magazine (pictured at right), braved the wind and snow-drifted highway to visit Bear Paw Battlefield and photograph the site of the 1877 conflict. The cold and wind at the battlefield mirrored the October weather endured by the Nez Perce families and U. S. soldiers more than 133 years ago. Tourtellot is a consultant specializing in sustainable tourism and destination stewardship.



Stephanie Martin, National Park Service Image

He originated the concept of geotourism, defined as “tourism that sustains or enhances the geographical character of a place—its environment, culture, aesthetics, heritage, and the well-being of its residents.” He ran the National Geographic’s Center for Sustainable Destinations for 9 years and helped develop the “Crown of the Continent” website for Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park. His visit to the Hi-Line stretch of the NPNHT and Bear Paw Battlefield preceded his keynote address at the Montana Governor’s Conference on Tourism in Helena.

Stephanie Martin  
Park Ranger, Bear Paw Battlefield

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## Materials for Educators and Others Interested in the Nez Perce National Historic Trail

The Staff of the NPNHT would like to remind people that we a number of items that tell the story of the Trail.

**Landscape of History DVD & VHS**

**Coloring Books**

**Nez Perce Trail Brochure**

**Auto Tour Brochures**

**Posters**

**New Nez Perce National Historic Trail Map**

*Most of these items are free*

For more information visit:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/npnht/learning>

Or contact the Trail staff in Orofino, ID or Missoula, MT

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## News From the National Park Service:

### Mary Lou Tiede – Twenty Years at Nez Perce National Historical Park

When you come to the Spalding visitor center of Nez Perce National Historical Park you will often find Mary Lou Tiede (pictured at right), the park's cooperating association ([Discover Your Northwest](#)) sales manager, tidying up the bookshelves, adding new inventory, or trying to figure out why the cash register isn't working. This year is Mary Lou's twentieth year as a valued member of the park staff.

On May 4, 1991, Mary Lou Tiede started working as the manager of the park's sales outlet. She was a stay-at-home mom raising three children and worked part-time at a local farm store in Lewiston, ID, and needed a change. She heard about the sales manager job at the park and applied for it. Much to her surprise, she got the position. Since that time she has worked for three Superintendents and an association that has changed its name three times. Since 1991 Mary Lou has worked hard to expand the range of merchandise that the outlet sells. She started with sales of \$1,500 a year. In 2010, sales were \$61,000. Congratulations Mary Lou!



Marc Blackburn, National Park

Mary Lou admits that every day is never the same. There is always something to fix, order, or track. Certain times of the year, when orders are being delivered, she still gets joy in tearing open the boxes and seeing all of the new books. If you ask her what has kept her going all of these years, it can be summed up in one word: people. Every summer when the summer seasonals return Mary Lou enjoys showing them how to use the cash register and sort out all of the miscellaneous tasks one needs to follow to make an operation successful. The most memorable moments for Mary Lou are "meeting visitors from all over the world. It's so exciting to hear where people are visiting from and I really enjoying telling them about what there is to see and do."

In the 20 years Mary Lou has been working for the park's association, she has become an indispensable woman. Here's to another 20 years!







## News From the National Forests:

### Clearwater National Forest, Lolo Pass

The Clearwater National Forest has welcomed Francis Weiganda new member to the Lolo Pass Visitor Center staff, . Francis will be a part-time interpreter at the Visitor Center during the busy summer season. With over 500 volunteer hours at Lolo Pass, and countless volunteer hours at Traveler’s Rest State Park, Teller Wildlife Refuge, Montana Natural History Center, and the Lee Metcalf Wildlife Refuge, Francis will be an invaluable source of information for visitors. Francis has extensive knowledge of the Lewis and Clark Corp of Discovery and the Nez Perce National Historic Trail.



Roger M. Peterson, US Forest Service Image

In a couple of months the Camas will again be blooming at Packer Meadows.

The Visitor Center has several big events planned for this summer. The annual Mountain to Meadow Half Marathon and 5K Fun Run will be held at the Visitor Center on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The course will take runners past Packer Meadows, which is located along the Nez Perce National Historic Trail. With luck, the beautiful Camas flowers will be in full bloom for the event.

On July 23-24, 2011, the Traveler’s Rest Brigade re-enactors will be setting up “camp” at the Lolo Pass Visitor Center. The focus of the two-day event is the history and culture of the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery. The free event will include live demonstrations of leather working, beading, musketry, horsemanship, medicines of years ago, and bullet casting. Please come out and join us!

Buffie Cerutti, Manager  
Lolo Pass Visitor Center

### Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center



The Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Great Falls, MT, is once again gearing up for a full schedule of programs and activities during the coming months.

On July 15, 2011, from 7 - 8 p.m., visitors are encouraged to join Tom McCormack along the banks of the Missouri River for “Native American Music and Storytelling.” Mr. McCormack brings traditional Indian music and stories to life in his fascinating presentation.



US Forest Service Image

For a full schedule of interpretive programs at the Interpretive Center visit: [www.fs.usda.gov/lcnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/lcnf) and click on the link to the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, then the Learning Center.



