



NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL

Progress Report

Summer 2011



Administrator's Corner

Greetings,

We look forward to watching the partners and volunteers as they work through the summer season starting and completing their Challenge Cost Share projects. We are starting field season with trail work, but due to the snow levels we are experiencing some setbacks with numerous blowdowns from the winter.

On a recent trip to Montana for our [Comprehensive Management Plan \(CMP\)](#) revision public workshops we had the opportunity to meet new faces along the trail, and hear some ideas about how people perceive the trail. We received excellent views and concepts which we will consider as we move forward with the CMP revision. It was refreshing to hear the different comments and listen to their many stories and experiences.

While traveling in Yellowstone National Park to the public meeting in West Yellowstone and later in Cooke City, we had a wonderful time driving the Nez Perce National Historic Trail (NPNHT) Auto Tour Route and checking out the new interpretation in the park at Indian Ford. *(Photo at right)*

Traveling through the park we witnessed the wonders of nature that the Nimiipuu undoubtedly encountered as they traveled the newly established park in 1877. The geysers, waterfalls, and high peaks all offer a sight that will fill one's memory card. These sights undoubtedly remained in their memory long after the exhausting and strenuous trip incurred during the exile. Perhaps this was one way to keep their courage alive and their desire to come back to experience these areas once again.



Sandi McFarland, US Forest Service Image

Spending time on the NPNHT Auto Tour Route and the trail makes one look at things a little differently, a little clearer.

The season is upon us for a summer recreation experience on the trail, from pedaling a bike on the Auto Tour Route, rafting a rapid in the Hell's Canyon NRA, floating down the Snake River past Dug Bar where Chief Joseph's Band crossed the raging river in 1877, to riding a horse or hiking sections of the National Historic Trail.

Enjoy inspiring views, abundant wildlife, mountain lakes, and free flowing rivers to fish, capture a great photo, and reconnect with the tradition and history on the trail. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Sandi McFarland, Administrator NPNHT

Treat the earth well. It was not given to you by your parents, it was loaned to you by your children. We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors, we borrow it from our Children. ~Ancient Indian Proverb~



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



During the next several 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 Thursday, August 4, 2011, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the [Salmon-Challis National Forest](#) office, 1206 So. Challis Street, in Salmon, ID, and on Saturday, August 6, 2011, from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the [Big Hole National Battlefield](#) near Wisdom, MT. Staff from the Salmon-Challis National Forest and Big Hole National Battlefield will host these workshops.

Additional workshops are planned for Tuesday, August 9, 2011, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the [Best Western Hotel](#), 1200 Highland Ave., in Enterprise, OR, and on Wednesday, August 10, 2011, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the [Tamástlikt Cultural Institute](#), 47106 Wildhorse Blvd., Pendleton, OR.

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. 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 Coloring and Activity Book Available

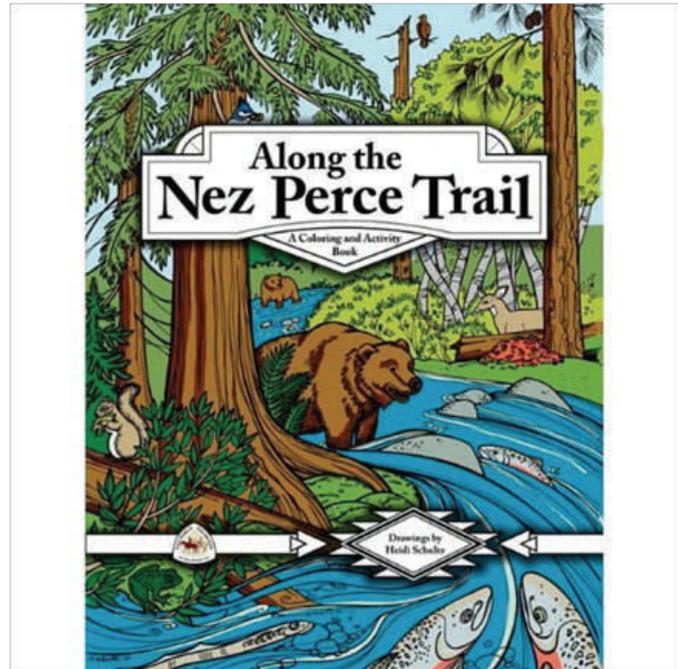
Along the Nez Perce Trail – A Coloring and Activity Book for youth is now available for sale at U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service offices, and other retail outlets along the Nez Perce National Historic Trail.

This 40-page book provides information about wildlife and the landscape along the 1,170 mile Nez Perce National Historic Trail.

Along the Nez Perce Trail: A Coloring and Activity Book has been reprinted and is now available. Wholesale orders can be placed through [Ingram Book Company](#). The ISBN number for “*Along the Nez Perce Trail*” is 978-0-914019-61-9.

This book, produced in conjunction with [Recreation Solutions](#) and [Discover Your Northwest](#) (DYNW), provides youth with information about the plants and animals they will encounter while they travel the Trail. The book also includes information about Nez Perce names and a pronunciation guide. It retails for \$6.99 plus tax and is also available through the DYNW website: www.discovernw.org/nezperce. Proceeds from the sale of the book go toward educational and interpretive services along the Trail.

Additional information about the Nez Perce National Historic Trail can be found at www.fs.usda.gov/npnht.



