



# NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL

## *Progress Report*

### Summer 2013



## Administrator's Corner

Greetings,

This is my 11th year serving as the Administrator for the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT), and it is exciting to look back and see the many changes that have occurred during the past decade.

We have completed all eight Auto Tour Brochures along the Auto Tour Route, a sales map which we are ready to revise, revised and new pop-up displays, created a successful challenge cost share program, a site certification process, an award winning website, postcards, posters, flat poster maps, educational trunks, and our annual desk planners.

The staff of the NPNHT has worked diligently to reach a wide range of audiences. During the past couple of years the NPNHT has increased its presence on Social Media, connecting with Trail visitors via, Twitter, YouTube, and Flickr. Working with the Nez Perce Trail Foundation a virtual NPNHT experience was completed about 10 months ago using Google Maps and Google Earth. Now visitors unable to physically visit the NPNHT have the option to travel the entire length of the NPNHT virtually.



Sandi, at the Tamkaliks Celebration during July 19-21, 2013 in Wallowa, OR.

One thing that has grown stronger through the years is the amazing sense of collaboration that we have working with an eclectic group of partners. Through the years the NPNHT has been fortunate to receive special donations, share the writing of a song developed with a PowerPoint from an Ohio High School group commemorating the trail, have volunteers who provide clean-up and trail maintenance on the trail and along the Auto Tour Route, as well as many other wonderful things.

I'm always amazed by what a genuinely great group of people can do to commemorate this American treasure. I can't wait to see what the next 10 years will bring!

Respectfully,

*Sandi McFarland,*  
Administrator, NPNHT



## Land and Water Conservation Fund Update



Roger Peterson, US Forest Service Image

Henry's Lake, ID

The National Trails Collaborative Landscape Proposal was selected for submission into the final round of Land and Water Conservation Funding consideration for the President's 2015 Budget. The Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) has two parcels proceeding to the final round:

- Holland Property, 320 Acres south of Wisdom, MT. This property has a ¼ mile of confirmed trail tread from the Flight of 1877.
- Diamond D Ranch located near Henry's Lake, ID, 3,000 acres north of Island Park, ID. This property is where the U.S. Army camped for several days while General Howard resupplied in Virginia City, MT.

If you would like to know more about these parcels please contact me.

Julie Molzahn  
CMP Revision Coordinator, NPNHT

### Hit the Trail!

The Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) encourages everyone to hit the trail by exploring on foot or riding your bikes or motorcycles on appropriate segments of the trail and on the Auto Tour Route. As always, your four legged friends are always welcome!

We continue to have a great relationship with Back Country Horsemen of America, Nez Perce Tribe, Nez Perce Appaloosa Horse Club, Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Idaho Chapter, and other volunteers who are all helping to maintain our amazing historical trail and Auto Tour Route.

Be sure to plan your trip and visit our website for safety tips before you hit the trail. The NPNHT is our number #1 priority.

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Administrator, NPNHT



Roger Peterson, US Forest Service Image

Campers along the Lolo Motorway in central Idaho.



## Tim'ne'epe "Heart of the Monster" Nimiipuum Titwaatit (The Peoples Story)

I was approached by Angel Sobotta, a Nez Perce Tribal member, a couple of years ago about her idea to write a first of its kind play done entirely in the Nez Perce Language with English translations and utilizing a Nez Perce cast and support staff. The play would be based on the Nez Perce creation story. Angel received an Interdisciplinary Master's degree from the University of Idaho, Moscow.

This spring the curtain went up on Tim'ne'epe "Heart of the Monster," Nimiipuum Titwaatit (The Peoples Story).

Scene 1 opened with the waking up of the titwa'atit yaya (Story People). Scene 2 followed with information secured by oral tradition as told to Archie Phinney, a Nez Perce Tribal professor and author. The story was related to him by Weii'letpuu and adapted by Angel with input from Harold Crook, the Director, of the play and Nez Perce elders. Harold has worked with the Nez Perce Tribe since 1997. He received his Ph.D. in Linguistics from University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) in 1999. He currently teaches Nez Perce language, linguistics, and literature at Lewis Clark State College (LCSC), and volunteers with the Nez Perce Tribe Language Program.

Scene 3 wrapped up the play on the theme, "We were created to be brave, powerful, brilliant." The play was followed by a discussion by the cast entitled, "Wisdom sits in places in our land, our language, our legends, and within our people." The interactive dialogue brought in the importance of the history surrounding the Flight of 1877 and the Nez Perce National Historic Trail.

The play was produced with sound effects by Dominic Higheagle, a Nez Perce Tribal member. His Associates Degree is in Graphic Arts at LCSC in 2012 and he is an accomplished artist.

The designer for costumes and props was created by Yvette D. Whitman, a Nez Perce Tribal member who attended the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles, CA. She is also a freelance photographer and currently the Editor of the Ta'c Tito'oqan Newspaper for the Nez Perce Tribe.

The Nez Perce elder consultants were Florene Davis and Bessie Scott. Patricia Keith, who is reknown in part for her documentaries in the Hell's Canyon National Recreation Area, served as the videographer.

