



# Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail *Progress Report* Summer 2016



## Administrator's Corner

Greetings,

A paradise for art lovers, photographers, history buffs, cultural explorers, and outdoor enthusiasts, the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) and accompanying Auto Tour Route is like nothing you've ever seen before. The Trail and culture blend together and come to life in numerous events and commemorations. The Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC) hosted the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chief Joseph Trail Ride July 18-22, 2016. This is a progressive ride. They ride some 25 miles per day as they follow the NPNHT about 100 miles each year. They complete the journey every 13 years. The trip came to an accumulation of tradition at a special ceremony at Bear Paw Battlefield near Chinook, MT. I was told that the empty saddle ceremony carried out by the Nez Perce Appaloosa Horse Club as part of a Challenge Cost Share Agreement with the Trail Administration and various other partners was the largest ever witnessed. For more on this story see page 9.

In the spirit of the Olympics we have gold winners! This field season our partner, the Idaho Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Inc., under a Challenge Cost Share Agreement to accomplish trail work and recreational site work along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail and the NPNHT was once again a success. Chuck Raddon and his wife Penny have organized and led the Lolo Trail Work Week since 2009 with a team of 20-25 volunteers. This year they received a national award, the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Stewardship Award, for years of outstanding service. Read more about this on page 11.

Another "Gold" goes to The Clearwater Basin Youth Conservation Group (CBYCC) from Orofino consisting of three young people plus a field supervisor who came together on August 1-2 to continue work started a couple years ago to replace an older wooden post & pole fence along the interpretive trail located at the Kooskia National Fish Hatchery, Chief Looking Glass village site. For more on this story see page 7.

As summer winds down take the plunge and immerse yourself in the history and culture of this national treasure. Enjoy an unforgettable tour of one of many visitor centers/museums along the route. Enjoy a walk, or horse back trip, or experience the auto tour route, (RVing, Motorcycling, and bicycling). Just be sure to grab your camera and a lot of water during these hot summer days. Have a day or two? That's okay-a few key highlights will still make a big impact. Visit our website at [www.fs.usda.gov/npnht/](http://www.fs.usda.gov/npnht/) to get some ideas from our Auto Tour Brochures and our partner with the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Go Adventuring Brochure.

Join us by becoming a steward of the NPNHT and help us to carry on the words of Gifford Pinchot.

***Sandra Broncheau-McFarland,***  
Administrator, NPNHT

*"Our responsibility to the Nation is to be more than careful stewards of the land, we must be constant catalysts for positive change."*

~ Gifford Pinchot Circa 1900



U.S. Forest Service photo

L-R: Sandra Broncheau-McFarland, Administrator NPNHT, Aaron Mahr National Trails Intermountain Region, Superintendent, and Lindy Hatcher, Executive Director Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc., the National Historic Trail Workshop in Independence, MO, June 2016.



## Comprehensive Plan Update:

Chapters one and two for the revised Comprehensive Plan (CP) are still undergoing internal review by numerous staffs in the Washington Office of the U.S. Forest Service. This is very important because it will be the first Forest Service revised National Trail Comprehensive Plan that will fully meet the requirements of the National Trails System Act so there is a lot of scrutiny on what we are doing. So far the comments have all been very positive. The Comprehensive Plan Interdisciplinary Team has been hired to complete the Trail's Existing Condition report. They will be starting work with Julie Molzahn, CP Coordinator, at the beginning of September. They were funded for this first piece of the plan out of this year's funds and then next year's funding will be used to fund the NEPA part of the plan. We are looking at a draft CP the fall of 2017. We need the Rights-of-Way maps work discussed above completed on federal lands so the Team members have a definitive area to assess for the document.

**National Trails Rights-of-Way:** The National Trails System Act requires selection of the rights-of-way, as well as publication of notice in the Federal Register of availability of an appropriate map or description of the selected rights-of-way. Thus, selection of the rights-of-way connotes designation or identification of the rights-of-way apart from displaying it on a map. There is required timeframe in the statute for selection of a trail rights-of-way. The underlying rationale for the requirement to select the right-of-way is to let people know where the trail is located. The Forest Service needs to describe exactly where the trail is on the ground to implement cooperative agreements and land exchanges, administer the trail, provide for mineral withdrawals, and address other valid existing rights.

The National Forest units along the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail are completing their verification of the Trail's Centerline at this time. The Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be reviewing the maps this fall so that we can work with the Tribe, States, Counties, and private landowners starting next spring. On federal lands there will be some type of a designated trail centerline. There will be three types of lines on the maps; the Trail in the location that Congress intended, in areas where the Trail is on roads, will show as an interim Trail until the Trail can be relocated onto existing Trails or a Trail built, and a proposed Trail will be shown where the historical evidences show the Flight passed but no Trail tread exists at this time.

I will finish the last of the state government briefings within the month. I will meet with the Oregon and Washington Governor's Offices and a variety of state agencies, in late August, to introduce them to the Trail, the Trail's Comprehensive Plan, and Rights-of-Way development. Both Idaho and Wyoming have provided comments back to the staff on both the Comprehensive Plan and Rights-of-Way planning.

**Tribal Summit:** Northern Regional Forester Leanne Marten has approved a meeting of all 28 tribes connected to the Trail. We anticipate 150 attendees from tribal, federal, and state agencies. This Tribal Summit Meeting will be held in April, 2017, in the Pacific Northwest. Roger Peterson and I are both working with a Forest Service Enterprise Team to complete the requirement meetings management package which includes costs of the potential venue, travel for all attendees, salary costs for Forest Service attendees, potential facilitator costs, and some reimbursement costs for tribal members that may attend. This large portion of work is required for all federal agencies to ensure that we are being cost efficient in the development of meetings or trainings. The Washington Office of Tribal Relations and Recreation, Heritage, and Volunteer Management Staffs will be assisting in the development of the Summit along with the Regional Tribal Relations Officers. I am the lead person for this work.

Julie Molzahn, CP Revision Coordinator, NPNHT



## Southwest Montana Land Purchase Protects History and Enhances Wildlife Habitat

Last month Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Supervisor Melany Glossa announced the acquisition of 320 acres of land in the Selway Creek drainage of Beaverhead County. These lands provide protection of a segment of the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail, conserve critical fish and wildlife habitat connectivity, and enhance recreational opportunities for the public.

