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

Progress Report

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Administrator's Corner

Greetings,

National Scenic and Historic Trails are the crown jewels of our nation. They are more than; just a natural place, more than a place for recreation, they are places of true inspiration.

Now is the time to plan your next trip to visit our iconic Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) and our Auto Tour Route to take part in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the National Trails System Act (NTSA) in 2018. With the passage of the NTSA in 1968, America was given a gift; the creation and protection of scenic, historic, and recreation trails that celebrate outdoor adventure and trails that allow us to journey through history. To learn more about the entire National Trails System visit www.trails50.org.

It's not too late to enjoy the NPNHT as we enter hunting season, steelhead fishing, and explore the gateway our Trail provides this winter where you will be transformed to a snow lover's paradise, offering a host of activities for snow and winter recreation from cross-country skiing, tubing, snowmobiling, snowboarding, snowshoeing, snow camping or taking in a dog sled race. Take a dip in one of the several hot springs located along the NPNHT.

Before you head out, we highly recommend looking at weather conditions. Weather can change quickly and even though It may be 50 degrees in lower elevations along the trail and auto tour route, it may be snowing and potentially hazardous on the routes up in the mountains.

Are museums more your speed? Winter is an excellent time to experience the many unique museums along the trail. Immerse yourself in culture at a Pow Wow as the Pow Wow season begins to wind down. Check our website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/npnht/> for upcoming dates and locations. See page 5 for more information.

We want you to have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends. Celebrate your togetherness and your harvest. We can only learn from history when we know the truth. Remember the duty we all have to be honest about our past, so we can learn from it.

In closing, please know that we are truly thankful to have NPNHT supporters like you. We want to thank you for giving back so much. You make everything we do possible.

Sandra Broncheau-McFarland,
Administrator, NPNHT



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The Nez Perce Exhibit and the Canoe Project

The idea of a permanent Nez Perce exhibit occurred for two primary reasons. First, being named the Joseph Center and having the Joseph Library, visitors constantly ask about the people who once lived here, the Nez Perce. Secondly, when we finished a permanent Alvin Joseph Exhibit two summers ago, we “opened” it in conjunction with a Nez Perce National Historical Park main gallery exhibit, “Nuunimnix.” That show featured art made as gifts for family members and friends. There were practical and ceremonial pieces, clothing and cradleboard. It was very successful, and the demand from visitors for information on the Nez Perce grew and grows still. We had had other Nez Perce programs—Jaime Pinkham on Natural Resources and Allen Pinkham Sr. and Steve Evans on “Lewis and Clark Through Indian Eyes” as “Joseph Lecturers” had drawn good crowds, and workshops with Cece Whitewolf and Allen Pinkham Jr. had been very successful.

We decided that we needed to devote more time and space to the Nez Perce, specifically to the “Wal-lam-wat-kin band of Chute-pa-lu, or Nez Perces.” (Chief Joseph’s words in his Washington D.C. speech of 1879)

Joan Gilbert, who designed the Joseph exhibit, began conceptualizing the Nez Perce exhibit. We visited Spalding and Tamastlikt, and she has interviewed many Nez Perce visitors. Almost simultaneously, artist Allen Pinkham, Jr., who had come to teach beading and drum-making workshops, asked about returning to carve a dugout canoe. “We were,” he argued, “canoe people long before we were horse people.”

We determined to mesh the projects, incorporating the canoe into the permanent exhibit. We knew immediately that we could not and should not try to tell the whole Nez Perce story here in our small space, but decided that we could talk about the people who lived here, how they lived, and how they were made to give the land up and become the lead “non-treaty” band in the Nez Perce War of 1877.

We have a working drawing and are developing the exhibit storyline. Our current timeline would have final working drawings done by first of the year; all text, images, and replica artifacts done or ordered in February; and exhibit installation in June, 2018.

The canoe project has taken on its own life. Allen Pinkham Jr. has almost completed a sixteen-foot canoe. Allen Sr., Bob Chenoweth, and others have been here to make suggestions. As Allen says, it has been over 100 years—we are learning again! We have had the canoe in the Lake twice. It floats evenly, has a small leak, so we are learning how to handle such things. Also exploring the correct kind of preservatives to use. If all goes well, this first, “small canoe,” will be done before end of the year. Allen thinks one more trip will do it.