The play has already and will continue to benefit the NPNHT Administration in many venues. The play was performed on February 28, 2013, at the Hartung Theatre, University of Idaho, and on March 13 and March 26, 2013, at the Silverthorne Theatre at LCSC, Lewiston, ID. The last presentation was done on the June 19, 2013 at the Clearwater River Casino (CRC) Event Center. The next performance is schedule for October 3, 2013, at the CRC Event Center for Native American Basketweavers Association Conference which will also be held at the CRC.

A DVD of the Tim'ne'epe-Heart of the Monster play will be placed on the Nez Perce Tribe Language website in the future. The film will debut at the University of Idaho's Sapaatk'ayn Cinema, in Moscow, ID, in 2014 (TBA).

The NPNHT will place a copy of the DVD in each of our Education Trunks and we will have the opportunity to place it on our website.



Cast performing Tim'ne'epe "Heart of the Monster" earlier this year.

Image courtesy of the Yvette Whitman

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Administrator, NPNHT



## Volunteers build Tamkaliks corrals

*Reprinted from the Wallowa Chieftain*

WALLOWA, OR – A total of 16 volunteers not only constructed six horse corrals and a horse exercise pen at the Nez Perce Tamkaliks grounds east of Wallowa Saturday, June 15, but also pulled weeds when corral work was slack.

Speaking for the volunteers, Leigh Dawson expressed total pleasure that so much coordinated work got accomplished under sunny skies during a workday that didn't exceed eight hours.

The small paneled horse corrals are 16' x 20' in size, while the oval exercise pen has about a 70-foot diameter.

The corrals and exercise pen are located a short distance northwest of the Tamkaliks arbor, farther away from Whiskey Creek Road.

Dawson says the effort was funded by a \$5,600 cost-share matching grant from the Nez Perce National Historic Trail that was awarded to the Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center.

Individuals contributed transportation, food, and tools to the effort, while others offering assistance included Northwest Fence and Enterprise Electric, from Enterprise; The Nez Perce Tribe; Homeland Project; Oregon Equestrian Trails; and D&B Supplies of La Grande, OR.

*This project was funded through the Nez Perce National Historic Trail Challenge Cost Share program.*

## NPNHT Auto Tour Brochures 1 and 7 Being Reviewed and Updated

The staffs of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail (NPNHT) and Recreation Solutions have started the process to update and reprint two more NPNHT Auto Tour brochures.

These brochures are, Auto Tour 1 from the Wallowa Valley of Oregon to Kooskia, ID, and Auto Tour 7 from the east side of Yellowstone National Park to Canyon Creek near Laurel, MT.

We anticipate that these updated brochures will be ready for distribution by the fall of 2013.



Volunteers constructing the corrals

Image courtesy of the Leigh Dawson



## The Josephy Center for Arts and Culture



The Josephy Center was formed in 2012 as a non-profit enterprise. The center has two staff members, Amy Zahm, interim Executive Director, and Rich Wandschneider, Library Director. The center is assisted by dozens of volunteers.

The mission of the center is to serve as a gathering place for the arts and to promote and enhance the regions rich cultural heritage resources. The center offers a wide array of services. These include events such as from nights, Humanities programs, visits by authors and artists, music concerts, art exhibits, and variety of classes and workshops for all ages.

The Josephy Library of Western History and culture is located on the second floor of the Josephy Center. The Josephy Library is a place to relax and enjoy the late Alvin Josephy, Jr.'s personal collection. There one can find thousands of books, journals, and correspondences. His work includes Indian Rights Advocacy, nationally recognized books, and articles that are about Indians and the American West. "Library holdings include manuscripts, correspondences, monographs, and government and university documents," said Wandschneider. "The library is part of the SAGE System of Eastern Oregon libraries."

The center is a new partner of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail Administration. They are an outlet for our free publications and they served to review our Auto Tour Brochure #1 covering the area from Wallowa, OR, to Kooskia, ID. We look forward to future opportunities to engage this new partner. For more information call 541-432-0505 or visit them online at [www.josephy.org](http://www.josephy.org)



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Administrator, NPNHT



## 23rd Annual Tamkaliks Celebration Held in July

Julie Molzahn and Sandi McFarland attended the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tamkaliks Celebration during July 19-21, 2013 in Wallowa, OR. The celebration is located at the Wallowa Homeland Site. We were in the Wallowa, Joseph, and Enterprise, OR, area for a variety of meetings and while on our own time we took in some of the activities during the evenings and on Sunday morning.

The celebration began on Friday July, 19, with the Roll Call and Grand Entry of dancers at 7 p.m. followed by an evening of Social Dancing. The masters of ceremony were Thomas Morning Owl and Fred Hill. The Whipman and Whipwoman were Randy and Nancy Minthorn.

Saturday morning started with a horse parade at 9 a.m. and Roll Call at 1 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. for Competition Dancing an All Veterans Honor Dance and a dance specially titled Multi-Generational Team Dance.