2011 Chief Joseph Trail Ride



The Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC) will be conducting their 47th annual Chief Joseph Trail ride July 31 – August 6, 2011. This ride was established in 1965 by George Hatley and a handful of ApHC members to commemorate the Nez Perce people and the Appaloosa horse. It retraces, as closely as possible, the 1,170 mile route taken by the Nez Perce in their flight from the U.S. cavalry in 1877. Each year the riders cover a 100 mile segment of the trail. It takes thirteen years to complete the entire route.

Participation in the ride has grown from two dozen in that first year to nearly 200 riders today. At one time the ride exceeded 400 participants. Many members of the Nez Perce Tribe join this trek to honor their ancestors and participate in their cultural history.

This year the ride will start near Spencer, ID, and continue east through the Camas Meadows area over Targhee Pass to West Yellowstone, MT. For additional information please visit the [Appaloosa Horse Club](#) website or contact the Trail as Distance Coordinator at trailrides@appaloosa.com or call 208-882-5578 ext 221. (Photo from 2010 ride in the Big Hole, USFS image by Roger Peterson)



13th National Scenic and Historic Trails Conference Held in Virginia

[13th National Scenic and Historic Trails Conference](#) was held on May 14-18, 2011, in Abingdon, VA. The theme was appropriate for our times, "Healthy trails~ Healthy Communities Uniting Communities through Fun, Fitness, Education, Conservation, and Tourism!"

The symposium was hosted by the Partnership for the National Trails System, the [Overmountain Victory Trail Association](#), the [Appalachian Trail Conservancy](#), the town of Abingdon, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation. Generous assistance was also provided by the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), US Forest Service (USFS), US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Federal Highways Administration.



There were 29 trails apprentice scholarship recipients. We were able to dialogue with these impressive youth to discuss Forest Service occupations from archaeology, interpretation, trail construction, and marketing in the youth plenary. We were able to speak to them and answer questions throughout the week about the National Trails System and explore careers and guide them on how to apply for jobs in the agencies.

Nez Perce National Historic Trail (NPNHT) Administrator Sandi McFarland also spoke at a concurrent session on the Trail Corridor Planning and Management on Public Lands, joining Pete Irvine, USFS, and Craig Bromley, BLM.



The NPNHT display was also at the event and the Trail Administrator participated with Jim Evans, Executive Director, and Nez Perce Trail Foundation in the celebration of the Damascas Day Parade representing the NPNHT.

The NPNHT Administration provided items for both the silent and live auctions.

(Photos: Left, L-R: Sandi McFarland and Jim Evans at the Damascas Day Parade, Right L-R: Jim Evans, Paul and Ruth Wapato and Sandi McFarland)

This Land is YOUR Land Participate in National Trails Public Lands Day September 24, 2011

"National Public Lands Day is a time for Americans to give back to the lands they love," said Robb Hampton, director of the program. "It's also a chance for them to learn about the wonderful recreation opportunities these lands afford - not just at iconic national parks. We want people to know that public lands can be as close at hand as your neighborhood park, school yard or nearby city green space.



In 2010, more than 170,000 volunteers, including families, students, and organizations around the country grabbed shovels, rakes, pruning shears, and trash bags to improve America's beloved shared spaces as they participate in the 17th annual National Public Lands Day (NPLD).

In 2011 National Public Lands Day will be held on September 24. To find an event in your community visit: <http://www.publiclandsday.org>



NPNHT Launches New Photo Sharing Website

Trail staff is pleased to announce that people interested in the Nez Perce National Historic Trail can now get a glimpse of the Trail no matter where they are in the world by visiting the recently launched [NPNHT Flickr site](#).



For those unfamiliar with Flickr it is a website where photos can be uploaded and shared via the World Wide Web (a.k.a the Internet).

More than 100 photos are currently posted on the site and more will be added in the future.

The collections are organized by NPNHT Auto Tour segments to help orient visitors.

These images are all in the public domain so they can be downloaded and used by anyone from students doing a school report to media or Trail enthusiasts.

The site can be accessed via the Flickr button on the NPNHT home page:
www.fs.usda.gov/npnht

We hope you enjoy and find this new feature useful.



An example of photos found on the site: Sunlight Creek Gorge, in Wyoming. USFS Image by Joni Packard

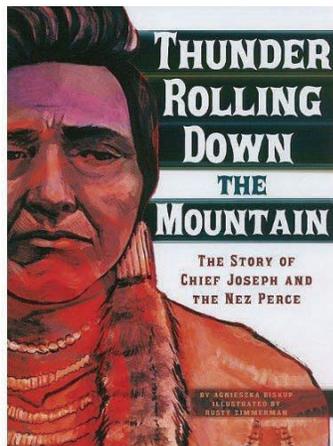


UPCOMING Events:

- July 31—August 6, 2011 — [Chief Joseph Trail Ride](#), Spencer, ID to West Yellowstone, MT
- August 4, 2011—Nez Perce NHT [CMP Revision Public Workshop](#), Salmon-Challis NF, Salmon, ID
- August 6, 2011 — Big Hole Memorial, 10 a.m., Wisdom, MT
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- August 6, 2011—[Nez Perce Trail Foundation](#) Board Meeting, Cody, WY
- August 9, 2011 —Nez Perce NHT [CMP Revision Public Workshop](#), Best Western Hotel, Enterprise, OR
- August 10, 2011 —Nez Perce NHT [CMP Revision Public Workshop](#), Tamástslikt Cultural Institute, Pendleton, OR
- August 19-21, 2011—[Chief Looking Glass Days & Powwow](#), Kamiah, ID
- September 22-24, 2011 — [Montana History Conference](#), Missoula, MT
- September 24, 2011 — [National Public Lands Day](#)
- October 1, 2011 — Bear Paw Memorial 10 a.m., Chinook, MT
- Fall, 2011 — Additional Nez Perce NHT [CMP Revision Public Workshops](#), see Trail website

New Books:

Thunder Rolling Down the Mountain a New Book for Young Readers



Capstone Press recently released *Thunder Rolling Down the Mountain, the Story of Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce*. This book is part of Capstone's American Graphic series which presents the stories of "larger than life legends of American history." In these tightly focused graphic novels, you'll explore the lives of Americans who shaped our culture and defined our national identity. Experience the pivotal events that turned their lives into legacies. Contemporary graphics and thrilling text combine to create compulsively readable graphic nonfiction.

"Chief Joseph wanted peace for his people. But the U.S. Army had different ideas. As the headman and spokesperson for the Nez Perce, Chief Joseph tried to do what was best for his people. Join him as he leads his people over vast plains and rugged mountains on the run from the U.S. army."

<http://www.capstonepub.com/product/9781429654722>

Humanitarians for Justice, Nonviolence and Peace, Journey of an Unexpected Sculptor

Meera Censor is a sculptor who lives in the Pacific Northwest. Meera spent seven years completing 21 sculptures in this series and she has donated it to the Southern Oregon University Hannon Library where the collection inspires students to read about the lives and journeys of the people she so admires. She also speaks to school children about the stories of the people she sculpted in memory of their humanitarian works, and the importance of compassion for all, and using art as a voice. Her sculpture of Chief Joseph is also located at the Lolo Pass Visitor's Center, and is a favorite of visitors.

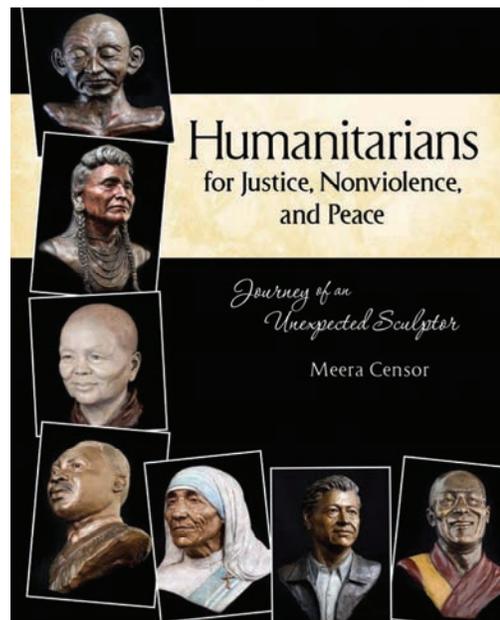
Ms. Censor has recently published a book entitled *Humanitarians for Justice, Nonviolence and Peace, Journey of an Unexpected Sculptor*.

The following is a short segment from the section on Chief Joseph.

"My next sculpture was of Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce, who was loved, respected, and reputed as a supremely honorable man. The story of Chief Joseph and his tribe is a horrific one, like so many in that time, but the Nez Perce had a tradition of nonviolence and peace. Joseph's given name is Hinmatoowyalahtq'it, which translates to "Thunder Traveling to Higher Areas."

If you would like to read more about Meera's experience with sculpting Chief Joseph and the other 20 Humanitarians you can order a copy of her book at:

<http://www.meeracensor.com/book.shtml>



Nez Perce Appaloosa Horse Club Assists the NPNHT and Shares History during Homeland Memorial Ride

The earth and its inhabitants were forever scarred by the tragic events of 1877 that originated in the Nimiipuu Homelands 134 years ago this spring. In early June of this year, 32 members of the Nez Perce Appaloosa Horse Club (NPAPHC) (from Lapwai and Lewiston, ID plus one member from St. Regis, MT) revisited the trails, hills, rivers, valley, and campsites that the Wallowa Band occupied wakiipa (a long time ago). The NPAPHC families consisted of men, women, and children, much like the make-up of the Nimiipuu families who were involved, through no choice of their own, in the Campaign waged against them in 1877 by the pursuing U.S. Army beginning at White Bird, ID, on June 17 and ending on October 5 near the Bears Paw Mountains in Montana, 30+ miles short of the remaining Nimiipuu's eventual destination in Canada, the Queen's land, with exiled Lakota Chief Sitting Bull and his people.