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) partnered with the U.S. Forest Service and the Holland Ranch Company to secure the private inholding which includes the confluence of Selway Creek, Camp Creek, and Bloody Dick Creeks. “We are extremely thankful to Todd Holland and his family for their conservation ethic and for their continued dedication and patience through the purchase process,” said Dillon District Ranger Scot Shuler.

The presence of lynx and wolverine has been documented in this area. The landscape serves as an important corridor for wildlife, including elk, mule deer, moose, and black bear movement between the Continental Divide and Big Hole and Horse Prairie valleys.

Pronghorn antelope travel seasonally between this area and Henrys Lake. The Holland Ranch purchase includes 2.5 miles of steams with wetland and riparian habitat. It complements the 2007 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Selway Valley Preserve purchase where fishery enhancement projects are underway.

The acquisition protects a quarter mile High Potential Route Segment of the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail, an important cultural and historical feature. The Trail stretches more than 1,170 miles from Wallowa Lake in Oregon to the Bear Paw Battlefield near Chinook, MT. The preservation and commemoration of the route of the Nez Perce flight ensures the history and heritage marked by this Trail is preserved.

Following the bloody battle at Big Hole the Niimíipuu (Nez Perce) families hastily buried their dead and, lead by Chief Hotóoto or Lean Elk (also known as Poker Joe), hurried south from the Big Hole Valley. The wounded suffered and several died along this section of the Trail.

Nez Perce warrior Qóoqox Siyéekun (Raven Spy) described the travel though this area in mid-August of 1877. “Every day was struggling. Fighting and hurrying on. Faint for food; tired with the hard traveling. Many difficulties I cannot explain. Little children, some of them wounded. Women dying of wounds on the trail. Men left to die or be killed by the soldiers and scouts because they were too old to travel further, or shot too badly to ride.”

Through a partnership with the High Divide Collaborative Landscape Project (CLP), the U.S. Forest Service received LWCF appropriations as well as wide support to help complete this project. The High Divide Collaborative is a partnership of public land management agencies, state wildlife agencies, landowners, local community leaders, scientists, and conservation groups working together to protect landscape integrity, protect wildlife habitat, and increase recreational opportunities. The High Divide CLP encompasses the Continental Divide along the Idaho-Montana state line and provides habitat and landscape connectivity between Greater Yellowstone west to the Sawtooth National Recreation Area in Idaho. Through the partnership, successful projects such as the Holland Ranch purchase receive continued support and recognition.

“We are pleased that this property, which holds the footsteps of the Niimíipuu people, is now in the public trust for future generations to visit and reflect on the history and culture of all Americans,” said Regional Forester for the Northern Region Leanne Marten.

Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, NPNHT, Leona Rodreick Public Affairs Officer, and Janne Joy Realty Specialist



Holland Ranch Company Property in Southwest Montana

Leona Rodreick, U.S. Forest Service photo



## Updated Nez Perce National Historic Trail Map Now Available

An updated map of the Nez Perce ([Nee-Me-Poo](#)) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) is now available for sale at locations across the Pacific Northwest and Intermountain regions. This map, with an improved color scheme, provides visitors with details on a number of locations along the 1,170 mile Trail, which was designated as a National Historic Trail by Congress in 1986.

The map, which was produced on a “plastic paper,” sells for \$10 at Forest Service and National Park Service offices, local museums, and online through Discover Your Northwest, the National Forest Store and the USGS Store.

One side of the map provides visitors with an overview of the entire Trail, including information on modern day travel routes and sites to visit along the Trail.

The reverse side of the map gives a glimpse back in time and shows how the region looked in 1877. This side, done in shaded relief, not only shows the route followed by the Nez Perce people during the 1877 war and flight, but also shows the boundaries of land traditionally used by the Nez Perce and the subsequent changes brought about by the treaties of 1855 and 1863. This side of the map includes the routes used by the U.S. Army in its pursuit of the non-treaty Nez Perce during the summer of 1877. One will find information about existing travel routes in the region in 1877, missions and stage stations of the era.

“This route was used in its entirety only once. However, component trails and roads that made up the route bore generations of use prior to and after the 1877 flight of the non-treaty Nez Perce,” said Trail Administrator Sandra Broncheau-McFarland. “The Trail is sacred ground to many people and we hope this map will enhance the experience of those visiting this region and encourage them to learn more about all facets of the Trail.”

The map also shows the exile of the non-treaty Nez Perce to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and Indian Territory in Oklahoma along with the story of Chief Redheart’s band and others, who were captured and held captive at Fort Vancouver in Washington Territory until the spring of 1878. Information is included about the nearly 300 Nez Perce who fled the Bears Paw Battle and made their way north to Canada.

Their desperate and circuitous route as they tried to escape the pursuing military forces is now called the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail.

“Staff from the U.S. Forest Service’s Northern Region cartography group and NPNHT staff spent many hours ensuring the historic accuracy of this map,” said Ray Backstrom, Supervisory Cartographer. “We wanted to make sure that this map would not only give visitors to the Trail a view of this region in 1877, but that it could also serve as an educational tool for those studying this significant event in western history.”

Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, NPNHT



# Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail Displays Greet Thousands of Visitors



Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service photo

This summer a number of displays about the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) are greeting visitors throughout the Western United States.

At the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) State Office in Boise, ID, a very nice lobby display was created by Supervisory Contact Representative Nancy Pippin. Nancy exhibited the creative side possessed by many “frontline” of our Federal partners. She took a number of NPNHT created products and created an outstanding lobby display which has exposed hundreds of visitors to the NPNHT story. Thanks Nancy for your great work!!

Also this summer, all of the NPNHT’s existing traveling displays are being utilized at a number of locations.

One set of displays greets visitors in the lobby of the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests office in Orofino, ID.

NPNHT displays also greeted visitors at the Lolo Pass Visitor Center from late June to mid-July.

NPNHT Public Affairs Specialist Roger Peterson, working with the Amtrak Marketing department and the National Amtrak Rails and Trails Coordinator, secured hosting locations along the route of the Amtrak

NPNHT display at the Havre, MT, Amtrak Station

Builder in Havre, MT, Minot, ND, and Williston, ND, where train passengers who have extended stops at these stations, can view the displays within the station. This exposes thousands of travelers to the story of the NPNHT.