Sunday, opened the day with Washat or Walaset Services, a traditional Plateau prayer service at 9 a.m. followed by the traditional and ever popular Friendship Feast. The next events included Roll Call and Championship Dancing. The celebration hosted a number of food vendors selling foods, hand crafted items, and t-shirts. Free camping, and tipi poles and showers were available at the site. A Raffle is another part of the celebration. This year's artwork was provided by Abraham Yearout, a Nez Perce Tribal Member from Sweetwater, ID. Abraham's artwork graced the Celebrations poster this year (above).



Tamkaliks, which means from where you can see the mountains, was created 22 years ago to boost economic development and to invite the Nez Perce back to their homeland in good faith and promote healing as well as to celebrate the Nez Perce history and culture.



Interior of the Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center

For more information visit the website for the Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center at [www.wallowanezperce.org](http://www.wallowanezperce.org) or call Mary Hawkins at 541-886-3101.

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## Colville headquarters collapse after fire

*Reprinted from the Spokesman Review July 30, 2013*

NESPELEM, WA – Though black plumes of smoke unfurled from the charred remains of the Colville Reservation's Headquarters on Monday, tribal members just across the street from the ruins lifted a symbol of hope.

Shawnee BearCub and her family built a teepee in honor of their lost history, providing a place of prayer and safety for members of the tribe.

"It's resilience in the face of adversity," BearCub said, hoisting the teepee sticks in the air Monday afternoon. Fire razed the tribe's headquarters at 1:15 a.m. Monday. It was the second fire in the past year that leveled an important cultural center. The tribe's longhouse burned in December when a heater malfunctioned. Religious and cultural items including beaded regalia were lost.

Matt Haney, deputy director for public safety for the tribe, said even though firefighters arrived within minutes, fire had engulfed and destroyed the headquarters.

Investigators have not identified the cause of the blaze yet. The fire continued to smolder Monday afternoon. Colville Tribes Fire Cmdr. Chris McCuen said the entire structure dropped into the basement of the building, making it difficult for investigators to determine an origin or a cause.

Arson crews and tribal police were at the scene, but Haney said it's too early to determine whether the fire was intentionally lit. Firefighters were able to stop the fire from reaching the nearby U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Firefighters worked to keep the blaze contained well into Monday afternoon and evening. All that remained of the three-story structure was a blackened pit in the ground.

This is the first time since 1975 the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation are without a central government office, according to a news release. The building housed the Colville Business Council and other administrative offices, leaving about 40 tribal employees without an office. No one was in the building at the time.

The fire destroyed important documents, as well as many cultural and historical items, Haney said.

"There was so much history stored in the building," he said.

Ricky Gabriel, a member of the Colville Business Council, said the loss of government documents and computers will impede their ability to operate efficiently and administer services.

"The tribe really feels this right now," Gabriel said.

Fortunately, many documents were backed up and can be accessed.

The tribe has already found a temporary office at the tribal legal offices.

"We've lost two very important structures within the community," BearCub said.

In spite of the recent losses, BearCub said she's doing her part, however small, to help the community move on from the tragedies. The teepee has been in her family for generations, and she said it will serve as a place of hope and prayer for those mourning the building.

The teepee represents the cycle of life, she said. Just like the administrative building, it can be taken down, but rebuilt, she said.

"My spirit guides me to do these things," she said.

The building is a tremendous loss to the community, and council members are upset that the building is gone, Gabriel said. He adds, though, that there's only one way to move from here: forward.

"The building isn't alive and doesn't love," Gabriel said. "People do."



## Alex Gabe Nichols Memorial

*Reprinted from the The Joplin Globe*

BAXTER SPRINGS, KS — Alex Gabe Nichols, age 52, of Baxter Springs, KS, passed away November 30, 2012, at his home.

Gabe was born in Baxter Springs, September 25, 1960, to Coy and Norma Nichols and graduated from Baxter Springs High School in 1978. He attended Pittsburg State University and attained both bachelor and master's degrees in history. Gabe applied his skills as a historian by preparing histories of the town of Baxter Springs, as well as the Cherokee Indian presence in the region. He served on the boards of the Baxter Springs Historical Society and the Baxter Springs Public library.

He is survived by his brother, Randolph Nichols, and his sister-in-law, Mary Lou Sallee, of Westford, MA; nephews, Anthony Nichols, of Billerica, MA., and Nathan Nichols, of Reston, VA.; as well as numerous cousins and countless devoted friends.

Funeral services were held on last December at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Galena, KS, Father J.W. Stephenson officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Diabetes Association in care of the funeral home.

Pallbearers for the service were Greg Case, Shane Helm, Will David, Nicholas Kyle, John Burrows, Joe Martin, and Jeff Webb.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.derfeltfuneralhomes.com](http://www.derfeltfuneralhomes.com)

**Note:** Gabe played an important role in the Nez Perce National Historic Trail site certification ceremony in Baxter Springs, KS, in November of 2005. He was the Second Chief of the Neutral Lands Cherokee, the host tribe for that event.