Wallowa Homeland Memorial Trail Ride took place in early June. This five-day activity was made possible with matching NPAPHC funds and Challenge Cost-Share funds administered through the Nez Perce National Historic Trail (NPNHT) office for the purpose of posting signs along the original Trail, educating our members, especially the youth, and the general public about Nimiipuu history and the origin and special meaning of the Trail. After traveling from Lapwai, down and up the aptly named Rattlesnake Grade to Enterprise, OR, the group of vehicles split up. The riders and horses proceeded to Buckhorn Point in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest and the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. The pickups and trailers were parked at Buckhorn for two days while the trail riders made their way down a steep traditional route of the Nimiipuu down to the Imnaha River along what is now called Tully Creek. The camp crew went on to Joseph where they drove to the Imnaha Store and from there slowly traveled for hours over a steep graveled road down to Cow Creek Camp on the Imnaha River. Later that evening, the riders rode into camp and were served a delicious, hot meal provided by head chef and Nez Perce descendant Floyd Alfrey and his family, including daughter Sally Mankiller and her husband, Kermit Mankiller and son Kristian. Five-year old Ahlius Yearout, Lapwai Headstart preschooler, was the youngest rider that day. He held on tightly to his saddle horn wearing his "horsemen" hat, gloves and boots ("horsemen," not "cowboy," he will tell you) and was led on horseback by his dad, Abraham, who was elected with his Dad, Jon, to serve the Club as co-Head Wranglers with duties to organize, transport and care for horses and look out for the welfare of the riders and horses. They both deemed this ride challenging but very rewarding.



Three Yearout generations (Jon, Abe & Titus) on the Nez Perce Trail (hills of Hells Canyon)

The next day's ride was along the original trail, which can still be seen indented into the land from a distance, from Cow Creek over the hills and down to Dug Bar on the Snake River where the Nimiipuu with all their families and possessions, including thousands of horses and cattle, crossed the high waters in May, 1877. When the horses and riders met up with those who went to Dug Bar by vehicle, we had lunch together and walked around the area, looking across the stretch of water that the Nimiipuu crossed in May of 1877, actually close to the time we were at the same spot.



We could see the way they probably went up the opposite hillside on the Idaho shore to Joseph Plains, which would lead them on their traditional route, to the Salmon River, another high water which they would cross three times in the ensuing month. Our head wrangler, Jon Yearout, was the only one of our group who knew the route having previously ridden a horse down to Dug Bar on the Oregon side. We know there were probably other Nez Percés who rode horseS over the original trail since 1877, but felt we were the first in a long time since it is hard to access and leads nowhere except down to the river so it is not used much. It felt good to represent our families and all the other descendants who would like to be there but haven't yet had the opportunity. The youngest riders that day were Titus Yearout and Kross Taylor, both 7 years old and soon-to-be 2nd graders at Lapwai Elementary; they rode both ways. Their Tootas (Dads), Abraham and Emmit, did horse leading duties on the steep trail.

(Left, NPAPHC members installed NPNHT markers during the June Memorial Trail Ride)





That night while everyone was sitting around the campfire, Emmitt Taylor II, Nez Perce Tribal Fisheries Manager and NPAPHC Vice-President, read an account from Alvin Josephy's book, *The Nez Perce Indians and the Opening of the Northwest*, that described exactly where we were, the trails on which we rode and what took place in 1877. We could see the surrounding hills covered with livestock and the tipis and campfires much like our circle. Emmitt recounted the events that led to this crossing, which took two days and involved warriors on horses swimming with the rafts made of buffalo and cowhides strapped together holding their belongings with the elderly and young children riding on top of the loads. Emmitt said he could imagine the fear of the children, who would have been near the ages of our youngest riders, including his son, and children and an infant in our camp. (Photo left - NPAPHC group at Dug Bar on the Snake River)

Nez Perce Tribal Fisheries employee, Joe McCormack, who lives near Joseph, and his co-worker, Neal Meshell from Lapwai, joined us for dinner while we were at Cow Creek. Joe shared about his work as well as the purpose of the Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center located near Wallowa, of which he has been the Chairman. (We are indebted to Joe who worked hard to find a place to pasture our horses when we moved camp to Wallowa Lake.)

All along the trail from Buck Horn Point, at the bridge crossing the Imnaha River, and down to Dug Bar, the riders put up more than 30 Nez Perce National Historic Trail marker signs to identify the trail so others will find their way; we hope to return soon.

On Friday, the riders retraced their route back up to Buckhorn Point and then trailered the horses to the final leg of our trip, Wallowa Lake, where we were graciously hosted at the campgrounds by Todd Honeywell and his staff at the Wallowa Lake State Park. Early Saturday morning while many campers were having breakfast, we put on traditional regalia and horse trappings and paraded throughout the large campground. At the foot of Wallowa Lake, we gave a presentation to an audience estimated at more than 75 people who came from the surrounding towns of Joseph and Enterprise to add to the out-of-town campers.

President Rosa Yearout opened the presentation with introductions of the participants, the purpose of the NPAPHC and our visit to the area, the meaning of the NPNHT, and to express our appreciation to all our benefactors. Emmitt was exuberant in greeting the audience and said it felt good to be in this beautiful area that is so precious to the Nez Perce and on such a beautiful sunny day, which the weather forecasters predicted would be rainy. He then shared some of the Nimiipuu story connected with the events leading

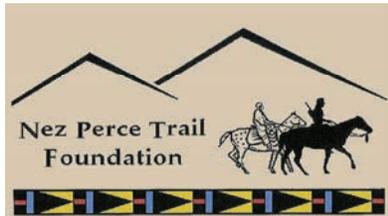


up to the 1877 conflict between the non-treaty Nez Perce and the U. S. Cavalry. We encourage our club members to consult with elders, tribal historians, and do a lot of pertinent reading to learn all we can about the areas of the Trail that we ride on, not only for our own benefit or that of our immediate family members but also to share with others, especially our youth, and to make the public aware of the history of the Nimiipuu and why we have the Nez Perce Trail. Emmitt's presentation was fast paced and narrated eloquently. (Pictured in the photo above, Those from left to right in the attached photo with Wallowa Lake in the background are: Kross & Emmitt Taylor, Abe & Titus Yearout, Anbel & Grace Sobotta (behind), Monice Samuels, Olivia Carter, Glory Sobotta, Bailey Ewing, Samantha Alfrey, Rosa Yearout (standing), Veronica Mankiller, Doris Ferguson)