That said, two 30 foot logs are waiting! Our rough plans as of now: Small canoe floats, becomes part of permanent exhibit. Work begins on canoes 2 and 3. Allen would like to do them together, one with modern tools and equipment, one with traditional tools. Our local logger and mill owning partner, Jim Zacharias, will provide milling for the modern build canoe. Allen’s brother will make traditional adzes and carving tools for the traditional canoe.

Allen’s end goal is to get a big canoe on the Snake River!

I know we do not have enough grant money to complete all of this work, and we have not even decided on homes for canoes #2 and #3. Nez Perce Fisheries, which is just across the street from the Joseph Center, would love to have a canoe, and I am sure that Wallowa Homeland would as well. It will also be important to have canoes available for interpretive use—on the rivers in the summer for tribal events, etc.

All of this takes money. One idea is to “crowd fund” the traditional canoe. This project has attracted the attention of many visitors to the Joseph Center. I think it might be possible to raise money with the offer of a trip on Wallowa Lake, a chunk of the Ponderosa Pine, or some memento of this fabulous canoe-making journey we are on.

Rich Wandschneider, Joseph Center for Arts and Culture, Joseph, OR



Allen Pinkham Sr., black hat, stands next to his granddaughter Lilly, during a trial launch of his 16-foot dugout canoe in Wallowa Lake, OR.

Photo courtesy of the Joseph Center for Arts and Culture

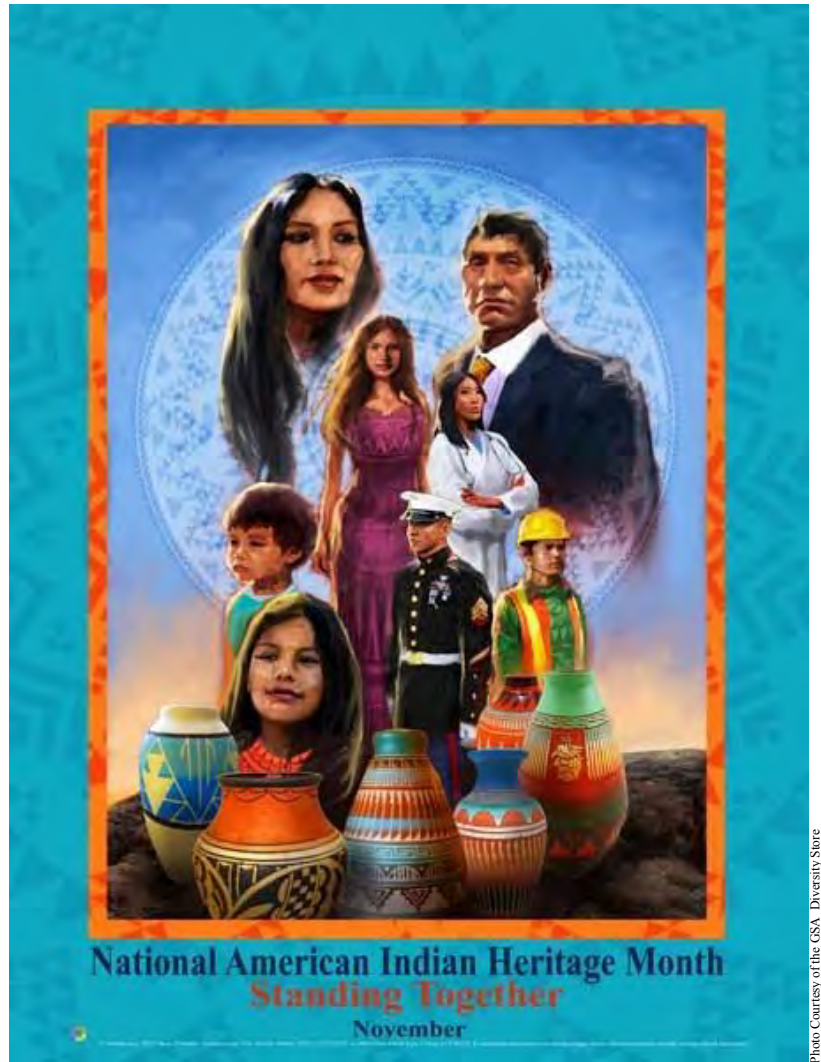


November is Native American History Month

What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S. has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose. According to the Presidential Proclamation, "...the early inhabitants of this great land, the native peoples of North America, played a unique role in the shaping of our Nation's history and culture. During this month when we celebrate Thanksgiving, we especially celebrate their heritage and the contributions of American Indian and Alaska Native peoples to this nation. American Indian and Alaska Native cultures have made remarkable contributions to our national identity. Their unique spiritual, artistic, and literary contributions, together with their vibrant customs and celebrations, enliven and enrich our land."

