



## Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) Comprehensive Plan (CP)

### Synopsis of Interagency Reviews of 1990 CP

National Trails System Act (NTSA) of 1968 as amended in 2009, requires a Comprehensive Plan for National Historic Trails. See Section (5) of the NTSA below:

*(f) Within two complete fiscal years of the date of enactment of legislation designating a national historic trail....., a comprehensive plan for the management, and use of the trail, including but not limited to, the following items:*

- (1) specific objectives and practices to be observed in the management of the trail, including the identification of all significant natural, historical, and cultural resources to be preserved, details of any anticipated cooperative agreements to be consummated with State and local government agencies or private interests, and for national scenic or national historic trails an identified carrying capacity of the trail and a plan for its implementation;*
- (2) the process to be followed by the appropriate Secretary to implement the marking requirements established in section 7(c) of this Act;*
- (3) a protection plan for any high potential historic sites or high potential route segments; and*
- (4) general and site-specific development plans, including anticipated costs.*

The Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail CP was completed in 1990. This document is general, short, and does discuss some of the NSTA requirements, however does not go into detail on the requirements as stated in the NTSA.

Two independent reviews of the CP have found the following:

#### **Positive Comments:**

- Beautiful 4-color maps and map poster.
- Nice use of hand-drawn graphics; sets a respectful tone.
- Administrative and management tasks clearly outlined.
- Includes 1985 Decision Notice to limit qualifying high potential sites and segments.
- Good discussion of qualifying Federal lands.
- Trail marking requirements are present.
- Trail foundation is present and being worked with.
- Interpretive Plan has been drafted (will need to be updated).

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### Needed changes and additions:

- Create specific management objectives or practices.
- Identify significant resources (Threatened and Endangered (T&E), Native Plants/Noxious Weeds).
- Include examples of cooperative agreements.
- Develop land protection plan.
- Conceive a development plan.
- Identify carrying capacity.
- Establish acquisition plan by year.
- Create general and site-specific development plans.
- Produce volunteer and landowner outreach strategy.
- Formulate monitoring plan and post CP resource inventories.
- Connect to tourism, economic development or regional recreation issues.

Overall reviewers recommended revising the current NPNHT CMP.

For additional information please visit the NPNHT CP Revision website at:

[www.fs.usda.gov/npnht](http://www.fs.usda.gov/npnht)

This website provides more information about the NPNHT, the process for the revision of the CP, Trail specific events and happenings, and additional opportunities to provide written comments if people are unable to attend one of the public meetings.

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