Angel Sobotta followed suit by mentioning the current burial site of one of her direct ancestors, Old Chief Joseph, whose grave is now at the north end of the Lake along with several of her McFarland ancestors and why Old Joseph was relocated there from a hillside near Wallowa after his grave was desecrated. She concluded by sharing a story from L.V. McWhorter's book, *Yellow Wolf: His Own Story*, when the Nimiipuu "hostiles," as they were referred to, encountered the Carpenter-Cowan party in Yellowstone National Park in August of 1877. A man in the group extended his hand to Yellow Wolf and shook his hand. Yellow Wolf later related that, "Because I shook hands with him put me in mind not to kill him." In this same fashion, all NPAPHC members then went out to the audience at the Lake and shook their hands as our gesture of peace and friendship to them and their people. As is often mentioned by our respected elders at the memorials held at the major battlesites of 1877, we are not gathering to place blame, cause guilt or hard feelings, but to foster healing and to honor the memory of those who have gone before us but who still live with us in our memories. Yox kalo

— By Rosa Yearout, Lapwai, ID (Photos for the story courtesy of the NPAPHC)

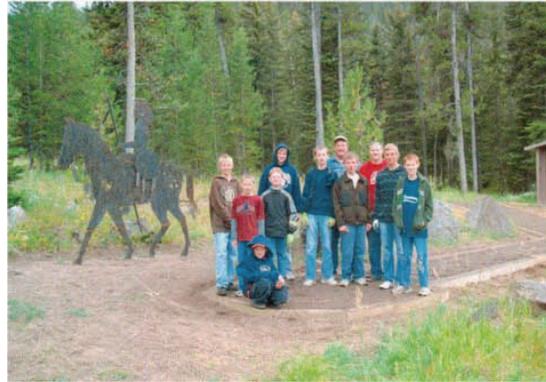




News From the Nez Perce Trail Foundation

A few images from recent Foundation activities, top to bottom, Boy Scout Group at Howard Springs, presentation by Jim Evans at the Island Park Historical Society meeting in June, work on new kiosk at Camas Meadows. (Photos by Jim Evans)

Jim Evans
Executive Director
Nez Perce Trail Foundation



Idaho Conference on Recreation & Tourism—The New Age of Tourism May 3-5, 2011

This spring Trail Administrator Sandi McFarland attended the Idaho Conference on Recreation and Tourism held in Lewiston, ID, at the Red Lion hotel. Sandi maintained a display and table with information about the trail. The conference was well attended with a variety of outstanding speakers, exhibitors, and sessions.

Some of the outstanding sessions included topics on The New Age of Tourism: Is it working for you? A Look at the New Age Traveler, and the Anatomy of Social media. The session on Outdoor Recreation Use patterns, and Visitor Preferences Affect Tourism in the U.S. and the Intermountain West was led by Dr. H. Ken Cordell who is the Pioneering Research Scientist, Author, and Lead Scientist for the U.S. National Survey on Recreation and the Environment, USDA Forest Service Southern Research Station. Dr. Cordell discussed outdoor recreation supply and demand, trends, and futures throughout the U.S. and the region, based on the National Survey on Recreation and the Environment, ongoing since the 1960's. This session was a lively presentation and discussion with Margaret Gorski, Forest Service Northern Region Developed Sites, Special Uses Tourism, and Interpretation program leader, serving as the moderator.

The conference ended with the Awards luncheon and our very good friend of the trail Barb Opdahl of Triple "O" Outfitters was presented the Governor's Take Pride in Idaho Award for her family's long relationship of providing guided tours on the trail. Barb was unable to accept the award, but her children were there to accept on her behalf. "I have personally enjoyed spending many special times on the back of a horse talking with Harlan Opdahl and evenings in the gracious company of talking around the campfire and enjoying Barb's cooking and stories about the trail. My fondest memories will remain on the trail with the Opdahls," said McFarland.

Another good friend of the trail that received an award is Steve Branting, a Lewiston high-school teacher and history enthusiast, who has spent a lifetime devoted to teaching and doing presentations to his students about the important heritage of the area.





News From the National Park Service:

Big Hole National Battlefield

Summer has finally arrived in the Big Hole and construction has picked up pace on the Big Hole Visitor Center. The roof is about 75% finished and the siding is getting to be installed. The contractors hope to be done by the end of July. The exhibits that will go inside our newly refurbished Visitor Center are also nearing completion. The installation of the exhibits is scheduled to occur in very late July and early August. Park staff from both Nez Perce and Big Hole saw the exhibits for the first time in Turner Exhibits shop in Seattle the week of July 10. The park in doing its part for this major undertaking has been building new walls for the exhibits, new carpet, and an extreme office makeover for the park interpretive staff. We hope to have our part done by the end of July also.