As part of this celebration the NPHT Administration will host a luncheon and movie titled, Na.Qc Timine Wisi.X Of One Heart on November 30, at Noon PST, at the North Fork Ranger District Office in Orofino, ID. The movie is 24 minutes long. The theme is "our history is long and is being written every day."

You can also learn more at: <https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/>



UPCOMING Events:



November 2017 — National Native American Heritage Month
December 2, 2017 — Annual Bead Bazaar, Nez Perce National Historical Park, Spalding, ID, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. PST
December 30-31, 2017 — Renegades Celebration and Pow Wow, Lapwai, ID
January-March, 2017 — Winter Storyteller Series at Travelers Rest State Park
February 10-15, 2018 — Hike the Hill: Trails Advocacy Week, Washington DC



New “Drone” Public Service Campaign Launched

Tread Lightly! Recently launched a public awareness campaign with the U.S. Forest Service to promote responsible use of unmanned aircraft systems, also called drones. The campaign includes public service announcements, a dedicated web page, billboards and digital media.

The awareness campaign falls under Tread Lightly!’s Respected Access is Open Access program that addresses outdoor recreation issues and helps to educate people about responsible use to protect and enhance public land access.

“There are lots of great places for the public to fly drones on lands managed by the Forest Service and other public lands, but over or near wildfires isn’t one of them,” said then, U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell. “Members of the public who fly drones over or near wildfires pose serious threats to the safety of firefighters, pilots and the effectiveness of wildfire suppression operations.”

Tidwell added, “Incorporating this message into the Tread Lightly! Campaign helps our efforts to get the word out and helps prevent tragic accidents and wildfires unduly threatening lives, property, and natural and cultural resources.”

This new messaging about drones piggybacks on the existing “If You Fly, We Can’t” messaging created to protect against the disruption of aerial firefighting operations. Other public service advertisements will address issues such as user conflict and privacy, wildlife impact, zoning, and special use permits.

“As drones grow in popularity, so does the need to educate on responsible use and best practices,” said Casey Snider, Interim Executive Director. “Our goal is to show how to use these aircrafts respectfully and thoughtfully. In the case of wildfire, proper use can save lives and property.”

For more information on this new campaign, visit <https://respectedaccessflying.org/drones>.



A Visit to Ee Yak ish Pah ('iyeq'iispe) The Hot Country

This past July, my wife and I decided to visit and conduct research on the final resting place of those Nez Perce who passed away during their incarceration, near Tonkawa, OK. The Nez Perce who were captured following the Bears Paw Battle in Montana were incarcerated at Ft. Leavenworth, KS, for approximately one year. They were later sent south to eventually end up on a reservation in northeast Oklahoma.

My research trip from Kentucky first took me to the vicinity of Baxter Springs, KS. Baxter Springs is located in the southeast corner of Kansas, and one of the very few Kansas towns that the famous Route 66 runs through. I lived in Baxter Springs as a child. Baxter Springs was the location where the Nez Perce prisoners were unloaded from the train, with the rest of their journey to take place by foot and wagon. Their eventual destination took the Nez Perce to the area of Quapaw, OK. Again, as strange as it might seem, my uncle was born in Quapaw. I have often wondered how I might be connected spiritually to the people and events of 1877.



Photo Courtesy of Jim Zimmerman

Quapaw, OK, is in many ways like central Kentucky. Moderate heat can be miserable when combined with high humidity. This surely was the case with the Nez Perce whose physical condition was more adapted to the cooler, less humid conditions of the northwest. The Nez Perce referred this area as Ee Yak ish Pah ('iyeq'iispe), The Hot Country. The Nez Perce were located on the west side of Spring River just a couple of miles south of the Kansas state line and almost due east of Quapaw, OK. This area has been subject to flooding and the interpretative panels that document the history of the Nez Perce in this area have taken a beating.

