

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

**Progress Report** 

**Summer 2017** 

#### **Administrator's Corner**

Greetings,

Have you experienced the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) or Auto Tour Route? Perhaps you have picked up one of our eight <u>Auto Tour</u> <u>guides</u>. Hiking, rock climbing, boating, fishing, swimming, and more are just a few steps from the NPNHT.



Be inspired by mountain biking, road cycling, and traveling

rugged gravel roads on the Auto Tour Routes. In the evening stretch out and watch the brilliant light show as the stars appear. Be sure to bring your camera along to capture memories. The NPNHT sites are always posing for a picture. Take a moment to engage your surroundings. Want more inspiration? New adventures? Visit <a href="https://www.fs.fed.usda.gov/npnht">www.fs.fed.usda.gov/npnht</a>.

A new adventure I experienced along the trail corridor was in a whole new way. I tried the unique kind of transit by taking a pedal-powered rail-ride tour with <u>Joseph Branch Railriders</u> outside Joseph, OR. It was a family fun way to get some exercise, take in the take in the majestic Wallowa Mountains, the beautiful Wallowa River, and witness great wildlife viewing. We pedaled from Joseph to Enterprise, OR, and then continued on the second stretch pedaling from Minam to Wallowa, OR (*see photo above*). This was part of a 2015 challenge cost share project with Eastern Oregon University to do a feasibility study to evaluate a Joseph Branch corridor rail with trail concept which has, in part, culminated in enhancement of recreational opportunities, promoted community development, and expanded and promoted tourism in NE Oregon. Providing a great way to relax, enjoy the history using our <u>Auto Tour Guide</u> and experience a new adventure for the Trail.

Thanks to all of our partners and volunteers for making our Trail experiences the best they can be.

Please leave the Trail and Trail sites better than you found them, and say a friendly word to everyone you meet. Summer is in full swing. Be safe and enjoy the rest of your summer.

For our partners and volunteers working on the trail, remember to put Life First, Stop, Think, Talk...Then Act to help eliminate unnecessary exposure and increase the odds of everyone going home safely at the end of the day.

Sandra Broncheau-McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT





September 2017

#### NPNHT Exhibit Opens at Ravalli Co. Museum Through October 2017

The opening reception of a new exhibit *The Journey of the Resilient Niimiipuu People* was recently celebrated and was a resounding success. The two day event took place at the Ravalli County Museum in Hamilton, MT, and incorporated many aspects of the thriving Nez Perce culture.

The theme of the exhibit showcases the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) that marks the path of the 1877 conflict between the Niimíipuu and the United States Army. The display tells the story of the Nez Perce flight and gives the viewer an in depth look at the culture and customs of this strong society.

This presentation was designed in consultation with the Nez Perce Circle of Elders and tribal members in conjunction with the



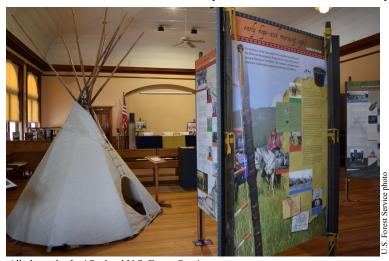
NPNHT Challenge Cost Share Program the Nez Perce Cultural Resource Program along with a host of other entities. The storyline shares many specifics about the day to day life of the Nez Perce people pre-contact, and narrates a timeline as tensions in the region developed. This account is described using compelling facts that cover different viewpoints. It includes impactful visual content and language that generates a sense of awareness about this tragic time in our history.



During the opening reception the guest list included many dignitaries from agencies involved in this enterprise. The representatives from the Nez Perce Nation were able to bring with them some of their striking Appaloosa horses in full regalia. The highlight of the event was the opportunity to interact with tribal members, singers, dancers, and drummers. Traditional foods were served and information about hunting and gathering of roots and seasonal foods was described by knowledgeable tribal members. This proved to be a splendid way to introduce many of the local residents to this culture.

This exhibit will be on display at the <u>Ravalli County</u> <u>Museum</u> through October 31, 2017.