At the BLM National Historic Trail Interpretive Center the newest in the NPNHT series of traveling displays, which were featured in the Spring 2016 Progress Report, are taking center stage as part of a larger exhibit at the center, *Historic Trails Connect Our Lives*, which uses multicolored, shaded relief maps of the Mormon Pioneer, Oregon, California and Pony



Photo Courtesy of the BLM

NPNHT information at the BLM National Historic Trails interpretive Center, Casper, WY

Express National Historic Trails. The exhibit will also feature the NPNHT This showing will exposed thousands more to the NPNHT. The Interpretive Center staff is also distributing the full complement of NPNHT brochures to visitors.

This displays will be available for viewing into the month of September. Amtrak will have them up through most of September.

Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, NPNHT



Photo Courtesy of the BLM

NPNHT information at the BLM Idaho State Office, Boise, ID



## Next Installment in Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail Postcard Series Released



Piropyóot'alikt (Peo Peo Tholekt - Bird Alighting)

The staff on the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) is happy to announce the next cards in our postcard series.

These postcards feature several historical figures whose lives were impacted by the events of 1877. They include Waaya-Tonah-Toesits-Kahn (Jackson Sundown), Piropyóot'alikt (Peo Peo Tholekt - Bird Alighting), Colonel Samuel Davis Sturgis, and Charles Erskine Scott Wood who served as General Oliver Otis Howard's aide-de-camp in 1877.

Special thanks goes to the staff of [Washington State University Special Collections](#), [Huntington Library](#), [Nez Perce National Historical Park](#), and the Library of Congress for their assistance with this project. Thanks also to Donna Sullenger with the Center for Interpretation and Design for the layout of the cards.

These postcards are intended for free distribution for educational purposes to

help raise awareness of the importance of the NPNHT. Our staff is busy distributing them so they should be available at many locations along the NPNHT in the coming weeks.

If you are a partner of the NPNHT and once you received and have exhausted your initial supply if you would like additional copies of these postcards please contact us at: [npnht@fs.fed.us](mailto:npnht@fs.fed.us) or Roger Peterson, NPNHT, Public Affairs Specialist, at 406-329-3540 or [mpeterson@fs.fed.us](mailto:mpeterson@fs.fed.us).



Charles Erskine Scott Wood

Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, NPNHT



Left: Colonel Samuel Davis Sturgis

Right: Waaya-Tonah-Toesits-Kahn (Jackson Sundown)



## Youth Corps Enhances Visitor Experience Along the Trail

The Clearwater Basin Collaborative is an unprecedented partnership between the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests, Idaho Department of Labor, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Park Service, and other partners. The program for the Clearwater Basin Youth Conservation Corps (CBYCC) was built on the familiar Youth Conservation Corps program.

The program is designed to provide employment and training opportunities for youth. This year the USDA Forest Service Northern Region NPNHT Administration enjoyed working with Daniel Fleming, who served as crew leader for the Orofino-based crew. Crew members are between 16 to 18 years of age and included Hannah Kellar, Jesilyn Hudson, Jonathan Kasperson, and Monet Haines-Gardner.

Many people benefited from work performed by the Orofino and Pierce crews, who have spruced up popular recreation sites including Lolo Creek, Rocky Ridge Lake located on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests, along the NPNHT; maintained a pollinator garden at Musselshell Meadows near the NPNHT trailhead; and pruned and provided basic maintenance on segments of the Lolo Motorway (500 Road) on the NPNHT Auto Tour Route. They spent a week working at Nez Perce National Historical Park (NEPE) Heart of the Monster site where they cleared brush and identified and mapped weeds.

Rounding out the work accomplished to date the CBYCC engaged in a team effort working along-side Caleb Oatman and Fletcher Penney, Nez Perce tribal youth. This program was sponsored by the National Kooskia Fish Hatchery under the supervision of Kent Hills, Kooskia Fish Hatchery Manager. The project included brushing, pruning lower branches, and prepping the site to remove and replace a rustic wooden post and pole fence that delineates the Looking Glass Camp site located on the hatchery's grounds two miles east of Kooskia, Idaho.

The Looking Glass Camp is a component site for both the NEPE and the NPNHT Administration. The site commemorates the unprovoked army attack that brought the Looking Glass band into the 1877 conflict between the U.S. government and the Nez Perce. The crew learned about the NPNHT, the cultural significance, and historic values of the site. We also discussed outdoor ethics including Tread Lightly! principals.

Sandra Broncheau-McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT



Sandra Broncheau-McFarland, U.S. Forest Service Photo

Improving the fence at the Looking Glass Village.

### Please Make a Note

The Missoula office for the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail  
Has relocated to Historic Fort Missoula.

The new address is:

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*Our phone numbers and e-mails will remain the same.*



## National Historic Trails Workshop

The 2016 National Historic Trails Workshop was held June 6-10, 2016, in Independence, MO, and jointly hosted by the Kansas City Area Historic Trails Association, Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, National Pony Express Association, Oregon-California Trails Association, and Santa Fe Trail Association.

Themes and topics were focused on capacity building, trail resources and preservation, and technology and innovation. I would like to touch on a few gems I returned home with to share. I learned the importance of finding partners who can assist with developing trail communities throughout the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) and Auto Tour Route to provide a better understanding of the value of historic resources to youth and local communities along the route. Topics centered on developing political and economic relations to be cost-effective in managing the trail through collaborative partnerships between government and state agencies and citizen volunteers.

A couple of tours were connected to the workshop in the Kansas City area. The purpose was to see and learn as much as we could about the 3-Trails Corridor. Attention was focused on Santa Fe, Oregon, and California National Historic Trails (NHTs). Of the 19 NHTs, as designated by Congress, four trails course through the Kansa City Area, including the Lewis and Clark NHT.

These mobile workshop tours provided us substantial information as we work to revise the NPNHT CP and define a Rights-of -Way (ROW). They defined the “original route” and a “Local route.” These were identified with directional signs where one could hike on existing sidewalks, and through city parks. In addition, there were dozens of wayside exhibits in place. By utilizing existing sidewalks and city parks there is no need to build a trail and it is already maintained. It also provided a platform for collaboration in securing funds for necessary interpretation.