### **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.**





## Elmer Crow Jr.

*Reprinted from the Lewiston Morning Tribune: July 30, 2013*

On July 26, 2013, Elmer Crow Jr. perished in the process of rescuing two of his grandsons from the Snake River at Buffalo Eddy. He died saving those he loved, at a place that he loved and in a river he loved.



Elmer was born March 24, 1944, in Orofino, to Elmer Crow Sr. and Hattie Joy. His blind grandmother Edna Miller took the responsibility of raising Elmer and instilling in him the traditions and culture of the Nez Perce and Cayuse tribes. Under her care, Elmer was taught by numerous tribal elders, including five who had fought in the Nez Perce War. From them, he learned the Nez Perce language, traditional hunting and gathering sites, a love for the land and techniques for constructing traditional tools and hunting and fishing gear. He was taught traditional and modern hunting and fishing techniques by his father and extended family, and he regularly harvested salmon throughout the Nez Perce usual and accustomed fishing areas from central Idaho to the now-inundated Celilo Falls. The full extent of the wealth of traditional Nez Perce knowledge and culture that was lost with his passing will never be known.

Elmer's dedication to the natural world and to tribal treaty rights guided and drove him in his efforts to protect them. He was one of the first Nez Perce to reopen tribal fishing at Rapid River, a small tributary to Idaho's Salmon River, back in the early 1970s. This small river became a flashpoint of controversy between the state of Idaho and the Nez Perce over tribal treaty fishing rights in 1980. Elmer was a key tribal leader of the tribal fishermen in this conflict. He was always ready and willing to take a stand to protect tribal treaty rights when they were threatened, and he was also always prepared to protect salmon and other species that made up the web of life of his homeland.

Given his body of knowledge and dedication to the natural resources of the region, Elmer's role expanded into cultural presentations and outreach throughout North America. In these presentations, he shared the Nez Perce culture via stories, legends and a multitude of traditional items, tools and weapons he made himself. Over the years, he gave presentations to tens of thousands of people. He particularly valued and enjoyed giving presentations to children, hoping to instill in them a connection to the natural world and an appreciation of American Indians and American Indian culture.

Memorials may be made to the Elmer Crow Memorial Fund, care of the Nez Perce Tribe, P.O. Box 365, Lapwai, ID 83540. The fund will be used to further the cause of rescuing the Pacific lamprey from extinction.

A full obituary can be found on the Lewiston Morning Tribune website: [http://lmtribune.com/obituaries/article\\_268f0e5c-0b56-5b5e-935b-c958cbb32b02.html](http://lmtribune.com/obituaries/article_268f0e5c-0b56-5b5e-935b-c958cbb32b02.html)

**Note:** Elmer was skilled in sheep horn bow making as a traditional bow maker of which the Nez Perce were famed for making and trading. He was also a leader in restoring the lamprey eel, a traditional food. He was a speaker of the Nez Perce language and shared many historical stories surrounding the Nez Perce War and flight of 1877.



## Building Relationships along the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail

Roger Peterson, US Forest Service Image



NPNHT Interpretive signs at, Dead Indian Campground, WY.

In late June staff from the Nez Perce National Historic Trail (NPNHT) spent a week meeting with partners in eastern Montana and northwestern Wyoming. Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, NPNHT and Julie Molzahn, CMP Revision Coordinator, NPNHT visited numerous agencies, organizations, and tribes with the purpose of building stronger relationships and providing them with information about all the programs the NPNHT has to offer.

Our visits began with meetings at Lewis and Clark Caverns and Missouri Headwaters State Parks staff along with the staff from the Headwaters Heritage Museum in Three Forks, MT.

While in the Billings area we met with staff from

the Billings and Laurel Chambers of Commerce, the Yellowstone Art Museum, Western Heritage Center, and Billings School District. We also had meetings with agency staff from Little Big Horn National Monument, Pompey's Pillar National Monument, and staff from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Montana/Dakotas State Office and Billings Field Office. While at the BLM office we also had the opportunity to meet with Denise Nelson from the National Park Services' Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. Meetings were also held with members of the Crow and Northern Cheyenne Nations.

Following visits in the Billings area we continued south to Cody, WY. On the way to Cody we visited with staff from the local chamber in Bridger, MT. While in Cody we had the opportunity to visit with executive directors of the Heart Mountain Interpretive Center, and the Cody Chamber, and several staff members from the Buffalo Bill Center of the West.



Roger Peterson, US Forest Service Image

Interpretation at Sundance Lodge Recreation Area, near Laurel, MT.

From Cody we headed west over the Chief Joseph Scenic Byway. Between Canyon Creek and Cooke City, MT, we collected images and verified information and directions for the revision of Auto Tour #7 (*see page 4*). In Cooke City we met with staff from the local chamber of commerce before heading to Bozeman, MT. On Friday morning we had a great meeting with staff from the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman before returning to Missoula.

Along the way we also checked on the status of a number of interpretive signs.

This was an extremely productive trip and we made many positive contacts with individuals from more than 20 organizations, agencies, parks, and tribes. Everyone was please to meet with us and learn more about how they can interact with trail staff and share information about NPNHT with the people they all serve. We look forward to working with everyone in the future.