## **New Faces Along the Trail:**

### **Connaughton Selected to Lead Pacific Northwest Region of the U.S. Forest Service**

U.S. Forest Service Chief Thomas Tidwell recently announced the appointment of Kent Connaughton as Regional Forester of the Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service. Connaughton will oversee 17 national forests and one national grassland within the states of Oregon and Washington. He most recently served as the Regional Forester in the agency's Eastern Region.

“Kent brings a breadth of leadership experience in natural resource management and building public advocacy and partnerships,” said Chief Tidwell. “He has an extensive background in managing natural resources across the local and national level.”

Connaughton began his career at the Pacific Northwest Research Station as a forest economics researcher. During his 30-year career with the U.S. Forest Service, he has had assignments as Forest Supervisor on the Lassen National Forest in California, and Deputy Regional Forester in the Pacific Southwest Region.

Prior to being named Regional Forester for the Eastern Region in November of 2007, he served as Associate Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry in Washington, D.C.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Stanford University, a Master of Forestry degree from Oregon State University, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree for the University of California Berkeley. He is a member of the Society of American Foresters, and was elected Fellow of that professional society in 1991. He will begin his new assignment in mid April.



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### **Tom Schmidt Named Northern Region Deputy Regional Forester**

On behalf of the Northern Region of the U.S. Forest Service, Regional Forester Leslie A.C. Weldon is pleased to announce Tom Schmidt as Deputy Regional Forester. Starting in mid-March, two Deputy Regional Foresters will serve the Northern Region of the Forest Service based out of Missoula, MT. The Northern Region includes north Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, and the northwest section of South Dakota.



The positions of Deputy Regional Forester provide leadership to departments including Renewable Resources, Fire and Aviation, Ecosystem Management and Planning, State and Private Forestry, Engineering, Recreation, Minerals, Lands, Heritage and Wilderness, Civil Rights, Public and Governmental Relations, Acquisition Management, Safety, Budget, Law Enforcement, and Human Resources. The Regional Forester Management Team is comprised of Regional Forester Leslie A.C. Weldon, and Deputy Regional Foresters Jane Cottrell and Tom Schmidt.

“Deputy Regional Forester Tom Schmidt comes to the Northern Region with a variety of expertise through district, regional and Washington D.C positions,” said Regional Forester Weldon. “His dynamic background includes National Fire planning, Hydropower and Land Withdrawals, Environmental Impact Officer, and Legislative Assistant.”

Tom most recently held the position of Forest Supervisor of the Hiawatha National Forest in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan from 2002 – 2011. Prior to 2002 he was the Forest Supervisor for the Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland in Central Oregon.

Tom earned a Bachelor’s and Masters Degree in Forest and Watershed Management and Civil Engineering from Utah State University. He will be joined in Montana by his wife Peggy.

### **Pacific Northwest Region Announces Schwalbach as Wallowa-Whittman National Forest Supervisor**



Acting Pacific Northwest Regional Forester Cal Joyner announced in February that Monica Schwalbach will supervise the Wallowa-Whittman National Forest in Baker City, OR.

“I am pleased to welcome Monica to the Northwest and into her role as Supervisor,” Joyner said. “She is a proven leader who will serve the Forest and communities with distinction.”

Schwalbach is deputy forest supervisor for the National Forests in North Carolina, in Asheville, NC. In 22 years with the Forest Service, she has served as, a wildlife biologist; deputy in North Carolina; assistant director for watershed, fish and wildlife in the Washington Office; and assistant forest supervisor on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest in Nevada.

Schwalbach is a graduate of Cornell University with a Bachelor's degree in Natural Resources Management, and South Dakota State University with a Master's degree in Wildlife Ecology. She enjoys coffee, hiking, canoeing, and camping. She succeeds Steve Ellis, who is BLM's Director for the State of Idaho.





## **New Faces Along the Trail:**

### **Tami DeGorsky Appointed Superintendent for Nez Perce National Historical Park**

Tami DeGorsky is the newly appointed superintendent for Nez Perce National Historical Park. She replaces Gary Somers who retired in the Fall of 2010.



“Tami is an exceptional manager with a proven track record of working with the Nez Perce,” said Pacific West Regional Director Chris Lehnertz in making the appointment. “Her experience and commitment to working with partners will be an asset at the park.”

DeGorsky is currently serving as the Chief of Maintenance for Mount Rainier National Park. She began her career as a seasonal laborer on the road crew at Glacier National Park and spent much of her career working in facility management. From 2004-2008, DeGorsky served as the Superintendent of the Big Hole National Battlefield, one of the 38 sites included within the Nez Perce National Historical Park.

“I am really looking forward to working at Nez Perce with the great park staff and working with the Nez Perce people,” DeGorsky said. “As the Superintendent of Big Hole, I served on the Nez Perce National Historical Park’s management team and enjoyed the experience and am thrilled at the opportunity to return.”

DeGorsky grew up in a National Park Service family. Her father is a retired park ranger and her mother is the retired executive director of the Grand Teton Natural History Association. DeGorsky met her husband Mike while attending the School of Forestry at the University of Montana. DeGorsky officially began her new assignment April 10, 2011.