One evening we were invited to Mallison Vineyard and Hall, Sugar Creek, MO, where we were treated to nine historic reenactments. These “living historians” brought to life a number of historical characters. My take away was to compare and contrast what we currently offer and what we should be looking for in first personal portrayals and characterizations as we can continue to grow our cast members for reenactments. The quality of speakers, site visits, and opportunity to see what four trails are doing all deserve a big thank you from me for a well-rounded workshop.

Sandra Broncheau-McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT



Sandra Broncheau-McFarland, U.S. Forest Service Photo

L-R: Gary Werner, Partnership for the National Trails System, Executive Director, Bette Zimmerman, Tricia Taylor, Jim Zimmerman, and Matt Nowak with the Nez Perce Trail Foundation, sharing a meal at the National Historic Trails Workshop.





# Chief Joseph Trail Riders Share History in Central Montana

Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service photo



A NPAPHC member in full regalia at the Bear Paw Battlefield

For more than 50 years members of the National Appaloosa Horse Club and the Nez Perce Appaloosa Horse Club (NPAPHC) have been riding the route of the 1877 war and flight of the Nez Perce. Members of these groups were instrumental in the establishment of the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) which was authorized by a Congressional Act 30 years ago on October 6, 1986.

The Chief Joseph Trail Ride (CJTR) traces the entire flight route during a period of 13 years. Individuals ride a 100 mile section of the trail each year as part of this organized event.

Recently riders completed a 13 year “cycle” riding into the Bear Paw Battlefield near Chinook, MT, on July 22.

This year as part of a Challenge Cost Share agreement with the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail the NPAPHC coordinated a series of programs, especially for youth, as part of the CJTR. As part of the ride, which started just north of the Missouri River and ended with a memorial parade and a Nez Perce ceremony (including an empty saddle) at the Bear Paw Battlefield. The empty saddle at Bear Paw this year was one of the largest ever

witnessed with more than 300 people present. As part of the NPAPHC’s program youth, their families, horses, Tribal historians, speakers, and a drum were all present to honor the memory of the Niimiipuu and their horses who either died along the Trail or were with Chief Joseph when he relinquished the rifle at Snake Creek near the Bears Paw Mountains on October 5, 1877. Through this effort the NPAPHC provided educational and cultural programs to CJTR participants, (more than 250), and informed and involved the Niimiipuu and public with the Trail. It promoted awareness for the need of good stewardship of sacred sites, plants, and other cultural aspects.



Youth riders prepare their horses for the ride into the Bear Paw Battlefield on July 22, 2016.

Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service photo

Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service photo



During the five days of the CJTR in mid-July riders encountered a variety of challenging weather conditions but persevered. In the evening following dinner presentations about the NPNHT were given by Otis Halfmoon, retired National Park Service, and respected Nez Perce Historian, and Jim Magera with the National Park Service from the Bear Paw Battlefield.

I had the pleasure of visiting with many of the riders and members of the NPAPHC and the Chief Joseph Foundation. I also retraced the Adventurous portion of Auto Tour Route 8 between Winifred, MT, and Cleveland, MT, including crossing the Missouri River (*photo left*) at the McClelland-Stafford Ferry which has been transporting travelers across the Mighty Missouri since 1921. This was a great opportunity to “ground truth” the route in the brochure, which I am happy to say is 99.9% accurate. The 1/10<sup>th</sup> of one percent will be fixed in the next printing! This portion of the

NPNHT Auto Tour route provides visitors with some stunning scenery.

In 2017 the CJTR will start another 13 year “cycle” in the Wallowa Valley of northeastern Oregon. I know participants are already planning for their next visit to the Bear Paw Battlefield in 2029.

Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, NPNHT



## "Legend and Legacy: Jackson Sundown and Happy Canyon A Century Later"

National Park Service photo, courtesy of Nez Perce National Historical Park



Jackson Sundown, guarded the horses during the 1877 war and flight

A new exhibit will open soon at the Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute in Pendleton, OR. "Legend and Legacy: Jackson Sundown and Happy Canyon A Century Later" debuts on Saturday, September 2, 2016. The opening day is free of charge to the public.

This year marks the official 100th anniversary of the Happy Canyon pageant, a nightly show presented during the Pendleton Round-Up each year. Roy Raley, the Pendleton Round-Up's first president, believed that the community and visitors attending the Round-Up needed first-class community entertainment for their evenings. Working with local Tribal members and historians, Raley wrote the script for Happy Canyon, planned the scenery, and directed the first pageants. Today's pageant begins with the portrayal of the early American Indian culture. Emigrants, seeking a new life, come to the frontier and soon the two cultures clash.

Fighting breaks out, then peace comes, and the scene changes to that of a wild frontier town. The show ends with a patriotic flourish that is unique and not seen anywhere else.

It is also the anniversary of the famous 1916 saddle bronc ride of Jackson Sundown for which he won the World Title in the Saddle Bronc Championship at the Pendleton Round-Up (*photo right*). Jackson, a well known horseman and a Nez Perce Tribal member, was a crowd favorite with his big sombrero and his hair in braids tied under his chin held in place with a handkerchief (*see photo above*), with bright colored shirt, and angora chaps. In 1911, Sundown made the Saddle Bronc Finals for the World Championship at the Pendleton Round-Up, which ended in controversy and protest. He competed against George Fletcher, an African American, and John Spain, a European American. In 1915, Sundown made the Saddle Bronc Finals for the World Championship at the Pendleton Round-Up, and again placed third. A friend paid his entry fee and convinced him to ride again in 1916 where he ultimately won the world championship over two European American cowboys.