With all of this in mind we hope to have our grand opening in late September so that tribal members on their way to Chinook for the annual commemoration there can stop by for the dedication. More information will be provided by the Park in the near future.

The Park started a [summer speaker's series](#) the end of June. Presentations are scheduled for Saturdays at noon and 3 p.m. at the Big Hole National Battlefield contact station. There are also campfire talks on Saturday at 7 p.m. at May Creek Campground. On Sundays a final presentation begins at noon at the Park contact station.

The Park hosted its second Coyote Camp, May 23-27. This year we had almost 1,000 school children from around eastern Idaho and western Montana in attendance. Even though the weather was damp (snow showers the whole week mixed with periods of intermittent rain) the sun did shine a bit and for the most part the teachers and kids enjoyed their time in the Park. In addition to every person on the Park staff helping out with this major undertaking, we also brought in 5 cultural demonstrators. Les and Michael Minthorn from the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation came as well as Josiah Pinkham and Pete Wilson of the Nez Perce Tribe.



National Park Service Image

Rounding out the presenters was Billy Maxwell of Great Falls and his long house built on site which provided much needed shelter from the wind and snow (photo right). It remains to be seen if the Park will continue this program in light of the possible budget cuts, but teachers are very supportive of this camp.

Big Hole National Battlefield is now on Twitter. We try to tweet several times a week about things happening in the Park. If you have an account, why not follow us at: <http://twitter.com/#!/BigHoleNPS>

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Be Safe in Your Summer Travels

The Staff of the NPNHT want your experience along the Trail this Summer to be a safe one.

Please take a few minutes to review the Trail's Safety and Ethics Website before you begin your journey:

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





News From the National Park Service:

News from Bear Paw Battlefield

Bear Paw Battlefield experienced severe flooding this spring and the south trail was covered with water from April until June.

The wooden south bridge was pushed 3 feet downstream by Snake Creek in late May. The Northern Harrier hawks (*Circus cyaneus*) lost their nest last May to flooding and so we have watched for their return. On Friday, July 8, we were happy to spot them in the snowberries in the east coulee. Four chicks have hatched and two more are on the way (photo). Summer has arrived!

Stephanie Martin
Park Ranger, Bear Paw Battlefield



Stephanie Martin, National Park Service Image

Northern Harrier hawks



Stephanie Martin, National Park Service Image

Bear Paw Spring

Big Hole Continued:

June saw the Park host the Upper Columbia Basin Network Inventory and Monitoring (UCBN) (I&M) Camas team in the park for the annual survey of camas population. In addition to the camas, the team also looked more in depth at Lemhi Penstemon. This rare species is thriving here and we may have a globally significant number of plants. I&M called in a botanist from the Forest Service Regional office in Missoula to look at our Penstemon and he was very impressed at how much we had growing. (photo right)



National Park Service Image

To learn more about the very incredible species please visit the UCBN website. <http://science.nature.nps.gov/im/units/ucbn/otherprojects/penstemonindex.cfm>

Steve Black, Superintendent , Big Hole National Battlefield





News From the BLM: Step Back in Time— Idaho Archeological Site Excavation Underway: Public Invited to Visit Summer Field School in Progress

Cottonwood, ID – In partnership with Oregon State University (OSU) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), an eight-week archaeological field school will offer the public a glimpse of how people may have lived in the Salmon River canyon thousands of years ago. The excavation site is located at Cooper's Ferry near the mouth of Graves Creek in the vicinity of Cottonwood, Idaho. The field school, partially funded through a BLM challenge cost share agreement, will allow students from OSU and other universities to excavate an area and gather data about the lifestyles of the canyon's past inhabitants. Previous research in the area has produced data verifying human occupation in the canyon dating back nearly 11,500 years ago.

The public is encouraged to stop by the field school this summer, where under the direction of Dr. Loren Davis, students will explain how an excavation is conducted and what they are discovering. "We know that many people are interested in the history of the river canyon, just as we are," said David Sisson, BLM archaeologist. "We sometimes find some really interesting artifacts, and the various



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layers of sediment produce different clues that we use to piece together `generations' of past uses."

"The schedule for the field school has been established to allow more opportunities for the public to visit the site on the weekends," stated Sisson. The crew will be working from 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday (with Monday and Tuesday off) through August 09, 2011. The site is located approximately 12 miles south of Cottonwood, ID. From the center of Cottonwood follow the signs to the Pine Bar Recreation Area and travel along Graves Creek road down to the banks of the Salmon river.

Sisson also indicated that if the public is unable to visit the excavation site, there are several other ways to gain information about the historic and prehistoric

settlements and uses in the river canyon. To follow the progress on the excavation, he suggests visiting the BLM website at http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/fo/cottonwood/lower_salmon_river.html or the newly-established blog site at <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/coopersferryarchaeology>.

The free downloadable booklet entitled, "Our Cultural Heritage - A Fragile Record of the Last 12,000 Years along the Lower Salmon River" is also available from the website above and for a "virtual visit" to the excavation, Sisson suggests visiting the blog site that will provide the most up-to-date information.

For more information about the archaeological field school, contact the BLM Cottonwood Field Office at [\(208\) 962-3782](tel:(208)962-3782) or visit their office located at 1 Butte Drive in Cottonwood.