Roger Peterson, US Forest Service Image



L-R: Julie Molzahn, NPNHT, and Jerry Jasmer Park Ranger from Little Big Horn National Monument.

Roger Peterson  
PAO, NPNHT



## Nez Perce National Historic Trail Traveling Displays

In 2012 staff from the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) updated and revised a set of three pop-up displays related to various aspects of the Nez Perce Flight of 1877 and exile.

This summer both sets of displays are on the road greeting visitors at the Bureau of Land Management National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, WY, and at the historic Darby Ranger District office in Darby, MT. We hope in your travels along the NPNHT this summer you will take a little time to view these displays if you have not seen them before. They will be on display at these two facilities through the Labor Day weekend.

They are also scheduled for the Native American Basketweavers Association Conference, at the Clearwater Casino, Lewiston, ID, in early October.

Once they have completed their run at these facilities listed above the displays are available to visitor contact locations along the NPNHT and for other conferences and workshops. The NPNHT program will pay for shipping these displays to your location but it will be the responsibility of the office using the display to pay for return shipping. Maximum usage time is generally 30 days unless otherwise negotiated.

Thanks to the staff at Recreation Solutions for their assistance in creating these educational products.

If you would like additional information, please contact Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, NPNHT at (406) 329-3540 or [rmpeterson@fs.fed.us](mailto:rmpeterson@fs.fed.us).

Roger Peterson  
PAO, NPNHT



NPNHT displays at the historic Darby Ranger Station in Darby, MT

## UPCOMING Events:



- August 10, 2013 — Big Hole Battle Memorial, Wisdom, MT
- August 16-18, 2013 — Chief Looking Glass Days, Kamiah, ID, 37th Annual Celebration to Chief Looking Glass
- August 24, 2013 — Presentation: Nez Perce Trail: Exodus, Captivity and Return at The National Historic Trails Interpretive Center, Casper, WY, 7 p.m.
- August 25, 2013 — National Park Service Birthday (fees waived at National Parks)
- September 28, 2013 — National Public Lands Day
- October 3, 2013 — Native American Basketweavers Association Conference, Clearwater Casino, Lewiston, ID
- October 3, 2013 — Play: Tim'ne'epe "Heart of the Monster," Nimiipuum Titwaatit (The Peoples Story), at the Clearwater Casino, Lewiston, ID
- October 5, 2013 — Bear Paw Memorial, Bear Paw Battlefield, Chinook, MT
- October 13, 2013 — National Wildlife Refuge Day (fees waived at US Fish and Wildlife Service facilities)
- October 30, 2013 — NPNHT Partners Meeting (Missoula and virtual)
- November, 2013 — Native American Heritage Month
- November 9-11, 2013 — Veterans Day Weekend (fees waived at National Public Lands Agencies)



## 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Membership & Educational Meeting of the Nez Perce Trail Foundation (NPTF)

Julie Molzahn and Sandi McFarland attended the Annual meeting of the Nez Perce Trail Foundation (NPTF) on Saturday, July 20, 2013, at the Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center in Wallowa, OR. The NPTF holds their Annual Meeting in different locations relevant to the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT). Last year the meeting was held in West Yellowstone, MT. The meeting is designed to learn from each other, share ideas, set Foundation goals, and discuss foundation business.

This year's meeting started with registration at 9:30 a.m. Jim Zimmerman, NPTF President, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Jim shared his thoughts on the need to have the Foundation seek funding from other organizations outside the Federal Governments funds. He also spoke of the need to find someone to assist Jim Evans, Executive Director, with fund raising and securing sources of funding.

There were about 20 people in attendance at the meeting and we were delighted to have former NPTF President Myrna Tovey and her grandson Jed Tovey join the meeting. The minutes of the last annual meeting were approved as well as the Treasurer's Report. Jim Evans proceeded to give the Executive Director's report. In the report, Jim said the Foundation wants to develop a sign to direct people to the Canyon Creek Battlefield from Laurel, MT. He also reported that the Challenge Cost Share (CCS) project titled, "Charting the NPNHT," which is funded by the NPNHT

Administration will begin work on August 5, 2013 with a Class III archaeological survey from Crandall Creek to Clark Fork Canyon in northwestern Wyoming. The other NPNHT Administration funded CCS project which will begin shortly will finish the Google Earth Virtual Tour Project and show the route and information on the Exile, Ft. Leavenworth, KS, Baxter Springs, OK, and the return to the Northwest by the Nez Perce survivors. Jim invited Duane Heglie, Project Leader for the CCS Project, Teacher's Education in Yellowstone, to share the requirements and agenda for the group of teachers and students in that program.

Debbie Hassel, Partnership Coordinator for the Forest Service's Northern Region, was invited to speak on partnerships. She gave an inspirational and educational talk on trends of partnerships and the need to look back on the Foundation and see where they are today and identify ways to grow the Foundation's Mission. Jim Evans presented Debbie with a beautiful pair of beaded earrings for her presentation.