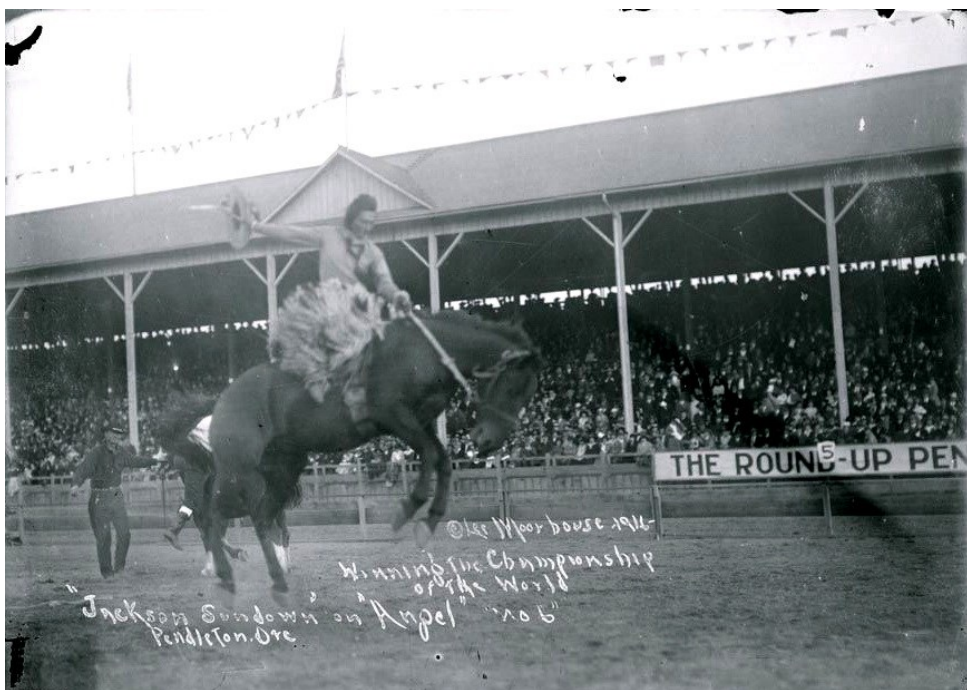


Photo Courtesy of the Moorhouse Collection University of Oregon

The exhibition, created and curated by staff, historians, and collectors, includes artifacts, photos, and written stories. Visitors will learn about the history of the Happy Canyon Pageant and the Umatilla Confederated Tribes' participation in its story and presentation as well as the championship ride of Jackson Sundown.

The exhibit will be open through October 29, 2016. For more information, go to [www.tamastslíkt.org](http://www.tamastslíkt.org)

By the Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute



## Chuck and Penny Raddon Receive National Lewis and Clark Award

The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation recently announced that Chuck and Penny Raddon of Orofino, ID, were recently selected for the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation's Trail Stewardship Award.

Since 2009, Chuck and Penny Raddon have organized and led a Lolo Trail Work Week with a team of 20-25 volunteers to maintain the 500 Road (Lolo Motorway) part of the Lewis and Clark and Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trails in Idaho. They secured funding from various state and local partners, including the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail.

Chuck and Penny worked with the U.S. Forest Service to identify areas of the trail most in need of maintenance. Chuck led teams in the field while Penny planned meals and "womanned" the cook tent (see photo on right). Each evening, Chuck related specific areas of the Trail to the Lewis and Clark journal entry of the day (Moulton edition). One day was devoted to an educational field trip for volunteers. Lindy Hatcher, Lewis and Clark Heritage Foundation Awards Committee Chair and Executive Director, stated, "For their outstanding and continuous work to maintain a rugged and beautiful 50-mile segment of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (LCNHT), we are proud to present Chuck and Penny Raddon with the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation's Trail Stewardship Award."

### About the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (LCTHF) was incorporated in 1969 to preserve the Lewis and Clark Expedition story. Their mission is to preserve, promote, and teach the diverse heritage of Lewis and Clark for the benefit of all people. With the help of members, chapters, and partners, we provide national non-profit leadership in maintaining the integrity of the 3,700-mile Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. We promote the trail and the Lewis and Clark story through stewardship, scholarship, education, partnership, and cultural inclusiveness. Visit [www.lewisandclark.org](http://www.lewisandclark.org) for more information about our organization, programs, grants available, and the variety of awards we offer and present each year.

For more information on the LCTHF Trail Stewardship Award or to schedule an interview, please contact Lindy Hatcher at [lindy@lewisandclark.org](mailto:lindy@lewisandclark.org).

Lindy Hatcher, Executive Director, Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc.

### UPCOMING Events:



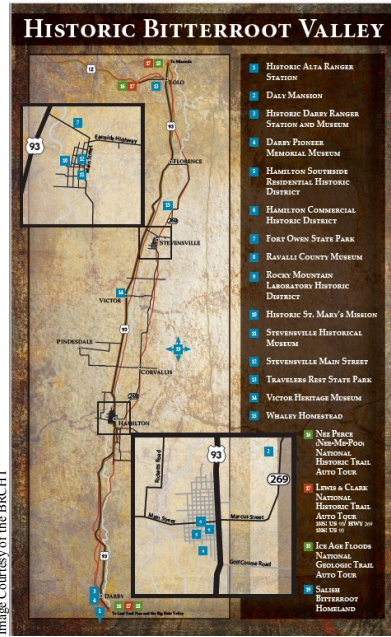
- August 25, 2016 — National Park Service 100th Birthday - Special Presentation by Otis Halfmoon at Big Hole Battlefield Wisdom, MT
- September 24, 2016 — National Public Lands Day (fees waived at National Public Lands Agencies)
- October 1, 2016 — Bear Paw Memorial, Chinook, MT
- October 6, 2016 — **30th Anniversary of the Congressional Authorization establishing the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail**
- October 14-16, 2016 — Hiitem Waq'iswit Pow Wow, Lapwai, ID
- November 2016 — Native American Heritage Month
- November 4-5, 2016 — Veterans Day Pow Wow, Nespelam, WA
- November 11, 2016 — Veterans Day Weekend (fees waived at National Public Lands Agencies)
- November 18-19, 2016 — Young Nations Pow Wow, Lapwai, ID



Chuck Raddon (left) working on the Trails.



# Historic Bitterroot Valley Map and Guide



The Bitter Root Cultural Heritage Trust (BRCHT), a valued Challenge Cost Share partner with the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT), works to engage residents and visitors to the Bitterroot Valley in appreciating its many-faceted historic landscape. A key interest of the BRCHT board is to support and stimulate collaboration among cultural heritage venues – working together.

The Map and Guide was actually inspired by the NPNHT tear-off maps. “Seeing the NPNHT maps was an ‘ah-ha’ moment for us. We confess straight up, we only borrow ideas from the best! It was probably the convenient tear-off format but the minute I saw it, I knew what we needed to do for our Valley,” says Kris Komar, BRCHT President. The front of the sheet is the map which includes the Nez Perce National Historic Trail, among others. The back offers a bit of text for each site including web and contact information. Of course, we guide folks to the Ravalli County Museum where they can pick up the NPNHT Auto Tour guides, see where they will be able to see a new Nez Perce Exhibit starting in the spring of 2017, and purchase books about the Trail.

