



Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail

Progress Report

Spring 2017

Administrator's Corner

Greetings,

We have an exciting year ahead of us. We are celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the designation of the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT). We are also commemorating the 140th Anniversary of the Flight of 1877 starting in May. These two events will bring a variety of speakers, re-enactors, new displays, interpretive panels, and mobile apps, all starting with the opening of the new Traveling Exhibit May 19-20, 2017 with our partner Ravalli County Museum. See page 2-3 for more details on this special event.



Sandra Broncheau-McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT

Both anniversaries are being commemorated with a unique infographic. The infographics can be viewed and downloaded from our website at www.fs.usda.gov/npnht/. I visit many places along the Trail joined by my dogs (2 boxers) who love to hike, camp, and eat huckleberries! Our love of dogs goes back several thousand years, 40,000 actually, when the ancestral dog and modern grey wolf split into two distinct lines. Hundreds of dogs were part of the flight of 1877. They served an important role in Nez Perce life. They were a companion, protector, and a pack animal. This is one of many tidbits that you can learn from our infographics.

It can be said adventures may be time consuming and dirty, complicated and painful. There is always a good reason to say no. But I do like to remember walking on the NPNHT, laughing with my friends and family. Around every bend you will find spectacular scenery and abundant recreation opportunities. You'll find a place that's unhurried, and unassumingly-perfect for your own "Adventure Living." When a place and its people are special, you can certainly visit and revisit. Our conviction is that everyone should be able to get outside and explore the Trail.

We experienced numerous floods, flash floods, mud slides, and other erratic weather events. Be sure to prepare for a safe and unforgettable trip to the NPNHT by checking our website, webcams, and local units before you start your adventure.

Sandra Broncheau-McFarland,
Administrator, NPNHT



Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail Exhibit Opens at Ravalli Co. Museum

A new exhibit, “The Journey of the Resilient Nez Perce People,” will be unveiled to visitors at the Ravalli County Museum on Friday, May 19, and Saturday, May 20, 2017. Designed and fabricated by SeaReach LTD, exhibit development was accomplished through a partnership between the Ravalli County Museum, Bitter Root Cultural Heritage Trust, Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) U.S. Forest Service staff, and Tribal Elders, staff, and members.

An opening reception will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday. As part of the exhibit opening on this special evening Mike Penny will lead the Nez Perce Drum Wapqukhan. Attendees can sample traditional Niimiipuu foods and experience a moving presentation of “Who Will Fight No More Forever” performed by the Hamilton Middle School Choir under the direction of Peggy Bucheit, Choral Director. Speakers for the evening will include Nakia Williamson, Director of the Nez Perce Cultural Resources Program, along with officials from the Ravalli County Museum and the U.S. Forest Service.

The exhibit opening continues on Saturday, May 20, as visitors are invited to view the exhibit, discover the history and culture by witnessing as Nez Perce parade their horses in regalia, enjoy the drumming and singing of the Wapqukhan Drum, experience informal cultural presentations, and join Nez Perce Tribal members and Museum staff for free hands on activities for youth.

The 16-panel exhibit introduces visitors to the Nez Perce (Niimiipuu) culture and the people’s connection to the land and the seasonal cycle observed by the Tribe. It provides insight into the Nez Perce’s interactions with European explorers, settlers, and missionaries in the mid-1800s, and the changes those encounters brought to the tribe eventually culminating in the 1877 War and Flight of the Nez Perce. The exhibit tells the story of the eventual exile of the Nez Perce to Kansas, Oklahoma, and Canada as well as the living culture today.

The unveiling of this exhibit is the culmination of a multiyear partnership between the Ravalli County Museum and the NPNHT which is administered by the U.S. Forest Service. The NPNHT is one of 19 National Historic Trails located across the United States. The NPNHT is currently celebrating the 30th anniversary of the congressional authorization of the National Historic Trail on October 6, 1986. Additionally, May 5, 2017, begins the commemoration the 140th year since the Nez Perce War and Flight of 1877.