Bernadine Ellenwood had to resign from her position as secretary for the Foundation. Karen Wapato was elected as the new Secretary. Jim touched on highlights from the Nez Perce National Historical Park report. Julie Molzahn followed with a report on the Bureau of Land Management with updates on the Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) proposed projects as well as an overview of the recent trip she and Roger Peterson took to Eastern Montana and Wyoming to meet with the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Crow tribal meetings and other agency, and non-governmental organizations. (*see article on page 9*)

I gave the NPNHT Administration Annual Report covering a number of updates, improvements, projects in progress, and challenges with sequester. I also outlined the plan to finalize the CCS for the Foundation's Basic Operations and shared how we could plan to proceed with the FY14 CCS Program.

Charlie Moses, Jr., 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, presented a history of the Foundation and shared special stories of his time on the NPNHT. Jim Evans then presented a Lifetime Membership Award to Karen Hengen. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m. A full set of the NPTF Annual meetings notes can be requested from Jim Evans via the Foundation's website at

[www.nezperctrail.net/](http://www.nezperctrail.net/)



Jim Evans, right, reports to the NPTF Board

Sandi McFarland  
Administrator, NPNHT





# News From the Nez Perce Trail Foundation

New Travel Rest Stop has opened at Dubois, ID, on Interstate 15. This is one of the main routes to Yellowstone National Park.

This facility is operated by the Idaho Department of Transportation who contracted with the city of Dubois, population 103. Treva May serves as Supervisor of the Rest Stop for the City. The Nez Perce Trail Foundation has

developed a partnership with the Clark County Economic Development Association (CCEDA) and Keri Ellis serves as the CCEDA Director. The local historic group, along with CCEDA, has agreed to oversee and maintain the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) interpretive materials at this rest stop. This cooperative effort is a great example of partnerships working together to tell the story of the NPNHT to the thousands of people who will use this facility each year.



L-R: Keri Ellis and Jim Evans, Executive Director NPTF, placing NPNHT interpretive items at the Idaho Department of Transportation Rest Stop at Dubois, ID.

With the assistance of the NPNHT staff we will supply interpretive material and change the displays which will encourage the public to learn more about local NPNHT sites like Camas Meadows and significant locations on the way and through Yellowstone Country.

The annual meeting for the Nez Perce Trail Foundation was recently held in Wallowa, OR, on July 20. More information about this meeting will follow in the coming months. A complete listing of our Officers and Directors can be found on the NPTF web site at [www.nezperce-trail.net](http://www.nezperce-trail.net).

This year the Nez Perce Trail Foundation has completely revamped our Facebook page. With the help of Tricia Taylor of Olathe, KS, our Facebook page has taken on a completely new look. Every attempt is being made to monitor and update the site frequently. Please take time to visit the site and add your comments or announcements, and indicate on the site that you “Like” the page. We can be found at [www.facebook.com/NezPerceTF](http://www.facebook.com/NezPerceTF).



Keri Ellis at the Dubois Rest Stop, showing a display which includes NPNHT brochures.

## Presentation: The Nez Perce Trail: Exodus, Captivity and Return

In 1877, the flight of the Nez Perce Indians from the U.S. Army is one of the most fascinating and sorrowful events in western history. The Nez Perce National Historic Trail stretches from Oregon to the Bear Paw Battlefield of Montana. On August 24, at 7p.m., Jim Evans, executive director of the Nez Perce Trail Foundation, will present a program about the human spirit and will of the Nez Perce, and how nearly 750 men, women and children evaded the U.S. Army and capture for more than 1,100 miles. This presentation will take place at the Bureau of Land Management’s National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, WY.





## News From the National Park Service:

### Big Hole National Battlefield

The staff of Big Hole National Battlefield was very busy this late spring with our fourth annual week long education program, Coyote Camp. During the course of five days the Park hosted 17 schools from two states. Park interpretive staff presented 324 programs to 910 children, parents, and teachers. This year was our most successful Coyote Camp ever. The program is a lot of hard work for all the staff and Nez Perce presenters. A lot of planning and preparation is involved, but for the first year the weather cooperated. Snow was sparse and the rain mostly held off, making our lives a little easier. The camp was greatly received by all who participated and we hope that we are able to continue it next year.

The summer staff is all on board, trained, and ready. Tours, tipi programs, and deck talks all started July 1 and will continue through at least Labor Day and maybe into mid-September. This has been the first year that we have not hired students to lead our programs, so our staff will not have to dash off in mid-August to get back to school. This will be a great benefit for our late summer visitors who generally have to see the park without ranger lead tours.

So far this year we have had our usual large groups of classic car clubs and bicyclists. Those days are always fun. Later this summer the Park will host a group of 300 bicyclists. Special programming is planned for that event.