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News From the National Forests:

Clearwater National Forest, Lolo Pass

It was a very long winter at Lolo Pass this year. Cross-country skiers and snowmobilers were still enjoying snow well into May. The total snow fall at the pass was 224 inches and the maximum snow depth reached 103 inches this season. The Packer Meadow road did not melt out until the last week of June and the Camas bloom peaked about the 9th of July.



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Mountain to Meadow Event

On June 25th, the Visitor Center hosted the annual Mountain to Meadow Half Marathon and 5K Fun Run event that was organized by *Discover Your Northwest*. Race Coordinator was Colleen Mathisen, the *Discover Your Northwest* Lolo Pass Branch Manager.



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This year's event was another huge success. Nearly 250 runners, walkers, and 4-legged companions participated in the event, with participants coming from all over the lower 48 and Alaska! The race was kicked off by the *Traveler's Rest Brigade* re-enactors, who provided interpretive demonstrations and talks throughout the day. Funds raised through the event benefit the Lolo Pass Visitor Center.

Mountain to Meadow Event

The Lolo Pass Visitor Center will be hosting volunteers throughout the summer and fall. We have volunteers from Texas, Indiana, Washington, Nebraska, and Montana that will be joining our staff for the summer. Please stop in and say hello to these folks!

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.



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On August 19, 2011, from 7 - 8 p.m., visitors are encouraged to join presenter Richard Ellis the banks of the Missouri for "Changing Image of Native Americans in Film."

Westerns have traditionally been a staple of the American film industry. Hollywood's depiction of Native Americans has changed a great deal over the years, come learn more.

For a full schedule of interpretive programs at the Interpretive Center visit: 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:

Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF Welcomes New Deputy Forest Supervisor

Chuck Mark was selected as the new Deputy Forest Supervisor of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest in August of 2010. Mark comes to the Forest from the St. Joe Ranger District on the Idaho Panhandle NFs in northern Idaho where he has been the District Ranger since 2004. "I'm very pleased that Chuck is joining the Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF and comes to us with a wealth of experience which will be a benefit to the Forest and southwest Montana," said Forest Supervisor Dave Myers. Mark commented, "I'm glad to be back in Montana and am looking forward to working with communities that live in and around the Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF." Mark began work August 30 in Dillon.



Chuck Mark began his career with the Forest Service as a seasonal firefighter on the Beartooth Ranger District of the Custer NF in 1980. Since then he earned a B.S. from the School of Forestry at the University of Montana in 1981 and has become a certified Silviculturist as well as a Fire Behavior Analyst and Long-Term Fire Analyst. He has worked as the Forest Silviculturist on the Custer NF and Lewis & Clark NFs in Montana and worked as the Zone Fire Management Officer on the Bighorn NF in Wyoming and managed the Wyoming Interagency Hotshot Crew program. He also started up the new Lewis & Clark Interagency Hotshot Crew program from 2001 through 2002.

Chuck's wife Pam is an elementary school teacher and they have two daughters, Sienna, 12 years old, and Peyton nine years old. Chuck and Pam spend a lot of time supporting and watching the girls in dance and gymnastics. When not dancing or flipping, the family likes to camp, ski, hike, swim, fish, bike, and just about anything else outdoors.

McGill New Outdoor Recreation Planner for Central Montana BLM



Kelly McGill was recently named the new Outdoor Recreation Planner for the Lewistown Field Office. She finds the community and co-workers to be very friendly and helpful. Prior to her employment at Lewistown, she was employed as a SCEP (Student Career Experience Program) in Billings, MT. Kelly is a recent graduate of Northern Arizona University where she received a Masters of Science in Applied Geospatial Sciences with an emphasis in Geographic Information Systems. She completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Montana with a Bachelors of Science in Recreation Resource Management in 2003. "I hope that my knowledge and expertise will benefit the Bureau of Land Management," said McGill.

"I also hope that I will gain new skills while at the Lewistown Field Office. I have found that the Lewistown Field Office encompasses a diverse landscape that I plan on exploring. I am looking forward to a new and exciting career with the BLM in Lewistown, MT!" During her spare time, Kelly enjoys hiking with her dog, meeting new people, and finding new places to visit.



New Faces Along the Trail:

Marcia Pablo Named Gallatin National Forest Archeologist

Marcia Pablo recently accepted the position of Archeologist for the Gallatin National Forest in Bozeman, MT.

Marcia was born in St. Ignatius, MT, and was raised on the Flathead Indian Reservation in northwest Montana. She is a member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT). Her father, Thomas Edward Pablo, and brother, Mickey Pablo, were both Chairman of the CSKT.

Marcia worked for the Forest Service from 1988 to 1996, first on the Lolo National Forest as a Technician under the Cooperative Education Agreement Program (which no longer exists) and then on the Bitterroot National Forest as Forest Archaeologist.

In 1996 the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes advertised for a Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and she accepted the position and moved to the Ronan, MT. Marcia worked for the CSKT in this position until accepting the position as the Gallatin National Forest Archaeologist in May, 2011.

Marcia started her college education at the Salish Kootenai College in Pablo, MT, and then transferred to the University of Montana. She received a BA in Anthropology and Psychology with a Native American Studies Minor and a Masters Degree in Cultural Anthropology.

Her family includes a son Sean Cross and a daughter Jamie Cross-Lake. Sean works for the National Fish and Wildlife Service and is on the Modoc Refuge in Alturis, CA, and Jamie works for Moonlight Basin Sky Resort as head of Human Resources in Ennis, MT. Marcia also has six grandchildren, ranging in ages from 15 to one year old.