Tamar Stanley, Executive Director, Ravalli County Museum and Historical Society



All photos by Joni Packard U.S. Forest Service

#### Read-A-Thon Celebrates 15th Anniversary of Kaya Introduction the "First American Girl"

Kaya, the American Girl doll, was first introduced 15 years ago in 2002. The Nez Perce tribe was represented by an advisory board who worked to assist Pleasant Company to assure that the stories and product were authentic.

Dr. Lillian Ackerman, Vivian Adams, Rodney Cawston, Connie Evans, Diane Mallickan, Frances Paisano, and Ann McCormack served on the committee. The project took six years to develop until the launch.

Julie Kane and Ann McCormack had occasion to work with the Mattel /Pleasant Company briefly this past spring. The Mattel Company offers the historical series that makes the Kaya doll and six books about her as an 11 year old Nez Perce girl <a href="https://www.americangirl.com">www.americangirl.com</a>.

Through those discussions, Julie Parks, Public Relations Officer, and Jodi Goldberg, editor of the Kaya books, from Pleasant have agreed that it was time to reintroduce Kaya to a new set of little girls on the Nez Perce reservation. They decided that a read-a-thon of all six books in one sitting by 3rd or 4th grade girls from the schools on the reservation might work.



Kaya display at Ravalli Co. Museum exhibit

On the morning of Friday, September 8, 2017, more than 100 4th Grade girls and mentors gathered for the read-athon at the Lapwai High School Gymnasium in Lapwai, ID. They spent the next two hours reading from the Kaya books.

For participating in the marathon each student received a set of the books and a doll. This is a \$125 value. The Mattel/Pleasant Company donated all the dolls and books for the celebration.

With Dr. David Aiken's assistance the Orofino and Kamiah superintendents 4th grade girls from throughout Central Idaho were able to participate. A goal was to reach the students from smaller schools in the area.

Each girl received a set of books and a Kaya doll for participating in the Kaya Read-A-Thon. The Kaya Read-A-Lunch was served to everyone immediately following the gifting. Honored guests were, Jodi Goldberg, Editor, American Girl Company; Mary Jane Miles, Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee Chairman; Nez Perce Advisory Board- Lillian Ackerman, Vivian Adams, Rodney Cawston, Connie Evans, Diane Mallickan, Ann McCormack, Rachel Edwards for Mother Frances Paisano, and Rosa Yearout; Planning Committee: Julie Kane, Joyce McFarland, Tess Woodard, Danielle Scott, and David Aiken.

#### University of Montana and Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail Co-Sponsor Hampton Lecture

On Thursday October 5, 2017, the University of Montana History Department, the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT), and the Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History are pleased to invite you to the Ninth Annual Hampton Lecture "The Wilderness of American Power: Understanding Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce War" by Daniel Sharfstein, Professor of Law and History, Vanderbilt University. The lecture will start at 7 p.m., in Room 106 of the <u>Gallagher Business Building</u> at the University of Montana, in Missoula, MT.

Professor Sharfstein recently authored the book Thunder in the Mountains: Chief Joseph, Oliver Otis Howard, and the Nez Perce War, see page four or this report for more information about this book.

#### **New Books:**

# Thunder in the Mountains: Chief Joseph, Oliver Otis Howard, and the Nez Perce War

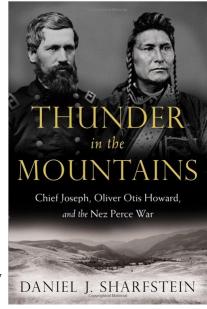
by Daniel J. Sharfstein

The epic clash of two American legends—their brutal war and a battle of ideas that defined America after Reconstruction.

Oliver Otis Howard thought he was a man of destiny. Chosen to lead the Freedmen's Bureau after the Civil War, the Union Army general was entrusted with the era's most crucial task: helping millions of former slaves claim the rights of citizens. He was energized by the belief that abolition and Reconstruction, the country's great struggles for liberty and equality, were God's plan for himself and the nation. To honor his righteous commitment to a new American freedom, Howard University was named for him.