The Map & Guide has been produced for two years now and is distributed to each participating site as well as to visitor contact points throughout the Valley and Region: hotels, Chambers of Commerce, Main Street Offices, Visitor Centers, and other places that enjoy sharing information about our area.

“Beyond the practicality of the map for guests and its value as a marketing effort for sites, seeing our history laid out in an integrated fashion helps us see how we relate to each other and the importance of cross marketing and collaboration,” says Kris. “It takes a village to steward and share the stories of special places throughout our valley.”

Map and Guide are available to download at [www.brcht.org](http://www.brcht.org).

Kristine Komar, President, Bitter Root Cultural Heritage Trust



## Be Safe in Your 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>

**Also check weather reports and call ahead for road conditions at 511.**

**There are links to a number of [webcams](#) from the NPNHT website.**

**The NPNHT Auto Tour Route includes a variety of road surfaces (paved, gravel, and dirt). Please be sure to consult a map before embarking on your NPNHT trip.**

*Many locations along all Auto Tour routes may not have cell phone coverage.*

**Remember to: Pay attention to wildlife awareness signs along roadways and always drive the posted speed limit.**



# News From the Nez Perce Trail Foundation



As I write this Nez Perce Trail Foundation (NPTF) update, Karen Heagen (Secretary NPTF) and Duane Heglie (board member) are once again leading the annual Nez Perce Summer Trail Tour. This year's tour will include the entire recognized Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) starting during the Tamkaliks Celebration in Wallowa, OR, and will conclude at the Bear Paw Battlefield in Montana. The primary purpose of this annual event is to assist the NPNHT Administration to meet its goals to educate the public about the importance of this congressionally designated trail by providing a service that the Trail administration cannot accomplish with their limited staff. This educational event is a

guided camping car tour that visits numerous battle sites and other significant locations that are essential to understanding the tragic Nez Perce War of 1877. The tour has been broken down into two segments, with the first starting at Wallowa, OR, and ending with additional programs at the Big Hole National Battlefield in Montana. The second segment of the program goes from Yellowstone National Park to Bear Paw National Battlefield, located just south of Chinook, MT. Educators and historians alike, who have participated in this annual event, have expressed their appreciation for the content and value of this "on the ground" event. I would like to add that during this year's Tamkaliks Celebration at Wallowa, Karen Heagen chaired the Nez Perce Trail Foundation recognition event which honored Women Warriors of the Wallowa Band (descendants from the war of 1877). A fund raising effort was put together to purchase embroidered tote bags that were presented to each of the Wallowa Band descendants.

This past June, three members of the Nez Perce Trail Foundation attended the National Historic Trails Workshop that was held in Independence, KS, this past June. The conference was hosted by the Kansas City Area Historic Trails Association, Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, National Pony Express Association, Oregon-California Trails Association, and the Santa Fe Trail Association. Programs consisted of topics such as Methods of Trail protection, fundraising, and board development. A portion of the conference focused on current methodologies for identifying and mapping historic trail resources, including their importance and protection status. Prior to the start of the Workshop, Sandra Broncheau-McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT, and I traveled to Baxter Springs, KS, and met with Mr. Larry O'Neal who has been associated with the Baxter Springs Museum for a number of years. Larry has done extensive research on the plight of Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce who arrived at Baxter Springs by train and then made their way to encampment sites a short distance south in the Oklahoma territory. Larry drove us to various locations that were occupied by the Nez Perce before their eventual relocation just south of present day Ponca City, OK. Mr. O'Neal is a wealth of historical information which in turn has convinced me that I need to return to Baxter Springs as soon as possible. The significance of Baxter Springs, KS, and the locations in Oklahoma is undeniable. These locations are an important part of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail that have yet to be recognized as such. The Foundation will continue to work to see that the exile route, the Northwest return route, and the Canadian escape routes are included in the congressionally recognized Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail.



L-R NPTF members Tricia Taylor, Matt Nowak, and Jim Zimmerman at the National Historic Trails Workshop.



L-R: Karen Heagen and Jim Magera at the Bear Paw Battlefield Summer 2016 Tour.

Now that we have reached the half way point of 2016 I can honestly state that this year has already proven to be a very productive year for the Nez Perce Trail Foundation. I mentioned in my last newsletter that the Foundation was well underway in our effort to rebuild our financial position. With the help of our faithful and dedicated membership I can state with a great deal of pride that we have reached our financial objective. As a reminder, all membership dues are to be renewed at the first of each year. This will greatly improve and simplify our bookkeeping job. I might add that new membership brochures are in the process of design and hopefully will go to press soon. The Nez Perce Trail Foundation is also working with the NPNHT Administrator to assist in our taking over the Annual Nez Perce National Historic Trail Poster project. This will hopefully give the NPNHT staff more time to devote to the Administrative duties required of the Trail. The Nez Perce Trail Foundation Facebook numbers continue to grow at a steady rate and right now we have 675 "Likes." Visit our [Facebook page](#) and our website ([nezperctrail.net](http://nezperctrail.net)) when you have a free moment. Thanks for your support and together let's Preserve,

Protect, and Commemorate Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail.

Jim Zimmerman, President, Nez Perce Trail Foundation





## News From the National Park Service: Nez Perce National Historical Park and Big Hole National Battlefield

The following summarizes a few current activities at the two parks:

New museum exhibits are planned for the Spalding visitor center. Over the past year a Virginia-based contractor, The Design Minds, met at Spalding with park staff and tribal consultants to discuss exhibit goals, concepts, and themes. The goal is delivery of production-ready documents for fabrication and installation in late 2017 or 2018.

The Park's administrative officer, Chris Collins, accepted a promotion to Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. This vacancy has been advertised on USAJobs.gov and closes on July 22. Vacancy announcements were also posted on the federal employment website for one park ranger position to be hired each at Big Hole National Battlefield and at the Bear Paw battlefield near Chinook, MT.

Contracts will be let shortly for three major facility maintenance projects at Spalding: roof replacement on two shop and storage buildings and the park visitor center and window replacement in the visitor center lobby.