From Quapaw I set my sights on Tonkawa, OK. Chief Joseph and the remaining incarcerated Nez Perce would eventually be relocated to present day Tonkawa, which is a few miles west of Ponca City, OK. This was the location of Fort Oakland, which no longer exists. My first goal was to find the Tonkawa area monument recognizing the presence of Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce people. I eventually found this monument on the East bound side of U.S. Highway 60 about a quarter mile east of the South Main Street interchange for Tonkawa City. I was grateful to find the monument in good condition. It was obvious that the monument had been visited over time by a number of individuals, which was evident by the number of mementoes left at the base of the monument.

My next goal was to find the Nez Perce cemetery (*photo above*). I found that if you drive east from the Highway 60 monument to the next intersection (which is really close) and turn right, you are headed in the right direction. This road is listed as Allen Drive or route 1505. Once on Allen Drive, I drove south for just over a mile. I found the Nez Perce cemetery on the left side of the road with virtually no parking spaces available. I actually parked my vehicle at a small company parking lot and walked to the cemetery.



Photo Courtesy of Jim Zimmerman

On my way, a Tonkawa Tribe law enforcement officer stopped and inquired as to my purpose for being on the road. After my explanation he expressed his appreciation for my interest and my purpose of being there to honor the Nez Perce who rested there. What I found was a cemetery that was probably the most manicured and best maintained cemetery I had ever encountered. The resting place of the Nez Perce is enclosed by a white board fence that was in excellent condition. The grass was cut and the area around the fence post was trimmed. The interpretative panel, that told the story of the Nez Perce while living in the area, was located inside the fence line. The interpretative panel was in excellent condition. Also within the cemetery grounds is a seven foot high pink granite memorial stone (*photo left*) that was erected by Henry Allen and the Tonkawa Tribe. Henry Allen had served as the Chairman Tonkawa tribe for 18 years. The monument is inscribed with the story of the suffering the Nez Perce people endured.

We can be thankful that this hallowed ground exists and continues to be maintained. My concern that the cemetery would be in bad shape was not realized. Thanks to the Tonkawa Tribe authorities and people, the resting place of the Nez Perce is an inspirational location that honors the Nez Perce with dignity.

Jim Zimmerman, Immediate Past President, Nez Perce Trail Foundation



Chief Joseph and the 1877 War and Flight of the Nez Perce

A Pacific Northwest historic event provided the topic for the November meeting of the Kittitas County Genealogical Society in Ellensburg, WA, on November 6, 2017. Society member David Storla gave a presentation about the 1877 War and Flight and the famous Nez Perce Chief Joseph who is closely associated with this historic event which occurred 140 years ago.

In his presentation, Mr. Storla told his audience the tragic tale of how the ever increasing encroachment of settlers onto Nez Perce homelands resulted in a series of treaties which substantially reduced the size of land recognized as traditional Indian homeland. The Treaty of 1863 caused the Nez Perce tribe to be divided into “Treaty” and Non-Treaty” groups and eventually the U. S. Army to order the “Non-Treaty” group to voluntarily move onto the reservation within 30 days or the Army would move them by force! This led to bloodshed and a retreat of 1170 miles by the “Non-Treaty” Nez Perce group, closely pursued by the U. S. Army. The retreat finally ended 40 miles short of Canada in Northern Montana on October 5, 1877.

Mr. Storla pointed out to his audience the various events leading up to the war as well as events during and after the war that affected the Nez Perce Indians. He also displayed around the room several “Show and Tell” items about the conflict further explaining aspects of the war. He told of how he had received many of the materials used in his presentation through the generous help of Sandra Broncheau-McFarland , Administrator, of the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) office in Idaho.

Of particular interest to the attendees was information about NPNHT and the ability to travel a “part of history” of the trail by information contained in the Auto Tour brochures from the NPNHT office and sites along the trail.

Near the end of Mr. Storla’s presentation he presented a handout list of resources regarding the war and Chief Joseph for further research by his audience. He also showed a slide of a 6 foot tall bust of Chief Joseph that is displayed at the west edge of Ellensburg, right next to the main road into/out of Ellensburg from Exit 106 on Interstate 90.

