



Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail *Progress Report* Winter 2014



Administrator's Corner

Greetings,

During the last year the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT), has not only endured, but grown with activities, including opening new trail segments and producing new interpretive, and educational materials. NPNHT staff continue to be effective in providing protection, interpretation, education, and stewardship along the Trail.

As the Administrator of the NPNHT, I have the opportunity to see the Trail and its mission and goals from many vantages. In all our Trail endeavors, there has been a constant factor, the priority has and will always be to embrace what is best for the Trail. That is our ultimate concern. Related to that are the efforts to protect and tell the Trail story in an accurate and sensitive manner throughout all interpretive and education outreach.

This endeavor is a great responsibility and a task that we are all striving to fulfill. We have many ways to bring about what is expected of us. These means are granted to us by wisdom, foresight, and direction from the tribes, partners, and Trail users to cultivate stewardship through understanding by connecting people with the NPNHT.

While looking back over the last year, I couldn't help but look to the future. A host of new challenges await us as we enter into the New Year. These challenges include, troubling budgets, the threats of energy development, and loss of high priority trail segments.

One could easily be discouraged, but we have found strength through the dedication, conviction, and resourcefulness of the people who are friends of the NPNHT and our partners.

With a solid foundation of cultural wisdom, a high level of professionalism, a desire to honor the Trail, and a deeply rooted concern of people working toward these goals, the NPNHT will continue to succeed.

I want to take a moment as I reflect on the past year and thank you for your continued support. Thank you for your work to make a difference while renewing body and spirit, inspiring passion for the Trail. Please continue your efforts to keep us all energized to advance the mission and goals of the NPNHT.

Sandi McFarland,
Administrator, NPNHT

*"The vast possibilities of our great future will become realities only
if we make ourselves responsible for that future."*

~ Aldo Leopold



L-R: Sandi McFarland and Lindy Hatcher, Executive Director Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, at the National Scenic and Historic Trails Conference held recently in Arizona.



Parcels Along the Nez Perce National Historic Trail Proposed for Land and Water Conservation Funding

The NPNHT potential 2014 Land and Water Conservation Funding (LWCF) land parcels for acquisition were included in the President's Proposed 2014 Federal Budget. We have just learned that the 2014 Federal Budget passed by Congress did not include any of the national trails parcels. We will resubmit these parcels at a later date.

The NPNHT 2015 LWCF parcels are tentatively listed as part of the President's 2015 Budget being submitted to Congress in February 2014. It is unclear if the two year budget passed by Congress addresses the 2015 LWCF submissions since this request has not been provided to Congress at this time.

We are starting the process to develop the 2016 LWCF proposal. However, at the end of fiscal year 2015 the current authorization for LWCF ends so Congress needs to develop legislation to continue this critical work to preserve and protect lands for future public use.

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) has requested to join the National Trails groups in developing LWCF acquisitions that protect both elk habitat and trails. The NPNHT staff is working with the RMEF on the 2015 LWCF proposal for the Holland parcel south of Wisdom, MT. In 2016, we will be working with RMEF on looking at parcels in the Missouri River Breaks National Monument area and the Beaverhead Deerlodge National Forest. If you know of potential parcels along the NPNHT please contact NPNHT staff member Julie Molzahn, at jmolzahn@fs.fed.us or 406-826-4352.

The areas pictured, on the right, are part of the Henry's Lake 2015 Proposal.



Images courtesy of Bureau of Land Management, Upper Snake Field Office

Julie Molzahn
CMP Revision Coordinator, NPNHT

Comprehensive Management Plan Revision Update

The Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) Revision Coordinator Julie Molzahn is working with our contractor to complete their contracted work tasks by this spring. A newsletter is being developed by our contractor explaining how the public and tribal comments from our workshops have been used. This newsletter will be distributed in the next couple of months.

The tentative plan is to start the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for revising the CMP with the release of the Federal Notice of Intent (NOI) this summer. The release of the NOI will start an initial 45 day official scoping period for the CMP revision. During this 45 day period, the NPNHT staff will be traveling the length of the NPNHT conducting public scoping meetings. At the same time we will also be meeting with tribal governments.

We will be providing additional information via our CMP mailing lists and the NPNHT website regarding all our scoping meetings well in advance.

If you wish to be added to our mailing list or e-mail list please contact Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, NPNHT, at rmpeterson@fs.fed.us or 406-329-3540.