Kyle Wright Selected as Shoshone National Forest Archeologist



Kyle Wright came to the Shoshone National Forest from Nashville, TN, where he worked for the Corps of Engineers, Nashville District, for the last eight years. Prior to the Corps, Kyle worked for the Bureau of Land Management in Missoula, MT, and the Huron-Manistee National Forest in Manistee, MI.

Kyle was born and raised in the frozen corn tundra of Iowa in the town of Waukee. He completed his undergraduate degree at Iowa State University and graduate school at the University of Montana. His thesis material was from fieldwork conducted at the South Paint Rock Chert Quarries in the Bighorn National Forest.

“I am very happy to be back out West, in the Mountains and especially at the Shoshone National Forest,” said Wright. “I feel extremely honored to be working in such venerable and old forest. I look forward to working with forest employees, Native American tribes, Local Interest Groups, State and Federal agencies, and the general public to preserve, protect, and represent the abundant and amazing cultural resources found within the borders of the Shoshone NF.”



New Faces Along the Trail:

Casselli Named to Lead at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center

Elizabeth Casselli was recently selected as the new director for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center (LCIC) in Great Falls, MT. Elizabeth had been serving as the interim director for the LCIC since this past September. Elizabeth had stepped in with a commitment to serve until a permanent replacement was selected following the retirement of long-standing director Jane Weber. Throughout the winter, the Lewis and Clark National Forest went through the outreach and hiring process to find a new leader for the LCIC.

Elizabeth brings local roots and extensive experience on other National Forests as well as some diverse work experience on the Lewis and Clark National Forest. After graduating from Stanford High School, Elizabeth attended college in Powell, WY, and Montana State University in Bozeman where she earned her degree. She began her Forest Service career in 1989 and has held long-term positions on the Bitterroot, Flathead, and Lolo National Forests as well as short-term details in the Region-1 regional office, the North Dakota Grasslands, and the Helena, Custer, and Chugach National Forests. Throughout the past 15 years Elizabeth has served in roles demanding an increasing level of responsibility in the management recreation programs. "I have been very fortunate in my Forest Service career to have held positions that allowed me to develop my leadership, interpersonal, and organizational skills." Elizabeth said.



Elizabeth joined the Lewis & Clark National Forest Staff in November 2008 to serve as the forest's recreation program manager and landscape architect. When the need developed for an interim director at the interpretive center, Elizabeth enthusiastically volunteered to fill that need, as she has done in the past on other short-term assignments when her skills were needed to fill a void. "This center is a really special place with tremendous and dedicated Forest Service staff, volunteers, partners, and community support. To be selected to lead these folks in continuing to grow the LCIC's legacy of education and community outreach is a tremendous honor." Elizabeth said.

Glacier Interpretive Association Welcomes Lisa Smith to Big Hole National Battlefield

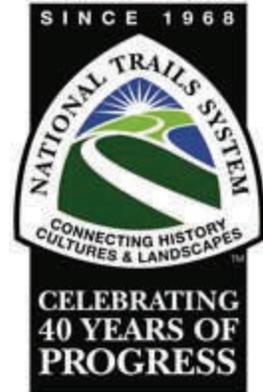
Lisa Smith moved from Washington state to the Big Hole valley in 1998. Her husband is a ranch manager for a grazing association, and she has learned the various tasks that needed to be done on a cattle ranch. This was quite a change from her life in the "big city" and working in a medical microbiology lab. Lisa has worked at the local gas station, a hat shop, then for around 10 years at the local market.

She is enjoying her new position as sales associate with the Glacier Sales Association at the Big Hole National Battlefield. Lisa is busy learning a lot of history, working with a great team of people, and meeting the visitors that come here from all over the United States and the world.



New Faces In the National Trails Community: Laura White Named Administrator for the Arizona Trail.

As a third generation Arizonan, Laura White has deep roots in Arizona and worked on the Coronado National Forest for over 21 years prior to accepting the position of Arizona National Scenic Trail Administrator. She grew up in the southeastern part of the state, not far from the southern end of the Arizona Trail, and has always had a love and appreciation for nature and the outdoors.



Laura has a degree in Natural Resources Management from the University of Arizona and began her career in the range program on the Sierra Vista Ranger District. She continued in range, eventually becoming the District Range Staff. When an opportunity presented itself, she changed course and moved into the recreation program. She was the Forest Wilderness and Zone Trails Project Leader for several years and, most recently, was the forest's Travel Management Project Leader. Laura was also a member of the Coronado's Forest Plan Revision Team and occasionally works as a Fire Information Officer.

Laura continues to live in southeastern Arizona and is based in the Coronado National Forest Supervisor's Office in Tucson. She is thrilled and honored to have this opportunity to manage the Arizona Trail in cooperation with the many partners, agencies, and communities who support the Trail statewide.





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.

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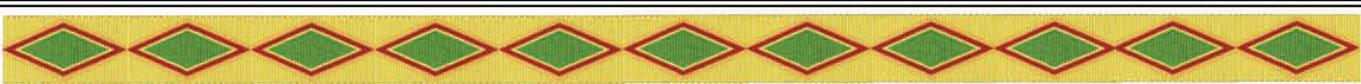
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