As he concluded his presentation Mr. Storla shared a special connection he has with Chief Joseph as he showed the attendees a Chief Joseph handmade doll that his mother made for him several years ago (*photo above*). In addition to the doll, he showed a miniature rifle his dad had made to go along with the doll. These items hold a special place in David’s memory of his parents. Mr. Storla also mentioned that Sandra Broncheau-McFarland told him she was a direct descendant of Chief Joseph so Mr. Storla is especially thankful for all the help she provided him in the preparation of his talk to the genealogical society.



Photo Courtesy of David Storla

Be Safe in Your Travels

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



The Nez Perce Trail Foundation continues to carry out its mission to Protect, Preserve, and Commemorate the Nez Perce Trail. With expanded social media efforts and personal contacts, we are now reaching an unprecedented number of people that were previously unaware of the Trail and its history. We are also dedicated to providing visitors with historical information who visit the many sites on the designated routes. As a proud partner of the US Forest Service, we will continue to assist in the efforts of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail, while providing an invaluable liaison between all government entities and the general public.

Photo Courtesy of the NPTF



Newly elected officers include:

Karen Heagen - President (*photo left*)
Charlie Moses, Jr. - 1st Vice President, Tribal Liaison
Dick Seymour – 2nd Vice President, Operations (Wallowa/Homelands District)
Tricia Taylor-- Secretary/Treasurer
Matt Nowak – Membership Chairman
Jim Zimmerman – Board of Directors, Inter-Agency Communications; Partnership for the National Trails System Vice President, Governance.

Accomplishments:

- 1) **Revision of By-Laws:** to include modern language and updated principles
- 2) **Trail Recognition and Promotion of Usage:** via social media (international and domestic)
- 3) **Scholarship Development** – 2017 Awards given to the following:
Ko-Yama Time Hiwe-c Young (Yakima/Nez Perce), North Idaho College, Biology & Fisheries; Jacklyn Brendible (Nez Perce), Washington State University, Veterinary Science; Inez Garcia (Nez Perce). Lewis & Clark State University, Nursing.
- 4) **Special Projects:**
 - a. **Minam Rock Cairns:** *possible* preservation (with cooperation from the USFS, NPTF, and the private landowner) of the rock cairns on private property in Minam, OR. These cairns were constructed under the authority of Old Chief Joseph (Tuekakas) in order to establish boundaries of the Nez Perce Wallowa Band Homelands and white settlement in the mid-1800's.
 - b. **Women of the Warriors Recognition:** (Tote Bag donations/ recognition at Tamkaliks 2017).
 - c. **NPTF Summer Educational Trail Tour:** 12 educators (professors and history teachers) participated in the annual rip from Wallowa, OR to Big Hole, MT. Estimated exposure: 1,200+ (*photo on right*)
 - d. **Nez Perce Trail Photography Exhibitions** by Prof. Wayne Olts: January 2017, UCLA; November 2017, Folsom Lake College.
 - e. **Big Hole Battlefield:** Lt. C.E.S Wood, U.S. Army, 2017 Summer Presentation by Jim Zimmerman, NPTF (*photo on right*)
 - f. **Brochure Production:** new NPTF brochure available for immediate circulation
 - g. **NPTF Newsletter:** distribution to members and NPTF Partners resuming in December 2017. Bi-Annual publication.
 - h. **Website:** continued maintenance and updating of the NPTF official website: www.NezPerceTrail.net
 - i. **Marketing:** continued efforts to contact Museums, Libraries, Foundations, Organizations, Clubs, and Cooperative Partners for Nez Perce Trail presentations. Charlie Moses, Jr. (Nez Perce) designated presenter for 2018.



Photo Courtesy of Wayne Olts



Photo Courtesy of the NPTF

Sincerely, Karen Hagen, President, Nez Perce Trail Foundation





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

It has been another busy summer season at Nez Perce National Historical Park. Although the days were hot, dry, and, at times, smoky Park staff looked to improve Park facilities and the visitor experience. Highlighted below are just a small number of projects and events that the park worked on this summer.

The Interpretive Shelter at Heart of the Monster was given a complete exterior rehabilitation. With the exception of minor touch ups, the shelter had not undergone any extensive work for some time. Maintenance staff along with our crew of Youth Conservation Corp workers set plans into motion for the rehabilitation. They replaced all siding and trim and painted the exterior. The project was challenging as staff endured the heat of summer and traveled one hour each way for the duration of the project. The result of their work is a shelter that no longer looks dated and dilapidated. They will take this experience and use it as they look to update the White Bird Overlook Shelter in the near future (*photo left*)

At Spalding, Watson's Store and the Indian Agents House had a little historic preservation work done. A few of the windows at both historic structures were showing signs of rot and extreme wear. To mitigate these problems maintenance staff replaced exterior seals and window sashes to prevent future rotting. The restroom at Canoe Camp, near Orofino, was also given a complete exterior painting.