But as the nation's politics curdled in the 1870s, General Howard exiled himself from Washington, D.C., rejoined the army, and was sent across the continent to command forces in the Pacific Northwest. Shattered by Reconstruction's collapse, he assumed a new mission: forcing Native Americans to become Christian farmers on government reservations.

Howard's plans for redemption in the West ran headlong into the resistance of Chief Joseph, a young Nez Perce leader in northeastern Oregon, who refused to leave his ancestral land. Claiming equal rights for Native Americans, Joseph was determined to find his way to the center of American power and convince the government to acknowledge his people's humanity and capacity for citizenship. Although his words echoed the very ideas about liberty and equality that Howard had championed during Reconstruction, in the summer of 1877 the



general and his troops ruthlessly pursued hundreds of Nez Perce families through the stark and unforgiving Northern Rockies. An odyssey and a tragedy, their devastating war transfixed the nation and immortalized Chief Joseph as a hero to generations of Americans

Recreating the Nez Perce War through the voices of its survivors, Daniel J. Sharfstein's visionary history of the West casts Howard's turn away from civil rights alongside the nation's rejection of racial equality and embrace of empire. The conflict becomes a pivotal struggle over who gets to claim the American dream: a battle of ideas about the meaning of freedom and equality, the mechanics of American power, and the limits of what the government can and should do for its people. The war that Howard and Joseph fought is one that Americans continue to fight today.

# The Coming

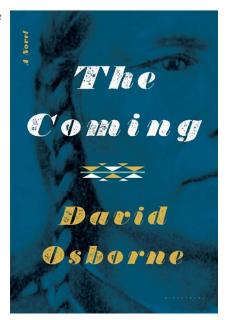
by David Osborne

A sweeping historical novel of the American West that follows the dramatic life of Daytime Smoke, Nez Perce son of explorer William Clark.

The Coming is an epic novel of native-white relations in North America, intimately told through the life of Daytime Smoke--the real-life red-haired son of William Clark and a Nez Perce woman.

In 1805, Lewis and Clark stumble out of the Rockies on the edge of starvation. The Nez Perce help the explorers build canoes and navigate the rapids of the Columbia and, then spend two months hosting them the following spring before leading them back across the snowbound mountains. Daytime Smoke is born not long after, and the tribe of his youth continues a deep friendship with white Americans, from fur trappers to missionaries, even aiding the United States government in wars with neighboring tribes. But when gold is discovered on Nez Perce land in 1860, it sets an inevitable tragedy in motion.

Daytime Smoke's life spanned the seven decades between first contact and the last great Indian war. Capturing the trajectory experienced by so many native peoples--from friendship and cooperation to betrayal, war, and genocide--this sweeping novel, with its large cast of characters and vast geography, braids historical events with the drama of one man's remarkable life. Rigorously researched and cinematically rendered, The Coming is a page-turning, heart-stopping American novel in a classic mode.



## Webpage Highlights Events Commemorating the 140th Year Since the 1877 War and Flight

2017 marks the 140th year since the 1877 War and Flight of the Nez Perce. The staff of the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail in conjunction with a number of partners is hosting a website to provide information about events happening during the next several months to commemorate the events of 1877.

We would encourage people to take time to learn more and reflect upon the historic events of 1877 and what they mean for all people today.

We hope people will find time to participate in some of the events.

Several Pow Wows will be taking place at locations across the Pacific Northwest this summer and fall.

Annual memorials will be held at the Big Hole Battlefield in early August and the Bear Paw Battlefield in early October.

Nez Perce Appaloosa Horse club at Indian Post Office along the Nez Perce Trail in Central Idaho

Schedule of 140th Commemorative Events

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We hope that you will find time to participate in some of the following events listed below. If we become aware of other presentations or events we will add them to this page in the coming the weeks. Please check back throughout the rest of this year to learn about any new events.

