



Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail *Progress Report* Spring 2014



Administrator's Corner

Greetings,

As we approach summer, take time to find a connection with the land by exploring your nation's history, and experiencing culture along the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT).

Are you visiting the NPNHT for an hour, a day, or several days? Are you traveling with small children or a super-athlete ready to test their endurance? No matter what your skill or fitness level, the NPNHT has an adventure route for you.

It is easy to plan a day trip using the NPNHT Auto Tour brochures. These brochures, produced by the NPNHT staff and the design team at Recreation Solutions, provide a mix of outdoor recreation and cultural exploration. The brochures will help travelers experience the best of all the NPNHT Auto Tour routes. The NPNHT Auto Tour often follows beautiful scenic byways and All American roads providing a variety of options for horseback riders, hikers, cyclists, ATV's, and RV's to explore recommended side trips.

A NPNHT objective is for people to develop and nurture life-long connections with the Trail and the associated Auto Tour routes. This is especially true for young people, through a continuum of engaging recreational, educational, volunteer, and work experiences.

These connections are strengthened by introducing visitors of all ages to the joy of hiking, horseback riding, and outdoor recreation. A visit to the Trail can help reinforce basic principles such as healthy eating, the importance of water consumption, proper footwear and clothing, map reading skills, and "[Leave No Trace](#)," ethics. These basic principles can be taught or reinforced as part of your Trail visit.

If you are wondering where to spend your vacation consider the NPNHT. Is a picture worth a thousand words? See it for real! [Get Outdoors](#) and experience the NPNHT.

We appreciate your support as we try to engage more youth to get outside, move, develop healthy lifestyles, and explore their NPNHT and Auto Tour route.

Sandi McFarland,
Administrator, NPNHT

*"The greater danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it,
but that it is too low and we reach it."*

~ Michelangelo (1475-1564)



Sandi McFarland, U.S. Forest Service Photo

Wildflowers along the NPNHT



Update on the EIS for the NPNHT Comprehensive Management Plan Revision

The Notice of Intent to proceed with the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) Revision will be published in the Federal Register in June 2014. The public scoping period will occur from July through September, 2014. The scoping period will be 90 days.

Federal agency partners include National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army, Fort Leavenworth, U.S. Federal Highway Administration and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. States and local governments are involved from Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Oklahoma, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming.

Consultation will be initiated with 26 tribes. The NPNHT passes through tribal traditional homelands and/or tribes that were involved in the 1877 Flight and its aftermath.

The revised CMP will amend Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife and U.S. Forest Service unit management plans.

The deciding official for all federal agencies will be the Chief of the U.S. Forest Service.

Need for Action:

- Update the 1990 CMP to enhance compliance with the National Trails System Act (NTSA) of 1968 as amended.
- Substantive input on how to improve conditions or use along the NPNHT has been provided by agency partners, tribes, states, local governments and public.
- Conditions have changed in some places along the NPNHT in the past 24 years.
- Reinitiate consultation with the three Nez Perce related tribes and consult with 23 additionally effected tribes.
- Potential extensions or side trails to the NPNHT have not been addressed.

Proposed Action:

Revise and update the 1990 CMP so that it enhances compliance with the requirements of the NTSA and provides guidance in achieving nature or purpose of desired future conditions for the NPNHT.

Public Scoping meetings are being planned in the following locations from July through September 2014, please watch the [CMP Revision](#) portion of the NPNHT website and local media for more information.