“We are excited to host this exhibit which will engage viewers, especially youth, curious about exploring the Trail, connecting them with the natural environment and cultural heritage in their communities and along the National Historic Trail,” said Tamar Stanley, Executive Director of the Ravalli County Museum.

The exhibit will be on display at the Ravalli County Museum until October 31st, 2017. Following its time in Hamilton the exhibit is designed to travel to other communities along the Trail. For more information on hosting the exhibit contact the museum at (406) 363-3338.

“The Exhibit provides the opportunity for communities to create meaningful heritage tourism activities in association with the Trail,” said Sandra Broncheau-McFarland, Administrator for the NPNHT. “Working in partnership with the Ravalli County Museum and the Nez Perce Tribe and people who have invested a significant amount of time and energy into this exhibit, we are confident that it will engage thousands of Trail visitors for years to come.”

Kristine Komar
Bitter Root Cultural Heritage Trust



The Journey of the Resilient *Niimiipuu* People

Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail



The Nez Perce National Historic Trail marks the path of the 1877 conflict between the United States Army and the Niimiipuu (Nez Perce) People.

Pursued by the Army, they made their way from their homeland in Wallowa, Oregon, to the Bears Paw Battlefield in northeast Montana.

This exhibit tells the story of their flight and gives the viewer an in depth look at the living culture and traditions of these resilient people.

May 19, 2017 to October 31, 2017

Friday, May 19 from 6 to 8pm ~ Exhibit Opening

- Witness a traditional Salish welcome to the Bitterroot
- Hear from Nez Perce whose families were on the trail
- Sample traditional Nez Perce foods
- Enjoy a chorale, led by Peggy Bucheit

Saturday, May 20 from 10am to 12pm ~ Appaloosa Horse Parade & Nez Perce Culture Presentations

Come see the Nez Perce Appaloosa Horse parade then join Nez Perce Tribal members for FREE hands on kid's activities!

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Ravalli County Museum
& Historical Society

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New Poster Commemorating the 140th Year Since the 1877 War and Flight Now Available

This year's full color Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) poster entitled "Remembering the 1877 War and Flight," which commemorates 140 years since the events of that summer is now available. The poster features the horses utilized by both the Niimiipuu and the U.S. Military. It also provides visitors with information about the War and Flight and encourages them to learn more about the NPNHT. The artwork for the poster was commissioned by the NPNHT and created by Donna Sullenger with the U.S. Forest Service's Center for Design and Interpretation (CDI). We would like to thank Donna, the NPNHT staff, and all our partners who helped with the final design, layout, and printing of this poster.

We will be sharing copies of the poster with more than 30 locations along the NPNHT so hopefully you will be able to find one near your home. If you are not able to find a copy locally please contact us and we'll be happy to send you a copy.

We hope you will display this poster for others to enjoy and help raise awareness of the important history of the NPNHT. If you would like copies, please contact Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, NPNHT, at rmpeterson@fs.fed.us or (406) 329 3540.

Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, NPNHT

140th Year
Remembering the 1877 War and Flight
 Flight Route: 1,170 miles

250 Warriors led, fought for, and protected the fleeing bands. Nez Perce or, in their language, Niimiipuu, means "the people."

550 Elders, women, and children (est.) made the historic flight. Two thousand horses and hundreds of dogs accompanied the entourage.

106 Days during 1877 the Nez Perce escaped capture by the U.S. Army. Warriors carried bows and arrows, knives, and an assortment of frontier firearms.

500 Miles Chief Hotóoto (Lean Elk/Poker Joe) led the Nez Perce from the Big Hole Valley through Yellowstone National Park and central Montana to Cow Island on the Missouri River.

2000 Soldiers (est.), mostly 20 to 32 years of age, deployed for this 1877 campaign. Enlisted men often joined to escape poor economic conditions. Immigrants of diverse backgrounds found a home in the post-Civil War U.S. Army.

5 Months the U.S. Army spent in the field during the 1877 war. Cavalrymen carried the Model 1873 .45-caliber Springfield single-shot carbine.