Julie Molzahn
CMP Revision Coordinator, NPNHT



2013 National Scenic and Historic Trails Conference

A great experience was had by all those who attended the 14th Conference on National Scenic and Historic Trails in Tucson, AZ, November 3rd – 6th, 2013. The Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS) chose a conference theme of “Weaving the Tapestry of America’s Cultures, Histories, and Landscapes.” Conference Topic Strands included: Telling our Stories and Engaging New Partners, Preserving Special Places, Protecting the Tapestry of the Land, and Strengthening our Trail Organizations and Our Trail Communities.

The Conference was the shared effort of numerous dedicated trails trekkers. This was the second largest conference including 180 conference attendees and 15 young trail interns. This gathering allowed everyone a chance to share our work and meet with trail enthusiasts from around the country. The energy, excitement, and enthusiasm of those in attendance worked to further invigorate me as we begin a new year. I found the conference tracks with the various “topic strands” to be helpful and informative. The variety and quality of presenters were equally beneficial.

The conference did a nice job of weaving together ideas around the Partnerships’ goals of raising public awareness of the National Trails System. By completing and enhancing the designated National Trails and building the capacity of the trails community, we can continue to form a network of community-based stewards of both natural and cultural resources. The Program Team Chairs were Gary Werner, Partnership for the National Trails System, and Steven Gonzales, El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Association.

Conference hosts included: Partnership for the National Trails System with support from the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Forest Service. Local organizational hosts include the Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona, Anza Trail Foundation, Arizona Trail Association, and the Old Spanish Trail Association. I appreciated all the hard work that goes into pulling off another successful trails conference.

The Trail Apprentice Scholarship Program brings advocates aged 18-25 years old to the conference to provide the perspective of the next generation of trail stewards. Some were students, others had recently finished long-distance hikes, and some were interning with the Bureau of Land Management.

In his opening remarks, Tucson’s mayor, Jonathan Rothschild, touched on the wonderful trails in the area and Tucson’s long history. We were appreciative to be entertained by a local Native band comprised of a family of five generations of musicians. The opening ceremony started off with a Native drum circle and a color guard of Native American military veterans. Wendler Nosie, Tribal Councilman of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, spoke of his efforts to talk with Congress about working with Tribes to protect sacred sites located on federally managed lands.

Two common themes brought out in the introductory talks were the importance of recording the history and stories of the National Trail System along with the important stewardship role that the government agencies must adhere to in managing these national trails.

The next day consisted of three Mobile Workshops, including one on the Anza Trail. The workshop involved a trail inventory at Catalina State Park. It was broken into four sections:

- Cultural and historical resources
- Visual resource management
- Recreation, and travel management
- Vegetation, with experts from the federal agencies



L-R: Steve Elkinton (retiring NPS) and Gary Werner, Executive Director PNTS.



L-R: Greg Warren (retired USFS) and Teresa Martinez Director and Treasurer of the Continental Divide Trail Coalition (CDTC).

Awards were handed out to some very deserving members of the trail community who were recognized and honored for their years of hard work dedicated to the National Trails System. Congratulations to the Forest Service’s own, Greg Warren recently retired Administrator for the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, on receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Partnership for the National Trails System. *(continued on page 4)*



The second mobile workshop, One Trail, Many Stories: the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail in Southern Arizona, was led by Luther Propst, former Sonoran Institute Executive Director and also a keynote luncheon speaker. He shared a number of insights about his time on the Trail, that sparked ideas. Propst reminded us that if existing and new trails are to remain relevant and sustainable, we all must work to make the trail experience more inclusive to a changing population. The third mobile workshop offered an opportunity to experience the Arizona Trail from horseback and explore some of the challenges and innovative ideas to make the trail accessible and user friendly for hikers, equestrians, and mountain bikers. Having the opportunity to ride on the Arizona Trail was a great chance to experience the true beauty of the Trail.

The trip to Tumacácori National Historic Park and on the Anza Trail allowed us to engage in an interpretive walk lead by NPS Ranger Hale Sargent which took us to Tubac Presidio State Historic Park. There were numerous “pearls of wisdom” shared by the presenters.

The last day of the conference included a panel discussion starting with the 15 Trail Apprentices. They expressed their concern for young people to enter into the federal agency workforce in the trail system, specifically to manage the trails. A panel consisting of federal employees, including U.S. Forest Service Deputy Chief, Leslie Weldon, from Washington D.C., spoke about their early beginnings in federal employment and shared stories from their careers. (see photo right).