Our Summer Speaker Series, sponsored by the Glacier National Park Conservancy, started June 29, with Bob Brown from Ft. Missoula speaking as Major Charles Rawn, who was a participant in the Battle of the Big Hole. For more information on this series on other things to see and do in the park, please visit [www.nps.gov/biho/planyourvisit/things2do.htm](http://www.nps.gov/biho/planyourvisit/things2do.htm)

- ★ August 10-11th - Commemoration- Michael Penney and Nez Perce Nation Drum
- ★ August 17-18th - Michael Johnson and Shawna Gavin

The Montana Conservation Corps (MCC) is in the park again this summer. They are building fencing on our southwest boundary, removing beetle killed trees from the siege area, and helping with other projects in the park. We have been working with them for a number of years and they are a great bunch of kids. To learn more about the MCC and what they do and can do for you please visit <http://mtcorps.org/>

We have already started planning for this year's commemoration which will be on August 10 and we hope that you are able to attend. We are looking forward to a great rest of the summer and hope that you can stop by and see us.

All of Big Hole National Battlefield, including trails, will be closed Wednesday, August 14, and Thursday, August 15 to facilitate repair, resurfacing, and striping of the park roads and parking areas. The existing roads on the park were built in 1968 and are in serious need of repairs. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. The park will reopen on Friday, August 16 at 9 a.m.



Big Hole Memorial, August 2012.

Roger Peterson, US Forest Service image

Steve Black  
Superintendent  
Big Hole National Battlefield





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

The Interpretive staff at the Spalding Unit of Nez Perce National Historical Park had a very busy spring and early summer. As usual we were happy to present field trip programs for many 4th graders and some older students as well. Their energy and excitement is a welcome bonus at the Visitor Center.

Nez Perce Rangers also participated in the summer reading program at ten libraries. Our program included the telling of a traditional Nez Perce story called "Before People Came" as well as looking at casts of mammoth bones and teeth and making a mammoth mask.

Park staff and visitors joined together to paint one of the park's tipis. Visitors to the Spalding site can see the results on display every day.



R: Kevin Peters, Park Ranger, works with a young visitor painting the tipi.

Terry O'Halloran, National Park Service Image



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*See photos with this article.*

Interpreters participated in the Camas Festival in Weippe and the Family Science Day at the Palouse Science Discovery Center in Pullman, WA. Ranger Kevin Peters traveled by jet boat up the Snake River with members of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and shared his knowledge of traditional usage and sites along the way. Ranger Marc Blackburn accompanied R.O.T.C. Officer Candidates on a walk at the White Bird Battlefield where the Cadets learned about the battle and studied the tactics used by both sides.

John Fisher of Juliaetta presented a program at the Spalding Visitor Center on "Meriwether Lewis' Traveling Library". He gave an excellent talk on the books that Captain Lewis brought on the journey and the reasons he chose them. Mr. Fisher also brought volumes from his own collection several that were over 200 years old, to share with visitors.

Interns from the Wolf Education and Research Center volunteered to present two programs at Spalding about the myths and realities of these animals.

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





## News From the National Park Service: Bear Paw Battlefield

Erik Murri (*photo right*) is the new 2013 summer employee at the Blaine County Museum in Chinook,

MT. The museum hosts the video and artifact displays for the Bear Paw Battlefield and serves as the visitor center for tourists following the Nez Perce Trail. Erik has taught English in Harlem, MT, for six years. He majored in history and English at Montana State University-Northern in Havre, MT. Erik has spent many enjoyable hours learning about local history from Bear Paw Ranger Jim Magera. He is a great addition to our team at Bear Paw Battlefield.



Stephanie Martin, National Park Service Image

Stephanie Martin  
Park Ranger, Bear Paw Battlefield



## News From the Forest Service Lolo Pass Visitor Center

Lolo Pass is well known for the Camas bloom in Packer Meadow, and this year's bloom did not fail to delight visitors (*see photo right*). The Camas in Packer Meadow was in full bloom about the 2nd week of June this year and it was a spectacular sight. We had an early snowmelt this spring, and an earlier bloom than normal.



Roger Peterson, US Forest Service Image

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Mountain to Meadow Half Marathon and 5K Fun Run event was held at Lolo Pass on June 29. The event is organized by *Discover Your Northwest*, a Forest Service partner. Proceeds from the race benefit the Lolo Pass Visitor Center and are used to enhance the experience of visitors to Lolo Pass year-round. Following tradition, the race was kicked off by the *Traveler's Rest Brigade* re-enactors, who provided interpretive demonstrations and talks

throughout the day. Participants were treated to a medley of Celtic, bluegrass, and traditional bluegrass music as they passed by Packer Meadow. The music provided by local musicians Ellie Nuno and Jacob Zirbel featured a variety of musical instruments including the mandolin and banjo.

The Powell Ranger District is very excited to announce that they will be building the Glade Creek Connection Trail this summer at Lolo Pass. This will be an ADA accessible loop trail which will connect the Lolo Pass Visitor Center's Wetland Trail with the Glade Creek State Park Overlook Trail. In addition to being fully accessible, the trail will include benches as well interpretive signage. Funds raised through the Mountain to Meadow Race are being used to help make this project possible.