19 Miles or more a day General O. O. Howard's men marched—his command made one forced march of 53 miles. General Howard was called "General Day After Tomorrow" by the Nez Perce as he was almost always two days behind them throughout the summer of 1877.

4 Nez Perce Chiefs died in this conflict. They were Chiefs Toohoolhoolzote, Ollokoit, Looking Glass, and Lean Elk (Poker Joe).

7th Cavalry commanded in 1877 by Colonel Samuel D. Sturgis was deployed during both the 1876 Little Big Horn expedition and the 1877 Nez Perce campaign.

145 Casualties (killed or wounded) of the Nez Perce resulted from the 1877 War and Flight. Nearly 300 escaped to Canada. More than 430 were imprisoned at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and eventually sent to Indian Territory in Oklahoma while another 33 were held as prisoners of war at Fort Vancouver, Washington.

257 Casualties (killed or wounded) of military personnel resulted from this campaign. The Army awarded 21 Medals of Honor for actions taken during several of the battles.

The Horses
 Both warrior and soldier knew the value of their horse in this historic event. The Nez Perce were known for their selective horse breeding which produced their beloved spotted "Máamin" (Appaloosa). Tough and swiftly sure-footed, these horses had remarkable endurance and courage. A U.S. Cavalry trooper might be riding a wiley, wiry mustang from the West's wild herds, or stout domestically bred animals often requiring supplemental oats and grains for feed.

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Lewis & Clark and NPNHT Partnership Continues with New Brochures

This year the Trail Partnership Program with the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will print and distribute a total of 90,000 brochures with seven different routes promoting the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT).

These brochures will include the NPNHT route on maps and have descriptions of NPNHT sites in seven different brochures covering Eastern Oregon, Kamiah and the U.S. Highway 12 corridor in central Idaho, the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Northwest regions of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, and three different tours in Montana (Southwest Montana, Central Montana and Billings).

“Since the NPNHT and Lewis and Clark NHT share routes or cross in several locations and the fact that Nez Perce and Lewis and Clark stories are connected in many ways, this partnership is a great opportunity to share our stories,” said Sandra Broncheau-McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT.

Visitors can view the Eastern Oregon tour at: www.ORDiscoveryTrails.com and the Kamiah Idaho tour at: www.NezPerceTour.org. The Montana tours are not online as of this issue’s publication but look for them soon within www.LCRockyMountain.org

Lindy Hatcher, Executive Director of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, said, “Visitors on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail can also be visitors for the Nez Perce National Historic Trail, and vice versa. In this era of budget cuts it makes good sense to partner with each other in this program.”

Mark Weekly, National Park Superintendent for the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, said, “We believe it will be mutually beneficial for both trails to partner together in this public information, interpretation, and way-finding program.”

Jeff Smith Vice President, Media Services, J. Greg Smith Inc

If your facility does not have copies of this new brochure please contact Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, NPNHT, at (406) 329-3540 or mpeterson@fs.fed.us and he can provide some copies.



Image Courtesy of J. Greg Smith

UPCOMING Events:



- May 19-20, 2017 — Eastern Oregon University Indian Arts Festival, Pow Wow and Friendship Feast, La Grande, OR
- June 3, 2017 — National Trails Day
- June 10, 2017 — National Get Outdoors Day, fees waived at U.S. Forest Service sites that require a fee, (check with local units)
- June 17, 2017 — White Bird Battle Memorial, White Bird, ID
- June 16-18, 2017 — Chief Joseph & Warriors Pow Wow, Lapwai, ID
- June 30 - July 2, 2017 — Wildhorse Pow Wow, Pendleton, OR
- July 7—9, 2017 — Nespelem 4th of July Pow Wow, Nespelem, WA
- July 7—9, 2017 — Lapwai Days, Lapwai, ID
- July 21—23 2017 — Nez Perce Tamkaliks Celebration & Friendship Feast, Wallowa, OR
- July 17—21, 2017 — 53rd Annual [Chief Joseph Trail Ride](#), Joseph, Oregon
- August 5, 2017 — Big Hole Battle Memorial, Wisdom, MT
- August 10-13, 2017 — Omak Stampede and Pow Wow, Omak, WA