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| • Missoula/Lolo, Montana | • Kamiah, Idaho |
| • Idaho Falls, Idaho | • Spalding, Idaho |
| • Cody, Wyoming | • Joseph, Oregon |
| • Billings, Montana | • Pendleton, Oregon |
| • Lewistown, Montana | • Nespelem, Washington |
| • Chinook, Montana | • Virtual Meeting |

Julie Molzahn, CMP Revision Coordinator, NPNHT

Subscribe or Update Your Profile to Stay Informed

In an effort to better serve you, we are taking steps to improve our contact list. Periodically we will send announcements about Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) activities and the NPNHT quarterly Progress Report. To make the most efficient use of NPNHT funds and to conserve resources, much of our communication efforts have transitioned to a digital format. Our preference is to mail updates to you via e-mail. Having an accurate e-mail, or if you prefer, a physical mailing address will ensure that NPNHT can most effectively communicate information. Please take this opportunity to either subscribe or update your contact information and provide us with your interests. For questions, contact Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, NPNHT at rmpeterson@fs.fed.us or (406) 329-3540.



NPNHT Administrator Approves Funding for FY 2014 Challenge Cost Share Applications

A four-person interagency panel convened on January 14, 2014, to review seven applications for match funding from the Trail's FY2014 Challenge Cost Share (CCS) program. Reviewers represented the Bureau of Land Management, USDA Forest Service, and the National Park Service.

The external review serves to enable the Trail Administrator to obtain candid, impartial assessment of application merits based on the Trail's stated CCS goals and qualification criteria.

Initially \$100,000 was identified for the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) Challenge Cost Share Program. The following four competitive Challenge Cost share applications have been funded.

Discover Your Northwest (DYNW)

This project will take place at the Lolo Pass Visitor Information Center located on the border of Idaho and Montana just off U.S. Highway 12 (Lewis and Clark Highway). The project involves hiring a Nez Perce Tribal member to serve as an interpreter at the visitor information center for this summer season.

Further, DYNW shall provide any necessary training to the employee to ensure that they are capable of performing tasks to be completed. DYNW will also supervise and direct the work.

DYNW is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit social enterprise based in Seattle, WA, and operates in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, and Montana. DYNW passionately believes in the people-value of northwest public lands and is dedicated to ensuring that our public lands are places of education, recreation, and inspiration for all visitors.

Yellowstone National Park

This Inter-Agency Agreement will provide archeological reconnaissance of the Parker Peak site within Yellowstone National Park to include: intensive surface survey, limited artifact recovery, limited subsurface testing of features, documentation of all axe-cut stumps, and collection of larger sample axe-cut stumps for tree ring dating.

The field session will consist of 14-16 days to complete the fieldwork. Additional task will include preparing documentation in support of nominating the site to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Ravalli County Museum / Bitter Root Valley Historical Society

The project is a Nez Perce Traveling Exhibit: "The Trail and Its People" is an important story in Bitterroot Valley history. The exhibit has been designed to raise awareness of the historical significance surrounding the events of 1877. It will provide a platform to educate and inform the visitors about the experience, and will also serve to open dialogue about the living culture of the Nez Perce. The depiction, details, and accounts of the events of 1877 will allow for ample opportunity to present educational materials and activities that provide for a greater understanding of this compelling narrative.

This exhibit is scheduled to travel along the trail in the next five years in rural and underserved areas of the landscape.

In addition, the Museum will be fostering collaboration with their many colleagues and historical sites during the length of this project. These affiliations will be managed by the Ravalli County Museum staff and a professional educator whose focus will be on the NPNHT and the Nez Perce Culture. The goal is to integrate lectures and programming that educate people about the NPNHT and also the Nez Perce legacy and current way of life.

Lewis and Clark Trail Foundation Idaho Chapter

The project consists of the replacement of the posts for the signs installed for the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial. The project covers the Lolo Motorway and the NPNHT from Beaver Dam Saddle to Saddle Camp. It involves taking the interpretive signs down, removing the rotten cedar posts and replacing them with treated posts. A backhoe will lift the signs, set them on the ground, dig new holes in the same location, and reset the posts and signs.

The second part of the project is to maintain the trail system from Weites Meadows eastward. There is more than a dozen miles that they will log out, clean the water bars, and brush where needed.