The final banquet began with a talented mariachi band of local schoolchildren who performed traditional Spanish music. The much anticipated and traditional auction was held after dinner to raise money for the different volunteer trails groups.

Sandi McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT

Be Safe in Your Travels

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

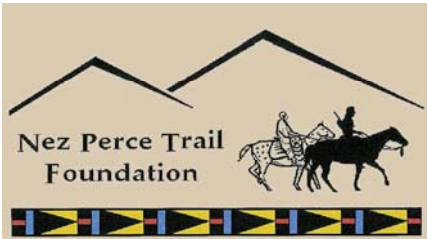
Please take a few minutes to review the Trail's Safety and Ethics Website before you begin your journey:

<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.





News From the Nez Perce Trail Foundation

This winter has been a busy time for the Nez Perce Trail Foundation (NPTF). We are making final reports on the Foundation's summer and fall programs.

The "Hike the Hill" conference, sponsored by the American Hiking Society, will take place in Washington D.C. from February 9-12, 2014. The Nez Perce Trail Foundation, along with other National Scenic and Historic Trails staff and

their partner associations, will gather in Washington D.C. During the conference trail organizations will meet with agencies and congressional staff to report to them what the Partnership for the National Trail System and all national trail partners including our organization accomplished in 2013.

Project Reports:

The Yellowstone Teacher Education program, a Challenge Cost Share program through the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT), was attended by 16 students. Participants visited a number of key sites along the NPNHT including Yellowstone National Park Resource Center at Canyon Village, where a classroom work shop was held. *(photo right, courtesy of the NPTF)*



Charting the NPNHT was an archeological survey and study of the NPNHT on the Shoshone National Forest. The field work part of this project started in 2013, under the leadership of Dan Eakin Senior Archeologist, Wyoming State Office of Archaeology. The survey crew also included; Shoshone National Forest, Archeologist, Kyle Wright; Cody, BLM Field Office, Archeologist Kierson Crume; Julie Eakin, and me. We explored the area near the Crandall Ranger Station where we made our base camp. The information we gathered will be presented in a report in 2014.

(photo above, near Dead Indian Pass in NW Wyoming, courtesy of the NPTF)

The "Virtual Tour" of the NPNHT utilizing Google Earth has been completed. People can, with a few clicks of a mouse on their computer, travel the entire Nez Perce National Trail using NPNHT Auto Tour Brochures as guides.

The final 2013 Nez Perce Trail Foundation (NPTF) Annual Report will be published on the Foundation's web site in February 2014.

The entire Nez Perce Trail Foundation website will be undergoing a complete review. We hope to improve the site by providing more information and making it easier for visitors to navigate.

In an effort to reduce our postage budget, all NPTF newsletters will now be delivered via e-mail. If for some reason you do not have access to a computer we will make special accommodations and still deliver some copies via U.S. mail.

Please visit and "Like" the NPTF Facebook site: www.facebook.com/nezpercetf

Jim Evans
Executive Director
Nez Perce Trail Foundation





News From the National Park Service:

Big Hole National Battlefield

The interpretive staffs of Big Hole, Bear Paw and Nez Perce National Historical Park are working on a new general brochure for Big Hole. This brochure will replace the one we have been using for a number of years. New artwork will be used for the front and the Park will get to keep the original piece once it is complete. The process to get a new brochure takes time and we are working very closely with our Tribal partners on this project. We'll keep you updated on its progress.

With the coming of winter and snow, we closed the road to the lower parking lot and trail heads for the winter and the only way to access those parts of the Park is to walk, snowshoe, or cross country ski. The battlefield is incredibly beautiful and peaceful in the winter (*see photo on right*) and visitors generally don't have to worry about encountering anyone else on the trails. The Park has loaner snowshoes for those that would like to try this fun type of exercise. Stop by the visitor center and we'll lend you a pair of shoes for your trek.



Roger Peterson, US Forest Service Image

A recent bright sunny winter day at Big Hole

We are busy planning our summer season. It will be challenging for us with reduced funding this year which will result in fewer interpretive staff. This will result in fewer programs for visitors. Most days visitors will not have ranger guided walks on the trail system. Big Hole will try to provide the same number of deck talks despite having less staff. We hope that visitors will understand that we have to tighten our belts.