NPNHT Comprehensive Plan Revision Update

The Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) Comprehensive Plan Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) met the week of April 16-22, 2017. The IDT started in Lewiston, ID, with a jet boat trip up to Dug Bar to see where the Nez Perce crossed the Snake River in May of 1877. The river was running high so conditions were possibly close to what the Nez Perce would have experienced 140 years ago. Accompanying the IDT were staff members from the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, Wallow-Whitman National Forest, and Nez Perce National Historical Park.

Over the course of the week the IDT then traveled the Trail from Lewiston, ID, to Bozeman, MT. The trip allowed for in depth conversations between team



U.S. Forest Service photo

ID Team at the NPNHT Trailhead on the Bitterroot National Forest near Sula, MT.

members and local staff on opportunities, issues, and concerns

about their respective resource areas of expertise. During the next few days, the IDT met with line officers and staff members from Nez Perce National Historical Park including Big Hole Battlefield along with staff from the Lolo, Bitterroot, and Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests. The trip concluded in Yellowstone National Park with a tour of important Park sites related to the NPNHT, led by Park Archeologist Beth Horton.

The team will be completing their existing condition reports on the Trail corridor, auto tours, historic sites, and high potential trail segments no later than July 30, 2017. These reports will be used to draft 75% of the revised Comprehensive Plan. Most sections of the



U.S. Forest Service photo

The Team on the NPNHT at Musselshell Meadows, ID

draft revision will be completed by September 30, 2017. Three required Plan sections (25%) will not be completed until fiscal year 2018 because of lack of available funding.

Julie Molzahn, CP Revision Coordinator, NPNHT

Be Safe in Your Travels

The Staff of the NPNHT want your experience along the Trail this spring 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



2017 NPTF Summer Educational Trail Trip

Greetings Members and Friends! We are anxiously awaiting the beginning of the annual Nez Perce Trail Foundation (NPTF) Nez Perce Trail Summer Educational Trail Trip, beginning with Tamkaliks Celebration and Friendship Feast in Wallowa, Oregon, on July 21, 2017.

At this time, we are announcing sign-ups for participants (whether Montana State University Northern credit or non-credit) on this extraordinary adventure. We will follow the route of the exiled "non-treaty" Nez Perce as they made their way from the homelands of Oregon and Idaho to the Big Hole Battlefield near Wisdom, MT. Although Chief Joseph gained immense historical recognition for this event, several other Nez Perce bands and their leaders were equally involved. We honor all who faced such adversity in the quest for freedom.

Remember, you would be participating in the NPTF Summer Educational Trail Tour, Part 1.

For information and an itinerary can be found on the [NPTF website](#).

All enrollments and fees must be submitted by July 9, 2017. You can either pay by PayPal on the NPTF website www.nezpercetrail.net or by mailing a completed application and check to the NPTF address: P.O. Box 2054, Bend, OR 97708.

DEADLINE IS JULY 9, 2017. Payment and applications must be received by this date.

See you on the Trail!

Sincerely, Karen Heagen, Board of Directors, Nez Perce Trail Foundation

Join Us on a Journey of a Lifetime!

July 21-July 30, 2017



- Wallowa Valley • Tamkaliks Celebration & Friendship Feast • Confluence Circle
- Nez Perce Nat'l. Historic Park, Spalding • White Bird • Clearwater • Lolo Trail •
- "Fort Fizzle" • Bitterroot Valley • Big Hole Battlefield •
- Guest Speakers and Demonstrations •

Visit the **Summer NPNHT Educational Trail Tour** page on the NPTF website for Registration and Itinerary Information

Photo Courtesy of the NPTF





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

The last few months have been a big period of change for Nez Perce National Historical Park. We begin with the retirement of three long-term employees.