The third work project is to clean and maintain the dispersed campsites installed for the Bicentennial. In addition they will do an inventory of each site and document the use they are receiving. *(continued on page 4)*



Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service Photo

Weites Meadows boardwalk



They will maintain the signs, trails, restrooms and historic buildings along the motorway. Sign work has included annual staining and painting of the log structure of the interpretive signs. Directional signs will be refurbished and any missing or damaged NPNHT trail markers will be replaced.

The final phase of the project will be removing flagging and any other debris along the Lolo Motorway.

Upcoming 2015 NPNHT CCS Program

The Trail benefits from these strong partnerships and we appreciate what these people have done for the Trail. We strongly hope that other organizations will consider submitting Challenge Cost Share applications in the future.

This fall the Administration of the NPNHT will again encouraged Challenge Cost Share proposals for projects designed to improve and enhance the visitor's experience along the NPNHT.



Lolo Pass Visitor Center on the Idaho and Montana border.

The CCS application will be posted on the NPNHT website by July 1. Applications will be due by **October 1, 2014**. We will also make some changes to our screening and review process. This was based on the request of the inter-agency panel to provide a review of our processes and make suggestions for improvement.

This year we will implement a screening process prior to the inter-agency panels review. This would streamline the review process by enabling applicants to get feedback on their application and allow them to resubmit an improved final product. It would also assure that CCS projects truly advance the best interests for public education, preservation, and maintenance.

The Trail Administrator requested the inter-agency review panel also provide feedback on the review and ranking process. Based on their suggestions we will have a new timeline for CCS applications:

- **Officially announce CCS applications: August 1, 2014**
- **Applications will be due by October 1, 2014**
- Deadline for NPNHT staff review: November 15, 2014
- Deadline for final corrected application submission: December 12, 2014
- Interagency review panel: mid-January 2015
- Final decision by NPNHT on awards: February 1, 2015

By announcing the CCS call sooner, there is more time for more applicants to prepare submissions. By including a mid-November review deadline, applicants may get critical feedback from NPNHT on the adequacy and completeness of their applications. If they meet basic review criteria, applications are filed for the review panel. If not, applicants have a fair opportunity to amend and resubmit them. Based on feedback from this panel the Trail Administrator announces which projects will receive Challenge Cost Share funds.

We will encourage a single application for a multi-year project. Pending successful progress as demonstrated in the agreement, the project is extended and funded automatically for up to three years. At that point it is complete or has achieved self-sufficiency. Thereafter, the applicant may be restricted from applying again for up to three years, enabling new projects to be funded or consider their application in competition for available funding after other applicants have been funded.

For more information and questions for vetting CCS applications by NPNHT prior to interagency panel review and ranking visit our website at www.fs.usda.gov/main/npnht/workingtogether/partnerships.

For additional information on the Trail Challenge Cost Share Program please contact Sandi McFarland, Trail Administrator at (208) 476-8334.

Sandi McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT



Reflections on the 50th Anniversary of the 1964 Wilderness Act

The year 2014 marks the half-century since passage of the wilderness Act and the beginning of much landmark legislation envisioned as part of President Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society." The Wilderness Act passed by an astounding bipartisan vote of 73 to 12 in the Senate and 731 to 1 in the House and was signed into law by President Johnson on September 3, 1964.

The Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historical Trail (NPNHT) passes through part of the North Absaroka Wilderness. The NPNHT is associated with other Wilderness areas where the U.S. Army Troop moved through but never made it into contact with the five non-treaty Nez Perce bands. Wilderness areas also included Nez Perce traditional homelands where the five non-treaty bands lived and moved about during seasonal rounds. This includes nine Wildernesses which prompts us to reflect and acknowledge the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act.

The NPNHT was used prior to the Flight of 1877 as a trade route, buffalo hunting route, and route to visit extended family and friends, and to attend important social events with other Tribes. The trail corridor became renowned for its "spiritual resource" as part of an epic event that touched many lives with the Flight of 1877.