Date/Time	Event	Location	Sponsor	Key Contact(s)	<b>Additional Information</b>
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May 20, 2017	Opening New Museum Exhibit: The Journey of the Resilient Nez Perce		Ravalli Co. Museum	Tamar Stanley 406-363-3338	The exhibit will be on display at the Ravalli County Museum unt October 31, 2017.

Also a number of programs are still planned at the Big Hole Battlefield and at the Lolo Pass Visitor Center. The exhibit at the Ravalli County Museum runs through October 31, 2017.

We will add any additional events that we become aware of to the calendar in the coming weeks so please check back throughout the rest of this year to learn about new events.

Follow this link to the page.

Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, NPNHT

#### **UPCOMING Events:**



September 30, 2017 — National Public Lands Day (fees waived at National Public Lands Agencies)

October 5, 2017—Hampton Lecture, University of Montana, Missoula, MT

October 7, 2017— Bear Paw Memorial, Chinook, MT

November 2017 — Native American Heritage Month

November 11, 2017 — Veterans Day Weekend (fees waived at National Public Lands Agencies)

November 17-19, 2017 — Young Nations Pow Wow, Lapwai, ID

#### **NPNHT Comprehensive Plan Revision Update**

Work on the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail Comprehensive Plan revision is progressing with several chapters actively being written or in the final editing stages. The Interdisciplinary Team is finishing up their existing condition assessment reports. These reports will be used to develop:

- Chapter III Trail Corridor which is a description of the trail corridor, significant resources to be protected within the corridor, and the desired future condition of the corridor.
- Chapter IV Administration and Management which will discuss how:

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Managed by the Interagency Partners who are responsible for the on the federal lands in which the Trail is located. Goals, objectives and practices which will guide how administration and management is implemented.

Direction for Connecting and Side Trails.

Implementation of Visitor Capacity.

Other Chapters currently being written will provide direction for:

- Protection of high potential historic sites and high potential segments including the process for site certification.
- National Trail Rights-of-Way development
- Acquisition planning
- Visitor Services

Julie Molzahn will be retiring on September 30, 2017, after a 34 year career with the U.S. Forest Service. During August and September, Julie will be transitioning the completion of the revised Comprehensive Plan with our Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Christina Milos, MLA, PhD. Christina will then step into Julie's position for the remainder of the calendar year starting October 1, 2017. Christina brings an international planning background to our group having taught in Germany and worked in Africa. Christina's contact information is phone 202-875-2639 and <a href="mailto:cmilos@fs.fed.us">cmilos@fs.fed.us</a>

Julie Molzahn, CP Revision Coordinator, NPNHT



# **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:
<a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/npnht/ethics">http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/npnht/ethics</a>

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.

<u>Remember to:</u> Pay attention to wildlife awareness signs along roadways and always drive the posted speed limit.

## **News From the Nez Perce Trail Foundation**



May is the time of year when schools arrange field trips which is a great way to end the school year for the students. This year, the Big Hole National Battlefield again hosted their annual Coyote Camp event. The event covered an entire week with the focus on Nez Perce cultural and historical education. This was the eighth year that this popular program has been sponsored by the National Park Service. On average around 200 students attend Coyote Camp daily. The students ranged from elementary to high school ages and traveled from various Montana and Idaho locations. The cultural and historical presentations were conducted by Gwen Carter,

Pete Wilson, Billy Maxwell, Ken Thomasma, and Jim Zimmerman.

Nez Perce representative Gwen Carter provided firsthand knowledge of cultural subjects such as types of foods that have been popular within the Nez Perce community. Gwen also provided examples of beautiful bead work that adorns leather goods and other cultural objects. Pete Wilson did a fine job of representing the Nez Perce culture with his program that included drumming demonstrations, information on drumming sticks, and the similarities of drumming techniques shared by other tribes. Pete shared information about feather- adorned staffs that he made, which he crafted in the same style as those utilized in the 1800's.