After more than 30 years with the National Park Service, Park Ranger Kevin Peters hung his flat hat up and retired on February 28. He began his career in 1983 as a Cultural Demonstrator at Nez Perce National Historical Park, and three years later became an interpreter at Big Hole National Battlefield. After two years at Big Hole, Kevin returned to Spalding, where he served for more than 28 years. Kevin plans to primarily stay in the area and continue to pursue his artistic passion.



L-R: Kevin Peters and Bob Chenoweth

Long time Nez Perce National Historical Park Curator, Bob Chenoweth, retired from federal service on April 29. Bob came to Nez Perce National Historical Park in January of 1995, and has been the Park's curator for the past 22 years. Prior to his arrival at Nez Perce NHP, Bob worked as curator at Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site in Deer Lodge, MT, and at the USS Arizona Memorial in Honolulu, HI. Together, through his time at the Smithsonian Institution, the U.S. Army Museum system, and the National Park Service, Bob retires with over 40 years of federal service working in the curation and museum management field. He intends to retire to his home in Moscow, ID, and looks forward to pursuing his many hobbies and interests on a full-time basis.



Finally, we come to our superintendent, Tami DeGrosky (*photo left*). After several seasonal positions Tami began her permanent career in 1981 as a laborer on the road crew at Glacier National Park, eventually becoming an Engineering Equipment Operator. Soon after, she went to Grand Teton National Park as the district Roads Supervisor. She was then selected as the Chief of Maintenance at Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in Wisconsin, and would later move back to Montana as the Superintendent of Big Hole National Battlefield. Her next move was the Chief of Maintenance at Mount Rainier until 2011. At that time she was selected as the Superintendent of Nez Perce National Historical Park and remained here until her retirement on April 29 after 40 years of federal service. She plans to move to Missoula and join her husband Mike who is the Chief of Fire and Aviation for the State of Montana.

We continue to make huge strides in updating and improving Park facilities and grounds. One of our most visible changes occurred this winter in the visitor center lobby. All of the existing windows and boarded up areas have been replaced with LoE³-366® (pronounced low E cubed-366) glass. This energy efficient glass will block 95% of the sun's damaging rays and provide high visibility of the beautiful landscape.

In February, our Maintenance staff took advantage of some warmer weather and made a few updates around the visitor center. The senior and handicap parking area islands were graded and replaced with rocks gardens (*photo right*). Furthermore, 21 old and damaged bollard lights, used to light the sidewalks, were replaced with more energy efficient bollards.

In an effort to reduce long-term maintenance and water use natural resource staff have begun to reduce the amount of non-native turf grass around the park visitor center. The larger island and associated grass island in the circular drive were planted with a native grass and forb mix in mid-March. Work will continue on these vegetation efforts throughout the spring and summer.

The Park visitor center hours will be extended in May to accommodate our summer season. The new hours will take effect on Memorial Day Monday, May 29, and run until Sunday, September 3. The new hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. PDT. A Culture Day event is also being planned for Saturday, July 15, at the Spalding site. More information will be available in June, so mark your calendars. We hope that you will come visit us at the Park and see all the improvements that are taking place.



Brett Spaulding
Supervisory Park Ranger
Nez Perce National Historical Park





News From the National Park Service: Big Hole National Battlefield

Spring is a busy vibrant time at the battlefield. Birds migrate though in astonishing numbers, ground squirrels come out of hibernation, and Park staff prepare for the upcoming summer

season. In the midst of all that activity, the visitor center closed on May 1-2, 2017, so that new carpeting can be installed. The visitor center will then switch to summer hours of 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. MDT, daily beginning Monday, May 8, 2017. Our 8th annual [Coyote Camp](#) will be hosted May 22-26 this year.

Coyote Camp is the battlefield's premier education program for school children, with approximately 1,000 students attending each year. Students spend 5 hours rotating through a variety of activities that introduce them to Nez Perce culture, the 1877 War and Flight of the Nez Perce, and the Battle of the Big Hole.