Wilderness50's goals are to:

- Engage the public to better understand and appreciate the many benefits and values of wilderness, ultimately resulting in more people supporting responsible wildlands stewardship;
- Bring the wilderness community (NGOs/Agencies/International Advocates) "together" to efficiently and consistently steward wilderness for the use, enjoyment, and benefit of the American people;
- Connect with today's youth and with non-wilderness using groups to find the thread that ties their lives to wild places so they can more directly relate to, understand, and value, wilderness.

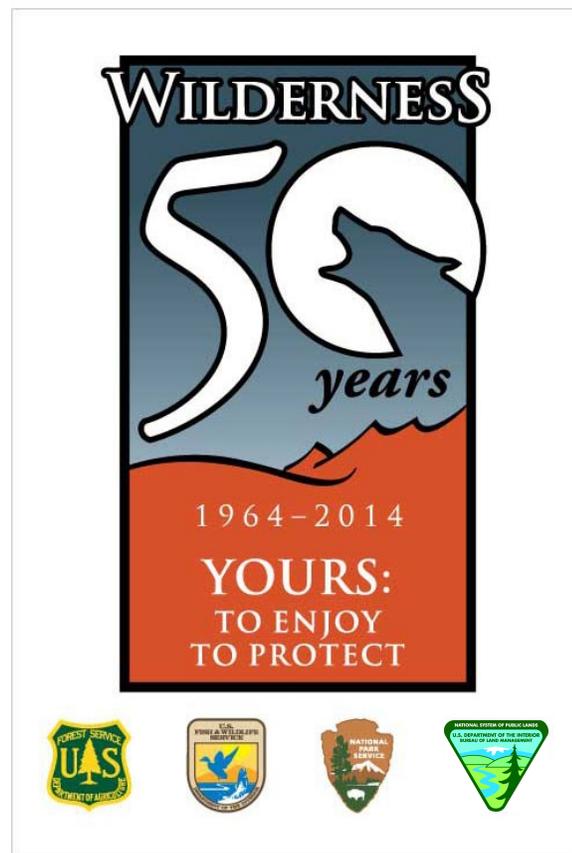
Join us in celebrating Wilderness and the NPNHT as part of our American landscape. Make a difference in the legacy we will give to future generations. You can help the NPNHT in Wilderness by:

- Joining a trail restoration work project
- Volunteering to survey and remove invasive species along the trail
- Become part of a team to educate others

For more information on events visit: www.wilderness50th.org/

Sandi McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT

"In Wilderness is the preservation of the world."
-Henry David Thoreau



Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) Passport Stamps

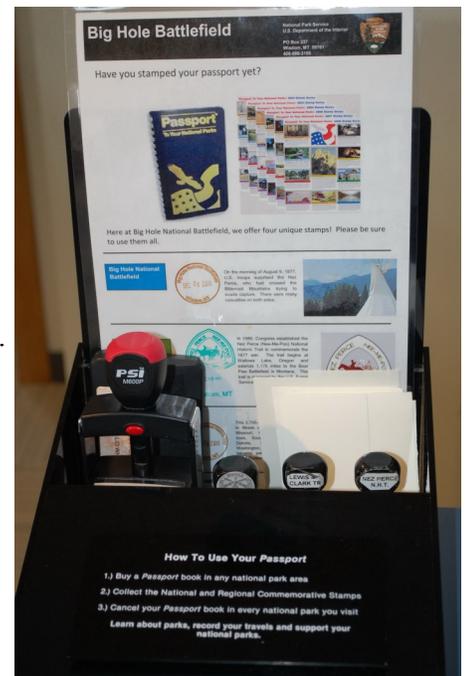
Staff at visitor locations along the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) are noticing a growing trend. More and more visitors are seeking “Passport book” cancellations for National Parks, National Forests, National Monuments, and National Historic Trails they have visited. Your site can become a part of this experience by having its own personalized NPNHT Passport stamp.