Billy Maxwell did an outstanding job in providing the students with detailed information relative to the techniques used in the tanning of buffalo hides. The students participated in a "hands on" experience in what it takes to scrape a hide clean. It was obvious that having the opportunity to learn by doing was a big hit with the students.



As a retired teacher and the author of the Amazing Indian Children Series, Ken Thomasma was well prepared to present the history of the events that led up to the 1877 War and Flight of the Nez Perce. Many of the students attending Coyote Camp were already familiar with Ken's Indian children's books.

I was honored to join with the above mentioned presenters. It was my responsibility to provide a program in the character of Lt. Charles Erskine Scott Wood who served as aide-de-camp to General Howard during the Nez Perce War. It was Lt. Wood who was credited with writing down the words of Chief Joseph that ended the 1877 War and Flight of the Nez Perce at the Bear Paw Battlefield in northern Montana. Lt. Wood saw the injustice of the war and became a close friend to Chief Joseph. It was also my pleasure to present to the Big Hole National Battlefield a painting that I did of the Big Hole Battlefield entitled "Never Forget" (see photo above).

The Nez Perce Trail Foundation (NPTF) is actively pursuing a path to become more engaged with youth and we are now placing more emphasis on education so that the history of the 1877 War and Flight of the Nez Perce will not fade from our memories. I would especially like to thank the staff at the Big Hole National Battlefield for allowing me to participate in this year's Coyote Camp week-long event. It was obvious that the students enjoyed the event and learned a great deal about the culture of the Nez Perce and the War of 1877. The Big Hole National Battlefield staff was very friendly, courteous, and represented the National Park Service with distinction. This program is definitely worth repeating annually.

Sincerely, Jim Zimmerman, President, Nez Perce Trail Foundation



# **News From the National Park Service:**

#### Nez Perce National Historical Park

Scott Eckberg, Idaho Unit Manager, (*photo right*) has officially announced his retirement and hung up his flat hat on July 31. Scott was first hired in 1976 as a seasonal interpreter at Fort Laramie National Historic Site. His incredible 37 year career would take him to more than a dozen western historic sites and parks. For the last 14

years Scott has been at Nez Perce National Historic Park. We wish him all the best. Scott plans to remain in the Clarkston, WA, area for now.

With the retirement of the Park's superintendent last April, Mike Gauthier was selected as the acting superintendent this past June. He will serve in this capacity for a 120-day detail that will end in early October. Mike comes to us from Yosemite National Park, where he is the Park's chief of staff.



As we thawed out from the harsh winter our annual school visits began to pick up by mid-April. Annually we have a high volume of schools visit the Park from April through mid-June. This year, 24 school groups consisting of roughly 1,100 students visited the park and staff conducted 87 programs and demonstrations for them. It's always a busy time, but one that the staff enjoys and is eager to meet the challenge.



The annual Camas Monitoring project that is held at Weippe Prairie (*photo left*) was conducted at the end of May. Three high schools consisting of 35 students and teachers participated in the two part classroom and field study. They learned about the importance of this native plant and went into the field to count camas and identified other plants located in specific plots. Their assistance was greatly appreciated and extremely valuable. We thank them for recognizing the importance of the project and donating 280 hours of their time.

As our summer operations are getting into full swing, the Youth Conservation Corps program returned. This federal program provides youths with a paid opportunity to conduct conservation work on public lands. They are exposed to natural and cultural resources, park

maintenance needs, and park interpretation. We are happy and excited about this year's team which includes Alex, Connor, Jeyyonce, Marcos, and Zach!

The pollinator garden that was planted last September has taken root and is blooming. However, with it comes a lot of maintenance. As a result we have had volunteer projects in April and May to help maintain and improve the garden. For those who have volunteered we say thank you!

Guest speakers have provided several talks and presentations over the last few months. This May, David Moen talked about the reintroduction of the California condor, an endangered bird, to the Nez Perce homeland. In June, Nan Vance presented a program about native plants and their pollinators, and author Steven Evans spoke about his book "Voice of the Old Wolf." Author Dan Scharfstein, whose book "Thunder in the Mountains" was just published (see review on page 4) conducted a 40 minute presentation and book signing for about 65 individuals at the visitor center on Monday, July 31.