Last summer the Park conducted an intensive visitor survey with help of the University of Idaho - Park Studies Unit. <http://www.uidaho.edu/cnr/park-studies-unit/our-services>. This study will provide our staff with statistics, including how visitors found us, what they think of the Park, what they liked and did not like, and other demographic information about our visitors. It should be completed in the next couple of months and we'll share the results once we get them.

Remember, winter is a great time to have the Park to yourself, so why not pay us a visit. We hope we see you soon.

Steve Black
Superintendent
Big Hole National Battlefield





News From the National Park Service: Nez Perce National Historical Park

An exhibit featuring Nez Perce weaving recently concluded at the Spalding Visitor Center it will soon be replaced with the next offering in our series of temporary exhibits. The new exhibit, which will focus on Nez Perce Music, will open in early March 2014.

Park staff was very involved in the creation of exhibits for the Culture Walk at the Clearwater River Casino near Lewiston, ID. Museum Curator Bob Chenoweth and Ranger Kevin Peters consulted with Tribal Enterprises to make sure the space and cases met current standards. They selected the items to be displayed from both the Tribe's and the Park's collections. With assistance from others on the staff, they created the mounts exhibit labels, and prepared the items for display, did the installation. Exhibits will be changed every year and are designed to showcase tribal history, culture, art, and activities up to the present.

Rangers Kevin Peters and Bessie Blackeagle participated in Nez Perce Day at the Pi Nee Waus in Lapwai, ID, where they interacted with 165 students. We hosted several school groups at the Spalding Visitor Center ranging from pre-school to university level. From mid-October to mid-December, Education Specialist Alyse Cadez travelled to 21 schools in Idaho, Washington, and Oregon to present programs.

The Annual Beadwork Bazaar was held on December 7, 2013, at the Park's visitor center at Spalding. Thirty-three vendors participated and 270 visitors enjoyed a festive atmosphere and found lots of unique craft items for sale (*photo right*).

Beginning in January, 2014, the Park will be hosting a number of programs during the winter and early spring months at the park's visitor center in Spalding, Idaho. What we have scheduled so far includes:

- ◆ February 8: Jack Nisbet: The British View of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.
- ◆ February 22: Ginger Wireman: Hanford Nuclear Reservation: Past, Present, and Future.
- ◆ March 8: Bruce Bjornstad: Ice Age Floods and their role in shaping our landscape.
- ◆ March 22: Dr. Beth Erdey: Caring For Your Family Photographs.
- ◆ April 5: Bring Your Kaya Doll to the park! Family activities that help bring the story of the Nez Perce to life.
- ◆ April 19: Water, the Nez Perce, and you.



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

Terry O'Halloran
Chief of Interpretation
Nez Perce National Historical Park





News From the National Park Service: Nez Perce National Historical Park

Small Mammal Inventory and Hydrological Study at Weippe Prairie

Nez Perce National Historical Park is currently in the initial stages of a pilot wetland restoration project in an effort to restore historic camas populations on the Weippe Prairie in central Idaho. One of the first steps in this process is determining the project's potential impacts on other species inhabiting the site, specifically, small mammals which are defined as mammals measuring less than one foot (including the head and body). There is currently little information regarding these species on this site. Park staff implemented the small mammal inventory to determine what and how many species occupy the site and to assess whether an increased water table will adversely affect them. Many avian species that inhabit the site, such as Northern Harriers (*Circus cyaneus*) and Short-eared owls (*Asio flammeus*), also rely on small mammals such as shrews and voles as prey.

The initial year of trapping, which was split into two sessions, took place during July 2013. A total of 990 traps were placed within plots distributed across the site during these two weeks. A total of 426 mammals were captured during a two week period. Mammals captured included 231 shrews, 194 voles, and 1 mouse. After analyzing the dentition (teeth) of specimens, it was found that vagrant shrews (*Sorex vagrans*) and meadow voles (*Microtus pennsylvanicus*) are the primary small mammals inhabiting the site. Currently, a species distribution model is being developed in order to map the presence of species across the site. Initial observations show that these species prefer habitat such as tall grasses which provides cover from predators. This inventory will be conducted again during the summer of 2014 and 2015.

The management applications of this work include:

- Provide information on the type, amount and distribution of small mammals on the Weippe Prairie.
- Increase the amount of information available for future projects, including restoration projects.

Hydrological Study:

Importance: Artificial drainage and its effects on a wet meadow ecosystem.