With the start of summer we will host one cultural demonstrator per weekend from June 24 - August 13, 2017, as part of our annual Summer Speaker Series:

- June 24-25: Darrell Wheeler - Events of 1877
- July 1-2: Don Safford - Flint Knapping
- July 8-9: Jessica Anthony - Fry Bread
- July 15-16: William Timentwa - Chief Joseph Band Perspective
- July 22-23: Robert Brown - Major Charles Rawn
- July 29-30: Naomi Wood - Stickgame
- August 5-6: Mike Penney and Nez Perce Nation Drum - Drum and Song
- August 12-13: Silas Whitman - Natural Resource Uses of the Nez Perce and Leroy Seth - Tribal Dancing and Regalia



Students practice skills with a cultural demonstrator during Coyote Camp.

Photo Courtesy of Luke Martin - National Park Service

"The message that *'we are of this land'* is true for everyone on the Earth."

~Jeremy Fivecrows, Nez Perce tribal member, 2007



Photo Courtesy of the National Park Service

This spring we are excited to bring on two Volunteers-In-Parks (VIPs) and three interns through the Student Conservation Association (SCA) to assist with interpretive programming through the summer and fall. We will also bring on four local teenagers as members of the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC), and at least one seasonal maintenance staff member. Stop by if you get a chance.

Rebekah Jones, Lead Park Ranger, Big Hole National Battlefield





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

The Lolo Pass Visitor Center will be hosting a full calendar of interpretive events this summer highlighting the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail. Programs will focus on the significance of the historic trail, the people who traveled it, and the flora and fauna along the Trail. All programs are free and family friendly. Please join us as we explore this historic trail and its rich history!

***These programs will be held in Packer Meadow if weather permits. All others will be at the Lolo Pass Visitor Center
All times are Pacific Daylight Time**

Wednesday, June 7th	*Nez Perce Traditional Foods and Roots Presented by Gwen Carter, Cultural Interpreter with the Nez Perce Tribe	10 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Wednesday, June 21	Flutes I have Known Presented by Kevin Peters, retired NPS Ranger & Nez Perce Cultural Interpreter	10 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Wednesday, June 21st	* Nez Perce Traditional Foods and Roots Presented by Gwen Carter, Cultural Interpreter with the Nez Perce Tribe	10 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Friday, July 7th	When History Bumps Into Itself on the Lolo Trail Presented by Chuck Radon of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Association	10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 26th	Facts Behind the Artifacts: Men & Women in Traditional Nez Perce Culture Presented by Lynne, Josiah & Allen Pinkham, Nez Perce Ethnographer & Cultural Historians	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Saturday, August 12th	Lolo Trail Rendezvous Presented by the Sapphire Mountain Men & Women	8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, August 13th	Niimiipuu Family History & Niimiipuu the Peoples Language Presented by Angel Sobotta of the Nez Perce Language Program & language teacher at LCSC	1 p.m. - 1:45 & 2:15 p.m. -3 p.m.
Wednesday, August 23rd	The Appaloosa Horse Presented by the Yearout Family & Nez Perce Appaloosa Horse Club	10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Saturday, September 9th	Birds of Prey Along the Lolo Trail Presented by Kate Davis, founder & executive director of the Raptors of the Rockies	10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 9th	*Lolo Trail Bird Walk & Talk in Packer Meadow Presented by Valerie Bayer & Vicki Cox of the Montana Natural History Center	9 a.m. -11 a.m.
Thursday, September 21st	The Creators: A Gathering of First Nation Artisans & live performances by The Nez Perce Drummers & Dancers	9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



New Faces Along the Trail:

Joe Alexander Named Director of Recreation, Lands, Minerals, Heritage and Wilderness for the U.S. Forest Service Northern Region



Leanne Marten, Regional Forester for the U.S. Forest Service Northern Region, recently announced the selection of Joe Alexander as the new director of Recreation, Lands, Minerals, Heritage, and Wilderness for the Northern Region based in Missoula, MT.

Alexander reported to Missoula in late February from his most recent position as Forest Supervisor of the Shoshone National Forest in Cody, WY, where he served since the fall of 2010.