Park Rangers are currently presenting daily programs at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. PDT, at the visitor center. All programs, events, and talks are free. For more information about these and other events please contact the park.

Brett Spaulding, Supervisory Park Ranger, Nez Perce National Historical Park



Summer is flying by at the Big Hole National Battlefield. The summer speaker series was again successful, and concluded on August 13. The Annual Commemoration of the Battle of the Big Hole took place on the morning of Saturday, August 5, 2017. The memorial as always was open to the public.

Park staff are delivering deck talks and battlefield tours each weekend, and also weekdays as staffing allows

through the end of September. More details about these programs can be found on the park website at: <a href="https://www.nps.gov/biho/planyourvisit/rangerprograms.htm">https://www.nps.gov/biho/planyourvisit/rangerprograms.htm</a>.

Two teachers from schools in the nearby Bitterroot Valley were hired as Teacher-Ranger-Teachers to help develop new Junior Ranger booklets for Big Hole and Bear Paw Battlefields. We anticipate draft versions of the booklets to be available for tribal review later this fall.

Several projects are taking place on the battlefield. With the help of the Montana Conservation Corps, staff has been able to complete an erosion control and hazard tree removal project on the siege trail to keep visitors safe. The MCC crew also assisted with staff in erecting tipi poles that had fallen over on the camp trail during winter and spring storms. Biologists from Nez Perce National Historical Park and The Upper Columbia Basin Network conducted annual surveys for Camas Lilies and Lemhi Penstemon on the battlefield in late June. More information about that project can be found online at: <a href="https://science.nature.nps.gov/im/units/ucbn/">https://science.nature.nps.gov/im/units/ucbn/</a>



Lemhi Penstemon monitoring takes place on steep hillsides at the Big Hole National Battlefield.

Rebekah Jones, Lead Park Ranger, Big Hole National Battlefield

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## **Bear Paw Battlefield**

Preparing a story for the Progress Report got me thinking back on some of the more impactful visitor interactions we've had recently.

First was a conversation with a woman who grew up in Ghana. We were talking about the tough decision the surviving non-treaty Niimíipuu (Nez Perce) had to make on the night of October 4, 1877. She told us about why she would never quit fighting. She shared

stories of her people, their suffering, and their oppression. She shared with me a perspective that I could have never found in my own life experiences. It felt as if she gave voice to the people from 140 years ago who decided that risking death was the preferable alternative.

The second that came to mind was meeting with a descendant of Chief Ollokot who is a minister on the Umatilla reservation. We talked of many things, but his perspective on faith in the lives of Niimíipuu then and now was most intriguing and thought provoking.



The last one that really stands out was a man visiting from Australia with his family. He was able to make numerous connections between the struggles of the American Indian and the Aboriginal Australians.

All three of these people are just examples of how almost everyone already has or can find some personal connection to the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT), people from all over the world and from all walks of life. Perhaps a very difficult thing to measure in terms of progress but I believe the heart and soul of our mission. To everyone who supports the NPNHT in their own way, thank you. These moments wouldn't happen without you.

Casey Overturf, Lead Park Ranger, Bear Paw Battlefield

# **News From the Forest Service:**

## Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest Lolo Pass Visitor Center

Lolo Pass Visitor Center has a new face. Please stop in and meet our new staff member, Regina Mad Plume. Regina joined the Lolo Pass staff as part of a challenge cost share agreement between the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) and Discover Your Northwest.

Regina is a member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and descendent of the Blackfeet Nation. She was raised in Browning, MT, and calls the Glacier National Park area home. We are very excited about all the expertise Regina brings to our staff. She has degrees in Native American Studies, Tribal Historic Preservation, and is currently pursuing a graduate degree in Anthropology of Cultural Heritage Management thru the University of Montana. Most recently Regina has been working as a Native American Cultural Specialist for elementary school students in Polson, MT.