In conjunction with the centennial of the National Park Service, activities are being planned for the August 25 Founders Day observance at Spalding and at Big Hole. The park's traveling art show, which premiered last year at the Josephy Center in conjunction with the park's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, is now at Clearwater River Casino's culture walk hall. *Nuunimnix* ("our very own") features traditional and contemporary art and craft work by Nez Perce artists.

Four Youth Conservation Corps students have been hired at Spalding to assist staff and gain career exposure to NPS interpretation, maintenance, and natural resource management work.

Resources staff continues work in inventory and monitoring of camas, Spalding's catchfly, and other native species at Weippe Prairie and Big Hole, as well as conducting noxious weed management activities. Thus far a mild, wet season has postponed the onset of significant wildland fire in the vicinity of park sites.

Big Hole staff and cooperators have conducted a successful annual Coyote Camp and summer speaker series. At Spalding, interpreters conducted two educator workshops in support of the State of Washington's *Since Time Immemorial* school curriculum, which teaches Native American heritage from tribal perspectives. The workshops were in cooperation with Washington State University's college of education and with education specialists from the Nez Perce Tribe.

Mandi Wick Superintendent/Montana Unit Manager Big Hole National Battlefield and Scott Eckberg Idaho Unit Manager





# News From the Forest Service: Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest—Lolo Pass Visitor Center

Lolo Pass Visitor Center and Discover Your Northwest hosted the ninth annual Mountain to Meadow Fun Run in late June. This evening event featured a half-marathon, 10K, and 5K fun run. The theme of this year’s race was “howling with wolves.” The Wolf Recovery Center and the Montana Natural History Center were on site providing interpretive talks and information to participants. A total of 180 participants (as well as a number of four legged friends) took part in the event. The courses took participants past historically significant sites along the Nez Perce and Lewis and Clark National Historic Trails.

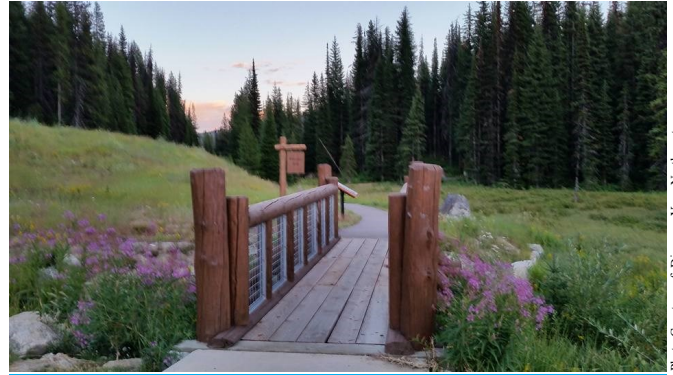


Photo Courtesy of Discover Your Northwest

Enjoy a short hike with wildflowers at Lolo Pass.

We have continued to add to the content available to Visitors on our digital kiosk at Lolo Pass. Visitors can now download all of the “Experience the Nez Perce Trail” guides as well as all of the Motor Vehicle Use Maps of the

Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest. Lolo Pass Visitor Center is very excited to be able to provide this service to our guests.

In July we also hosted a number of regional and national U.S. Forest Service leaders and provided them information about the Lolo Pass Visitor Center. For a couple of weeks leading up to their visit the Visitor Center hosted the new Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) Traveling displays which were well received by visitors.

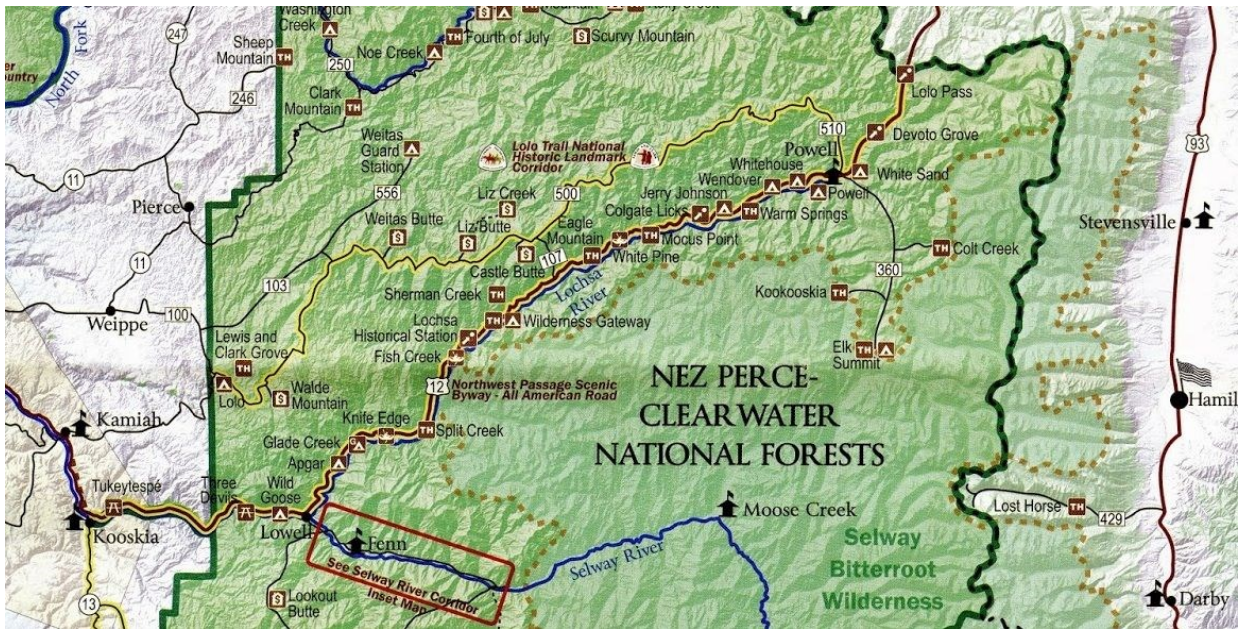
For more updates follow us on [Facebook](#).