We would like to thank our visitors for their understanding and cooperation due to the closure of the wooden bridge that provides access to the Spalding Picnic Area. The 10 day closure, from late September to early October, was an inconvenience but a necessary one. The bridge was starting to show signs of extreme wear that would have eventually led to unsafe conditions and possibly a longer closure if deficiencies were not addressed. The closure provided the time for needed repairs that included the replacement of the bridge deck and curving timbers, along with the restoration of all metal components (*photo right*).

It was lights out for the Solar Eclipse event this past August. A few hundred visitors came out to the park to enjoy the festivities and take part in an event that hasn't happened for 99 years! The last time that there was an eclipse from coast to coast in the United States was in 1918. Park staff set up a live National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) feed and a bulletin board explaining some of the interesting facts about eclipses. There was a special Junior Ranger Eclipse booklet for kids and a drum circle that provided the visitors with a truly unique experience. We appreciate all our visitors and thank those who experienced this event with us.

The annual National Public Lands Day volunteer project took place in late September. Volunteers helped park staff plant more than 1,500 native plant species in the park pollinator garden and nearby areas in front of the Spalding Visitor Center. A few examples of the types of plants include prairie smoke and Indian blanket, along with other native grasses. This project proved to be quite a challenge and park staff continued planting for an additional three days. We appreciate everyone's help and will surely have additional volunteer opportunities next year.

In October the park hosted the Carlisle Indian School Digital Resource Center for a free public workshop on how to use the website and its archival resources. With 30 workshop attendees, the project staff from Dickinson College explained how to access Carlisle student records, school reports, photographs, and other archival material found on the project workshop.

In December the park will host the 21st Annual Bead Bazaar on Saturday, December 2. This annual event has always proven to be very popular with the local community and visitors alike. The event is free and will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. PST at the Spalding Visitor Center.

The visitor center is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's days. All programs, events, and presentations are free. For information regarding future events please contact the park at 208-843-7009.

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





News From the National Park Service: Big Hole National Battlefield

The latter part of the summer was filled with smoke here at Big Hole National Battlefield due to an intense fire season all around us. A very welcome snow storm blanketed the area and the transition from that into winter didn't seem to take very long. The window for beautiful fall colors seemed very short. You can see how much snow we now have by checking out our web cam at: <http://www.nps.gov/webcams-biho/battlefield.jpg>.

We enjoyed a nice group of visitors for the solar eclipse on August 21, with 96 percent, complete coverage of the sun at the Battlefield. In September the Park participated in the local Labor Day Parades in Wisdom and Dillon, MT. Regular programming of tours and deck talks finished up the end of September as we sadly said good bye to our seasonal staff.

Montana Conservation Corp continued with removal and stacking of hazard trees on the Howitzer Trail and park staff continued work on the Siege Trail rehab. This project will continue again in the spring. *(Photo Right)*

On Sunday, November 12, 2017, the Big Hole National Battlefield began its winter schedule. The visitor center is open and free to the public seven days a week from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Battlefield will be closed for all Federal Holidays.



Photo Courtesy of the National Park Service

As we move into winter with a blanket of snow and low visitation it can be a great time to visit the park. Come check out the peaceful solitude that can be found here.

Leslie Lula, Park Guide, Big Hole National Battlefield



Bear Paw Battlefield

Everywhere you go people like to talk about how quickly the weather changes. So far I believe the Hi-line of Montana takes the prize. It took about three weeks from our last 90 degree smoky day until our first snow storm to hit. The storm hit just before the commemoration, bringing down trees and powerlines which left the area without power for days. It delayed or cancelled travel plans for many coming

to the commemoration and the snow was so deep at the battlefield that you could not drive in.

Warming weather helped with the melt but we still need to plow the roads and clear the area for commemoration. The National Park Service (NPS) crew got to shoveling and sweating with gusto. The childhood method of rolling big balls of snow was even employed to clear space for commemoration. The hard, wet, and cold work was enjoyed by all, perhaps because it was such a tangible form of service which we do not always get to experience.