Alexander graduated from the University of Montana with a Bachelor's Degree in Forestry and an emphasis in Range Management in 1993. He started his career as a range management specialist on the Bitterroot National Forest and then on the Dakota Prairie Grasslands. He then transferred to the Humbolt-Toiyabe National Forest and worked as an Operations Team Leader.

The next assignment he took was a NEPA Specialist where he increased his knowledge in Forest Planning. His first Line Officer position was on the Republic Ranger District of the Colville National Forest in Washington State. Vegetation management and collaboration were some of the bigger challenges as Ranger on this District. He really enjoyed being a ranger and working with his staff to build a high functioning team.

From 2006 to 2010, Alexander worked as a District Ranger on the Deer River Ranger District of the Chippewa National Forest in Northern Minnesota. The challenges in the Eastern Region suited him well and the Deer River Ranger District lead the way in multiple-use management on the Chippewa. He also served as an Acting Team Leader for Engineering Lands, Minerals, Recreation, and Heritage Programs on the Chippewa National Forest and served as the Acting Director of Public Affairs and Government Relations in the Eastern Region.

Throughout his career, Alexander has worked hard and has a passion for mentoring, coaching, and development of employees. He has led efforts in Regions 1, 2, 8, and 9 in leadership development, diversifying our workforce, recruitment, and retention efforts. He has also developed a knack for collaboration and building strong relationships in rural communities.

He has been married for 23 years to his wonderful wife Kelli. They have two great children, Cassidy who is 18 years old and is in her first year at the University of Montana, and Carson who is 11 years old and is in the fourth grade.

He and his wife coached soccer and basketball for their daughter and are strong advocates for their son and the other children with special needs in their region. He is a strong supporter and tries to lead by example in balancing work with family life.

While Joe always enjoys work in the Forest Service, his true passion in life is his wife and children and all of the pursuits the great outdoors has to offer. He is an enthusiastic outdoorsman and any day he can spend in the boat or afield with his father he feels is truly a special day!



New Faces Along the Trail:

Horton Joins Team at Yellowstone National Park as Park Archaeologist



Dr. Beth Horton joined the staff at Yellowstone National Park in July of 2016 as the Park Archaeologist. She came to this position after serving as an Archaeologist for Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, in Vancouver, WA, for the previous six years, while also assisting other national parks throughout the Pacific West. Since 1996 she has worked as a professional archaeologist in cultural resources management for State and Federal agencies and as an instructor for Washington State University at Pullman and Vancouver, WA. She has undertaken research and fieldwork in California, Idaho, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Montana, New York, Oregon, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming, as well as the United Kingdom and Italy. Her major research interests include spatial/landscape archaeology, western military

archaeology, public archaeology, dietary analyses, gender studies, semiotics, and material culture studies. Throughout her work she emphasizes the importance of involving the public in resource stewardship. Beth feels extremely fortunate to have this opportunity to steward and research the archaeological resources at Yellowstone for the American Public.

Werle Joins Bitterroot National Forest Staff as Archaeologist and Heritage Program Manager

Matthew Werle started in January of 2017 as the Forest Archaeologist and Heritage Program Manager for the Bitterroot National Forest in Hamilton, MT. Werle has worked in cultural resource management since 2003, while pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology at San Diego State University. Since that time he has worked in Idaho, California, Nevada, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming either for a private consulting firm, the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, or as a graduate student at the University of Montana.

Prior to joining the Forest Service, he worked for the Columbia-Snake Salmon Recovery Office for Reclamation. The program worked collaboratively with numerous federal agencies to improve salmon and steelhead habitat throughout the Pacific Northwest. He looks forward to managing the diverse and rich heritage resources on the Bitterroot National Forest, which includes portions of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness, Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness, and the Anaconda Pintler Wilderness.

In his spare time, Werle helps his wife raise their two daughters and enjoys taking them to the great outdoors whenever possible. He is also an avid but mostly unsuccessful backcountry bow hunter, novice fly-fisher, occasional homebrewer, an amateur woodworker, and wanna-be farmer (gardener). He looks forward to a long career with the Forest Service in Western Montana.



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