During the past 100+ years Weippe Prairie has been used for hay production and livestock grazing, made possible by the construction of ditches to dry the meadows. European pasture grasses have also been introduced. Because of these alterations, the hydrologic regime (defined as the properties, distribution, and effects of water on the earth's surface, in the soil and underlying rocks, and in the atmosphere) and vegetation of the prairie has changed dramatically from the condition described by the Nez Perce and members of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Non-native and invasive plants are also taking advantage of the disturbances at Weippe and are a threat to the camas (*Camassia quamash*) dominated meadow. Jim Ford Creek and the various drainage ditches that flow into the creek are worsening the soil drainage issue and causing erosion. Park managers are extremely concerned about the effects of artificial drainage and the rapid pace of nonnative plant invasion on camas populations at Weippe Prairie. Therefore, understanding the current status of hydrologic processes at the site will help guide management and restoration efforts. It will also provide insight into ecosystem change, in a landscape with strong human influences.

As part of a 3 year study, Park staff and high school interns monitored a network of shallow groundwater monitoring wells and ditch gauges for the park-owned section of the prairie. During the first year, well data, baseline information about channel width and depth, and vegetation characterization data was collected along a deeply incised, manmade ditch. In 2013, researchers from Colorado State University helped install three temporary "check dams" along the ditch in hopes of reversing the negative effects of the channel and then post dam installation data was collected. The findings will be analyzed in early 2014. Results from this study will inform management decisions regarding future long-term restoration projects across the site.

The management applications of this work include:

- Provide recommendations and priorities for larger-scale hydrologic restorations at Weippe Prairie.
- Support park resource planning and land health reporting efforts.
- Give managers insight on past land use.
- Provide information for examining linkages between surface water, groundwater, and wetland and riparian vegetation.

Jannis (Jocius) LeBlanc
Natural Resource Specialist
Nez Perce National Historical Park



National Park Service Image



National Park Service Image





News From the National Park Service: Bear Paw Battlefield

The Blaine County Museum in Chinook, MT, recently completed a display of more than 80 objects collected from the Bear Paw Battlefield and Cow Creek along the Nez Perce National Historic Trail. Visitors and school groups will now be able to view Nez Perce, as well as U.S. Army items, including metal salmon hooks, lance tips, a carved pipe, pistols, and a brass spyglass.

Items were found in the field hospital location, the Nez Perce encampment area, and in rifle pits next to Snake Creek in the 1970's by John Michaud of Billings, MT. He gifted his collection to the museum in 2001. Items collected from the site on Cow Creek, where the bull train was burned by warriors on September 25, 1877, are also on display.

A Nez Perce National Historic Trail Challenge Cost Share grant was awarded to the Blaine County Museum to help identify and protect these historical resources related to the 1877 war and flight. The collection was cleaned and assessed by PhD Douglas D. Scott, Adjunct Professor of Anthropology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The display of artifacts will be used to educate the public on their historic significance and help lend a deeper understanding to the Nez Perce story.



Stephanie Martin, National Park Service Image

Stephanie Martin
Park Ranger, Bear Paw Battlefield



News From the Forest Service Bitterroot National Forest

On May 31, 2013, the Forest trail crew maintained the Bitterroot National Forest's portion of the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail on the Sula Ranger District between National Forest Road #10001 and the Beaverhead National Forest Road #1260.



Two members of the trail crew, Craig and Tony, cleared the 3.1 miles. They cut 27 trees under 8" and six trees over 8" in diameter.

The photos left and below show some of the work accomplished on the trail.

Mark Smith, Trails Specialist, Bitterroot National Forest



US Forest Service Images courtesy of the Bitterroot National Forest





News From the Forest Service Lolo National Forest

The Fort Fizzle historic site received additional attention this year. This past spring Roger Peterson, NPNHT Public Affairs Specialist, Tate Jones, Director of the Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History, and me ventured out on a clean, crisp cool spring day with Montana's blue skies above. The purpose of our visit was to find the cement markers that were installed between 1934 and 1937. The markers were placed at the corners of what was left from the fortifications that were hastily constructed during the brief encounter between the fleeing Nez Perce and a number of citizen volunteers and members of the U.S. Army lead by Captain Charles Rawn from Fort Missoula in late July of 1877. While surveying, we located two of the markers and a pile of rocks where a third one was located. At that time we could not have known that Fort Fizzle would be part of another incident later in 2013.