### **BLM-Montana/Dakotas Welcomes Communications Director**



Bureau of Land Management Montana/Dakotas today announced the addition of Melodie A. Lloyd as director of communications to its State office in Billings. Lloyd was mostly recently a public affairs specialist with the BLM’s headquarters office in Washington, D.C. BLM Public Affairs Specialist Mary Apple acted in the position for several months and returns to her duties with the State office.

“Mel comes to us with a well-rounded knowledge of natural resource experience, both at the national and field levels of the BLM,” State Director Jamie Connell said. “Her insight and expertise will make her a valuable member of the BLM’s State Leadership Team and enhance our ability to bring awareness to the good things we do for public lands and the people of Montana and the Dakotas.”

Lloyd has also worked as a BLM public affairs specialist and fire information officer in western Colorado, supporting several field offices and two interagency fire management units. Prior to that, she worked at the BLM’s National Operations Center in Denver. *Cont. on page 16*



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### **BLM Communications Director *cont. from page 15***

Lloyd, a native of rural Colorado, received her bachelor's degree in Organizational Development from the Regis University College for Professional Studies in Denver. As outdoor enthusiasts, Lloyd and her husband look forward to exploring all that Montana and the Dakotas have to offer. She can be reached at (406) 896-5260 or [malloyd@blm.gov](mailto:malloyd@blm.gov)

### **Rusty Wilder Named Program Officer – Infrastructure & Operations for the Lolo National Forest**

In January Rusty Wilder accepted the position as Program Officer for Infrastructure and Operations on the Lolo NF, in Missoula, MT. This position is responsible for the following programs areas on the Lolo - Recreation, Wilderness, Trails, Heritage, Engineering, Lands, and Budget.

Rusty began his career in the Forest Service as a term employee on the Durango NF in 1992 after spending 10 years as an engineer for the Air Force. He has a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Tennessee and an MS in Astronautical Engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology in Dayton, OH. After a short time in Durango, Rusty was offered a permanent position at the Supervisor's Office on the Black Hills NF in South Dakota. During his 17 years on the Black Hills, Rusty served in a number of positions, beginning with his assignment as a Forest Staff Engineer responsible for planning, budget, CIP, and Travel Management. Over the years he also worked as the Forest bridge engineer, Forest trails program manager, program manager for the Forest AML and minerals program, and on scene coordinator for Superfund sites on the Forest. Rusty and his wife Denise have three children in college – a daughter in Des Moines, a daughter in Bozeman, and a son in Missoula.



“What I love most about the Lolo is the people,” said Wilder.

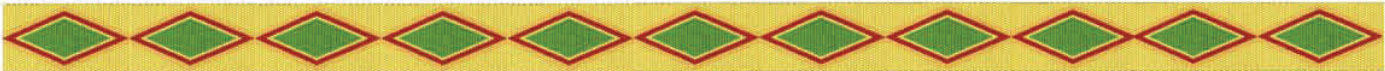
As we prepare this report snow is flying outside the window, winter still has a grip on the Northern Rockies, a month into Spring. Please be safe in your travels along the Trail and be prepared for changing weather conditions. Links to Travel webcams and weather reports can be found on the [Trail website](#).



Skier at the Chief Joseph Cross-Country Ski area, Montana, February, 2011.







# Comment Form

## Nez Perce National Historic Trail *Comprehensive Management Plan Revision*

This comment form is a means for you to provide your input regarding specific issues and opportunities along the Trail as well as a way to provide additional information that will be helpful for the USDA Forest Service to consider as we prepare the long range Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) for the Trail.

For your comments to be considered, we require that you include your name and address. Please note that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, maybe made public. You may request that we withhold your personal information from public view. Though we can not guarantee that we will be able to do so, we will make every effort to honor your request.

\*If you would like to receive future updates about the Trail CMP revision please check this box:

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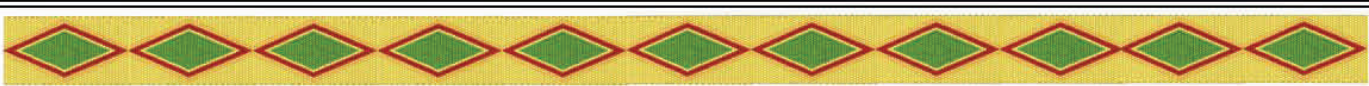
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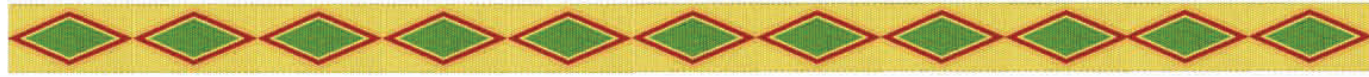
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## Spring Flowers Along the Nez Perce National Historic Trail,

Joni Packard and Roger Peterson, US Forest Service Images



Following a long cold winter the first signs of spring are slowly starting to show along the Trail. Flowers will begin to bloom during the next couple of months.