Casey Overturf/National Park Service

Bear Paw Memorial.

A strong warm wind overnight dried the ground and it would be hard to picture the knee to waist deep drifts of just a few days ago. The next morning saw regulars to commemoration and first timers alike. The day started mostly dry but cold and windy, giving just a hint of what it might have been like to spend six days there 140 years ago. Many people spoke powerful, honest words from their heart; the power of place and emotions palpable unhindered and undiminished by the weather. By the end of the ceremonies it was blowing rain sideways and even that did not stand in the way of further comradery over food brought by Kristal Fox from Fort Belknap.

Casey Overturf, Lead Park Ranger, Bear Paw Battlefield





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

Winter is off to an early start at Lolo Pass, November weather has our staff out shoveling, with over 6 inches of snow on the ground. The changing leaves and fresh snow are a welcome change from the heavy smoke of August.

The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest would like to thank all of the artists and performers who braved the early snow and participated in our final interpretive event of the season: “The Creators: A Gathering of Native American Artists.” This event was collaborative effort between the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest, the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail, and our non-profit partner, Discover Your Northwest. We had a variety of Native artists on site demonstrating and selling their artwork as well as live performances by the Nez Perce Drummers and the well-known Shebala Family of Native dancers.



Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service photo



Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service photo

Helping to celebrate the day, the Woodman School from Lolo, MT, traveled to Lolo Pass. Woodman students had the opportunity to watch and join in the live performances and browse the artwork. Students then rotated through Forest Service led stations, learning about Native legends, stories, and traditional children’s games.

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



Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service photo



New Faces Along the Trail:

Ryan Domsalla Joins Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail Staff

Ryan Domsalla joined the staff of the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) in late September. His main duties with the NPNHT staff will focus on work related to the revision of the NPNHT's Comprehensive Plan.

Domsalla started his Forest Service career as a firefighter in 1993 based out of Douglas, WY. He earned a bachelor's degree in biology with an emphasis on wildlife from the University of Wyoming in 1995. Since then, he's worked in a variety of jobs ranging from wildlife management to recreation and finally to supervisory posts within the States of Arizona, Colorado, Montana, and Wyoming.

Domsalla most recently served as the West Fork District Ranger on the Bitterroot National Forest from 2014 until taking a detail with the Recreation, Minerals, Lands, Heritage, and Wilderness staff in the Regional Office in Missoula, MT, in the summer of 2017.

"I'm looking forward to the collaboration and complexity that comes with designing a Comprehensive Management Plan for a historic trail that spans multiple state and jurisdictions. I've experienced parts of the trail first hand, and look forward to learning more of the story behind the flight of the Nez Perce along the trail."

Ryan is a resident of the Bitterroot Valley, along with his three sons, Brandon, Jacob, and Chance, who range in age from 7 to 15.

Ryan is stationed at the Regional Office at Fort Missoula and can be reached at 406-329-3288 or by e-mail at rdomsalla@fs.fed.us.

(Some information provided by Perry Backus Ravalli Republic)



U.S. Forest Service photo

Christina Milos Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail Comprehensive Plan Revision Manager

Christina Milos is a landscape planner and Presidential Management Fellow (PMF) specializing in land use planning and management. She is currently the project manager for the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail Comprehensive Plan Revision. Prior to joining the Forest Service, Christina worked as a consultant for the World Bank and ICF International on natural resource management and urban development in Nigeria, and taught graduate and undergraduate landscape architecture courses in Germany.

Milos holds a PhD in Landscape Architecture from the University of Hanover, Germany, which focused on projecting potential spatial, social, and environmental impacts of oil sands development in Ondo State, Nigeria. She also holds a master's degree in Landscape Architecture from Harvard University and a

B.F.A. in Industrial Design from Rhode Island School of Design.

Milos originally hails from Cleveland, OH, and loves hiking and spending time getting lost (but not too lost) outside. Christina can be reached at 202-875-2639 or by e-mail at cmilos@fs.fed.us.



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Autumn Along the Nez Perce National Historic Trail



Near Conner, MT
Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service photo



Missouri River, Fort Benton, MT
Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service photo



Larch along Lolo Creek, MT
Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service photo



October snow visits Yellowstone Park.
National Park Service photo



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