Later during the summer, the Lolo Creek Complex fire broke out in a fury! Within a two-day span the fire consumed hundreds of acres, burning over portions of the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT). Fort Fizzle once again became a destination location for me. After the fire cooled down, I went back in to see what I could see on federal land. Fort Fizzle was burned over, but only lightly. The area where the cement makers are located was not burned. A recreation trail appeared to be used as line to hold the fire from advancing any further to the east. Fort Fizzle has weathered another fire, and will continue to hold historic and prehistoric untold stories.

Erika Karuzas, Archaeologist, Lolo National Forest



Cement marker at Fort Fizzle, "Soldiers Corral." April 5, 2013.



Fort Fizzle after the Lolo Complex burns through. August 10, 2013.

Erika Karuzas, US Forest Service Images



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

It is a winter wonderland at Lolo Pass this time of year! As of the middle of January, we had 68 inches of snow on the ground and some excellent ski conditions. We received our first big snowfall on November 16, 2013, and began grooming ski trails a month later.

The Visitor Center is very excited to announce that we are currently printing new, and updated maps of the Lolo Pass ski and snowshoe trails. Thanks to a donation in memory of long time Lolo Pass skier, Bill Myers, the Forest Service was able to have our trails professionally mapped and new ski trail maps created. We hope to have these available to the public soon.

Lolo Pass Visitor Center will be joining in the nationwide celebration of 50 years of American Wilderness in 2014. In honor of the 50th anniversary, we will be hosting a variety of Wilderness displays and interpretive programs throughout the year. On June 28 we will host the annual Lolo Pass Mountain to Meadow Half Marathon and 5K Fun Run. Wilderness will be the theme of the 2014 race. Sign up and join in the fun at www.runlolopass.org.

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



Pictured L-R: Cody Clark, U.S. Forest Service, and Colleen Mathisen of Discover Your Northwest.

Buffie Cerutti, US Forest Service Image



New Faces Along the Trail:

On behalf of the Wallowa Land Trust's Board of Directors, it is with great pleasure that I announce the hire of Wallowa Land Trust's first Executive Director, Kathleen Ackley. Kathleen began working in October, 2013.

Kathleen comes to us from Capitol Land Trust in Olympia, WA, where she has worked for the last nine years, most recently as Associate Director. She was raised in Eugene, OR, and spent summers camping across Oregon, which is when she first found Wallowa County. Her experience and passion for land protection make her a great fit for the Wallowa Land Trust.

This expansion of the Trust's staff has been a long time in the making. We owe many thanks to the generous individuals who, along with the YARG Foundation, Meyer Memorial Trust, and Collins Foundation, have helped us reach this milestone.

We look forward to a public welcome for Kathleen once she's settled in Wallowa County.

David Bridges, Chair
WLT Board of Directors



2014 Nez Perce National Historic Trail Desk Planners Status Update

Due to an error on the recent printing of the 2014 Desk Planners there will be about a three week delay in delivery. They are being reprinted and will be available in February. We want to ensure that we provide the best and most accurate information as it relates to the Nez Perce National Historic Trail. We appreciate your patience in this matter.



UPCOMING Events:



- February—March, 2014—Winter Storyteller Series at Travelers Rest State Park, see the Park website for details
- February 9-12, 2014 — Hike the Hill: Trails Advocacy Week, Washington DC
- March 14-16, 2014— E-Peh-Tes Pow Wow, Lapwai, ID
- March 17-21, 2014 — Native American Awareness Week Lewiston, ID
- April 19 - 20, 2014 — National Park Week, fees waived at National Parks (check with local units)
- April 19, 2014 — Red Heart Band Memorial, Vancouver, WA
- May 16-17, 2014 — Eastern Oregon University Indian Arts Festival, Pow Wow and Friendship Feast, La Grande, OR
- June 7, 2014—National Trails Day
- June 14, 2014—National Get Outdoors Day, fees waived at U.S. Forest Service sites that require a fee, (check with local units)
- June 13-15, 2014 — Chief Joseph & Warriors Pow Wow, Lapwai, ID
- June 14, 2014—White Bird Battle Memorial, White Bird, ID



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Winter Along the Nez Perce National Historic Trail Montana and Wyoming



Big Hole Battlefield near Wisdom, MT.
Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service



Nez Perce Creek, Yellowstone National Park, WY. *Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service*



Rustic Falls, Yellowstone National Park
National Park Service Image



Hoarfrost on Cottonwoods at Bear Paw Battlefield. *Stephanie Martin, National Park Service Image*



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