Buffie Cerutti, Manager  
Lolo Pass Visitor Center  
Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests



Photo Courtesy of Discover Your Northwest

Try the New Digital Kiosk next time you are at Lolo Pass



U.S. Forest Service photo

Road 500 Lolo Motorway is currently open and clear all the way through! Time to hit the dirt roads and explore your National Forest! This is an Intrepid Nez Perce NHT [Auto Tour Route](#), be prepared. #itsallyours



## New Faces Along the Trail:

### Alexander Joins BLM Billings Field Office as Outdoor Recreation Planner



Jenny Alexander joined the Billings Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in January as the Outdoor Recreation Planner. She manages three Wilderness Study Areas, Sundance Lodge Recreation Area, Four Dances Natural Area, Acton Recreation Area, Shepherd Ah Nei OHV and Equestrian Area, and various dispersed sites. The Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail winds through two of these sites, and a section of the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail is also part the resources she manages.

Alexander is a native of Montana and holds a degree is in Recreation Resource Management from the University of Montana. While at UM she spent summers working as an interpretive ranger for the Tongass National Forest, Gates of the Arctic National Park, Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, and Pompeys Pillar National Monument. Before jumping in head first to a permanent position she spent two seasons working in Antarctica for Raytheon Polar Services. After her stint at the bottom of the world she took a position with the Montana Conservation Corps as their Regional Supervisor. The past decade she spent working as a Park Manager for Montana State Parks at Cooney State Park outside Billings.

Alexander feels extremely fortunate to have this opportunity to steward this public lands for the American Public.

Alexander and her husband Josh have two children ages 5 and 18 months old. Her family enjoys their time camping and introducing their children to a variety of outdoor activities.

### Kelsy Jo Engle New Information Specialist for the North Fork Ranger District



Kelsy Jo Engle recently joined the staff of the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests front line. Kelsy began her tour of duty at the North Fork Ranger Station on May 29.

Engle was born and raised in Orofino. She attended Orofino schools before moving to St. Maries, ID, in 2000. She graduated from St. Marie's High School in spring 2002 and returned to Orofino, ID, the following year.

Prior to accepting her new position with the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests, Engle enjoyed a successful career as a Correctional Officer and has worked at prisons and correctional institutions in Idaho and Florida. She also earned a degree in Paralegal Studies from Westwood College, Carlsbad, CA.

Engle married former Orofino resident Nathan Haag in 2001, they have a son, Axton, who was born in January 2016 and a ten-year-old son, Taytin Knoblich.

When she isn't mastering the finer points of Point of Sale System (POSS), tackling Timber Information Manager (TIM), or providing first-rate customer service, Engle enjoys spending time with her family, camping and bowling with her husband.

Engle says her favorite part of her new job is "learning about (my) hometown and the surrounding area more and more each day."





## Hockelberg Named Northern Region Land Adjustment Program Manager

U.S. Forest Service photo



Cindy Hockelberg recently accept the position of Land Adjustment Program Manager for the Northern Region of the US Forest Service. In this position Hockelberg will be responsible for purchases, rights-of-way, conveyances, exchanges and donations to the US Forest Service.

Hockelberg has worked in the Forest Service for almost thirty years – all of it until this point in time across several different National Forests and Grasslands, including the Arapaho-Roosevelt, Pike San Isabel, White River, Medicine Bow, Routt, San Juan, Black Hills National Forests, and the Nebraska National Forest and Grasslands.

Hockelberg has always worked at a District or Supervisor’s Office until taking on the Lands Adjustment position. She will be working out of the Recreation, Minerals, Land, Heritage and Wilderness Staff location at the Regional Office at Fort Missoula in Missoula, MT. “I am excited to be here and am very passionate about the

public lands and think our National Forests and Grasslands are such a great gift to our future generations. I love land adjustments – trying to improve our landownership patterns and provide public access,” said Hockelberg “I am happy to be here in the Region and look forward to getting to know all the areas, both professionally through work and on my own time.”

Hockelberg’s hobbies include hiking, camping, fishing, backpacking or just sitting by a beautiful lake reading a book. She enjoys exploring with her trusty hiking companion - Nellie an eight year old blue heeler who has been hiking with me since she was six weeks old.



## The National Trails Collaborative Landscape Update

Fiscal Year 2015 Funds were received for the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) by Upper Snake Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for Collaborative Trails work. The Nicholia Ranch CE encompasses 1,453 acres, valued at \$1,592,488 and is located in the Birch Creek Valley near Leadore, ID. This project was submitted in 2017, but not funded. Our office will utilize FY2015 (Diamond D) Trails Collaborative funds for this project because the owners backed out of the purchase agreement.

The NPNHT and Upper Snake BLM 2018 Collaborative Trails Funding LWCF submissions are as follows:

- Kooch/Orme: 1,100-1,130 acres, \$1,695,000. The property is adjacent to The Nature Conservancy's Flat Ranch in the Henry's Lake area below the outlet. This property is on the CLP submission so it can be vetted. Our office will utilize FY2015 (Diamond D) Trails Collaborative funds for this project.
- Woodie Ranch: 1375 acres, \$1,507,000. Birch Creek Valley. This project was submitted in 2017, but not funded.
- Rasmussen: 50 acres, \$200,000. Adjacent to Henrys Lake Outlet
- The Carol Rasmussen Property is located at the Henrys Lake outlet in Island Park, ID. It is in close proximity to lands managed by BLM, USFS lands, and Henrys Lake State Park in Fremont County, Idaho. The property is located within the BLM’s Henrys Lake Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and consists of approximately 50 acres of grazed land, stands of aspen and riverfront. Henry’s Lake forms the western boundary line of the Property.
- Fangsrud: 100 acres, \$400,000. Adjacent to Henrys Lake Outlet. The property is located on both sides of the Henrys Lake outlet, adjoins State of Idaho lands, the Caribou-Targhee National Forest, and the Carol Rasmussen property described above. The property is primarily used for cattle grazing and personal recreation.

These were submitted for Land and Water Conservation Funding consideration for the President’s 2017 Budget. If you would like to know more about these parcels please contact Julie Molzahn.

Julie Molzahn, CP Revision Coordinator, NPNHT



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## Summer Along the Nez Perce National Historic Trail



Chief Joseph Trail Ride completes another 13 year ride. Arriving at the Bear Paw Battlefield on July 22, 2016. *Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service photo*



The McClelland-Stafford Ferry north of Winifred, MT, has been operating a crossing of the Missouri River since 1921. *Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service photo*



Bear Paw Battlefield Sunrise  
*Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service photo*



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