Tom Lukomski a Travelers Rest Brigade member works on the leather working process as visitor Patty Patton looks on

Buffie Cerutti, Manager  
Lolo Pass Visitor Center





## New Faces Along the Trail:

### Ron Schlader Named Dubois District Ranger

Ron Schlader reported for duty as the Dubois District Ranger position in Dubois, ID, in April. Schlader comes to the Caribou-Targhee from the Lolo National Forest in Montana where he has been a Realty Specialist since 2003. Schlader is a native of Idaho. He graduated from high school at Kamiah, ID, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism from the University of Idaho in 1975 and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology/Archaeology from the University of Montana in 2005.



Schlader began his Forest Service career as an engineering technician on the Pierce Ranger District, Clearwater National Forest. He transferred to the Lolo National Forest at Superior, MT, in 1983 where he has served for the last 30 years.

As a realty specialist, he managed the lands program for the three west side districts on the Lolo N.F. This included administration of over 160 special use permits and communication leases, land acquisitions, and extensive collaboration and coordination with local, state, and federal agencies.

Schlader has had acting District Ranger assignments in Region 1 on the Superior Ranger District, Lolo N.F. in 2007; Admiralty Island National Monument on the Tongass N.F. in Region 10 in 2009; and in Region 2 on the Nebraska N.F. at the Bessie Ranger District.

Schlader has a wide range of experience with the Forest Service in addition to his lands background, including construction engineering, fire suppression and management, watershed restoration, vegetative management, mining restoration, grazing, travel management, and outfitter/guides.

Schlader is married and has two grown sons and two granddaughters.

### Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Welcomes District Ranger

In June Kris Stein was named the new District Ranger for the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area and the Eagle Cap Ranger District. Stein comes to northeast Oregon from the Salmon-Challis National Forest.

Stein started with the Forest Service in 1990 on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest as a Recreation Planner. She has held several posts in recreation, environmental planning and mining, and most recently as District Ranger for five years on the Challis-Yankee Fork District of the Salmon-Challis National Forest. She also worked on the Huron Manistee National Forest as a wild and scenic river planner.

“Kris has proven herself to be an excellent leader and is someone who brings people together to make good decisions for the land for the local communities,” said Forest Supervisor, John Laurence. “We are lucky to have her on-board here at the Wallowa-Whitman, and I hope everyone will make her feel welcome.”

Kris’s son Kai is a gifted violinist and will be a sophomore at University of Idaho, Moscow next year. Both Kris and Kai enjoy hiking, fishing, camping, canoeing, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. Kris holds a bachelor’s degree in Recreation Management and a master’s degree in Forest Management, both from Oregon State University.



## New Faces Along the Trail:

### Dan French Selected as Visitor Experience Manager for Fort Walsh and Fort Battleford National Historic Sites of Canada

Dan French was recently hired as the new Manager for Fort Walsh (near Maple Creek, SK and for Fort Battleford (Battleford, SK). Dan has worked for Parks Canada for the past 18 years, spending the majority of that time in his last posting at Sault Ste. Marie, ON. He was the site manager for the Sault Ste. Marie Canal and Fort St Joseph, the site of the initial attack of the War of 1812.

French is very excited about this new challenge, and his main focus for both locations is to increase visitation and make them places people want to come back to. He is looking forward to working with community and tourism partners on both sides of the border to increase awareness and to share our stories.



### Scenes Along the Chief Joseph Scenic Byway, Wyoming.

By Roger Peterson



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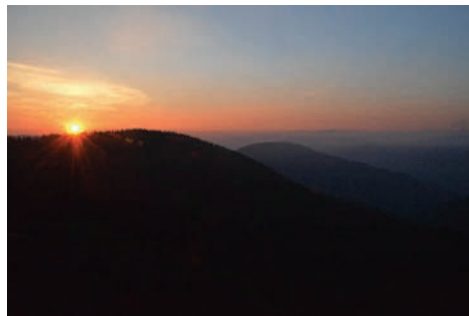
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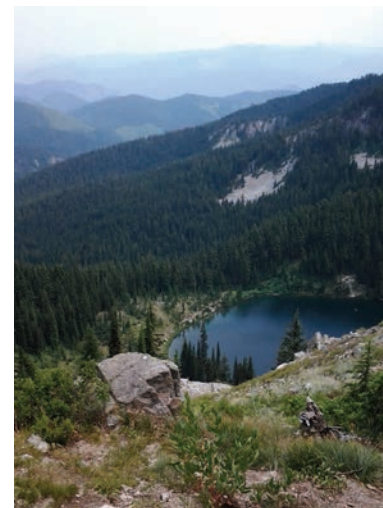
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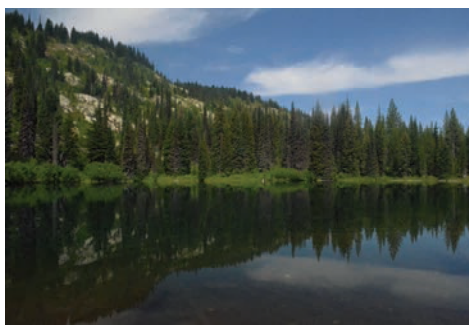
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Sunrise over the Bitterroot Mountains, along the Lolo Trail. Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service



Post Office Lake, Lolo Trail. Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service



Rocky Ridge Lake, Lolo Trail. Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service

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