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Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest Lolo Pass Visitor Center



Thursday, September 21st, 2017
"The Creators: A Gathering of First Nation
Artisans & Live Performances"
9:00am - 4:30pm (Pacific Time)

This all day event will be a gathering of tribal artists, crafts people, musicians, dancers and story tellers. Artisans will be providing live demonstrations and authentic native arts & crafts will be available for sale. Featured artists:

- ♦ Kodi Tall Bull (art) 
  ♦ Shaquille Bundy-Ness (beadwork)
  - ♦ Sashay Camel (art) ♦ Persephone Sandoval (art)
    - **♦ Chanel & Raymond Harwood** (art)
    - ◆ Roy Rando (jewelry & crafts)
    - ♦ Moses Yellow Robe III (welded sculptures)
      - ◆ Nicole & Merle BigBow (art & crafts)

Live performances by:

Nez Perce Drummers & Dancers @ 1:00 & 2:30 Shebala Family @ 10:00, 12:00, 3:30

This is a free, family friendly event to celebrate the

Nez Perce National Historic Trail. Follow this event on Facebook @

"Discover Your Northwest—Lolo Pass Visitor Center."

Regina will be presenting various

interpretive presentations highlighting Native American Culture at the Lolo Pass Visitor Center and helping to coordinate our busy interpretive calendar of presenters highlighting the NPNHT.

The Lolo Pass Visitor Center hosted a full calendar of interpretive events this summer highlighting the NPNHT. Programs focused on the significance of the historic trail, the people who traveled it, and the flora and fauna along the Trail. All programs were free and family friendly. These programs will culminate with "The Creators: A Gathering of First Nation Artisans and Live Performances on Thursday, September, 21, 2017.

Please join us as we explore this historic trail and its rich history!

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

# New Faces Along the Trail:

#### Leier Selected as Museum Curator at Nez Perce National Historical Park



Kristine Leier has replaced Robert Chenoweth, who retired in April 2017, as the new museum curator at Nez Perce National Historical Park.

Leier was born and raised in Walla Walla, WA. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology with an additional major in History from Washington State University in 2015. She recently graduated with a Master's in Museum Studies from Arizona State University in May 2017.

Leier's work with the National Park Service began in the summer of 2012 at the Whitman Mission National Historic Site where she worked as a park ranger for three summers. While working at the Whitman Mission she volunteered with the Park's museum collection which began her interest in pursuing a career in museum work. Leier also spent the summer of 2015 working as a museum technician for Nez Perce National Historical Park before heading to Arizona for graduate school.

After having spent the last two years living in Arizona, she is very excited to be back in the northwest! She currently lives in Lewiston, ID, and in her free time enjoys traveling, hiking, reading, and yoga.

## Angela Bombaci Program Coordinator Wallow Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center

As the new Program Coordinator at the Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland, Angela Bombaci is happy to be contributing to a cause that she connects with on a personal level. Dancing in the circle dance is one of her earliest memories - and she is proud to continue the work that is being done to strengthen ties with our Indian neighbors.

Returning to her hometown of Wallowa, OR, after a 15 year absence, Bombaci values more than ever the environment and cultural history of this land. "I have a deep sense of responsibility for the Wallowa County community, past and present. As I organize new events and programs, I keep in mind our mission to connect a new generation of Nez Perce people, local community members and visitors from around the world," said Bombaci.

When she's not at at the downtown Wallowa visitor center, or exploring out at the site of our annual Tamkaliks celebration, you can find her enjoying the company of her 2-year-old son, Cosmo, and their Boxer mix pup, Hobbes. She loves to explore on foot, from the canyon country to the Eagle Cap, and often takes the quick hike up to the gazebo above the dance arbor here in Wallowa. In the winter she straps on her snowboard and makes the most of the cold, crisp weather - just one more thing to love about Wallowa County.



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#### **Summer Along the Nez Perce National Historic Trail**



Birch Creek, ID Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service photo



Gibbons Pass Road Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service photo



Fort Fizzle July 2017
Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service photo



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









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