In 2011, staff from the NPNHT commissioned a Passport Stamp for the NPNHT. It is currently available at seven locations along the entire length of the NPNHT.

The stamp displays the NPNHT logo, and has the location of the facility where the stamp was obtained and rotating date wheel, so visitors will know when they visited that site. If your visitor facility is along the NPNHT, and you have more than 5,000 visitors a year, the NPNHT staff can have a NPNHT Passport Stamp produced for your location. If your location currently has a stamp and you need any assistance, just let us know!

If you are interested in obtaining a stamp, please contact Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, NPNHT at mpeterson@fs.fed.us or (406) 329-3540.

Sandi McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT

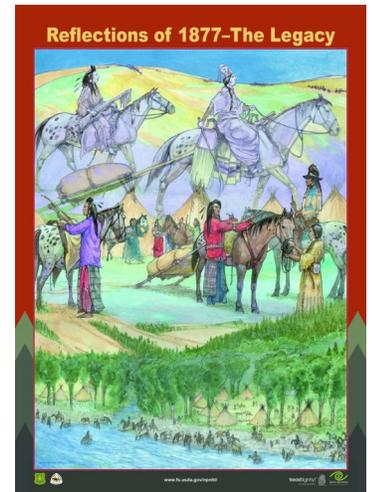


Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service Photo

New Annual Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail Poster Now Available

This year’s full color Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) poster entitled “Reflections of 1877-The Legacy” is now available. The poster memorializes the beginning of a conflict and resulting war forced upon the Nez Perce in which many fought and died, all with great honor. History can never fully record the suffering endured by those vanquished from their ancestral homes and the many lives lost. Countless hardships were endured, including years of exile in Canada, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Vancouver, WA. The artwork for the poster was commissioned by the NPNHT and created by John Wilson, a renowned Nez Perce Artist, and the staff of Recreation Solutions assisted with the final design, layout, and printing of this poster. If you would like copies, please contact Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, NPNHT, at mpeterson@fs.fed.us or (406) 329 3540.

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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.



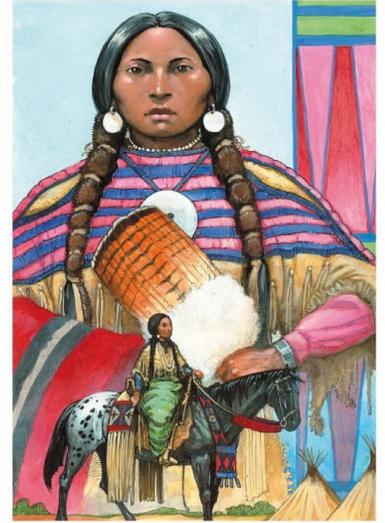
Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail Postcard Series



Working with Nez Perce artist John Wilson and staff from Recreation Solutions, we are proud to announce that the next series of postcards for the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) are now available as free educational interpretive handouts.

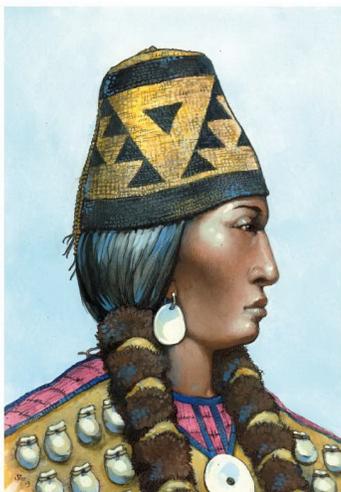
The scenes on the four postcards depict Nez Perce (Niimípuu) women in daily life. NPNHT staff will distribute copies to more than 100 locations along the NPNHT as well as to Ft. Walsh, a unit of Parks Canada in Saskatchewan, and the National Museum of The American Indian at the Smithsonian in Washington DC before Memorial Day. If you live near or along the

NPNHT or one of these other locations you should be able to find them at Forest Service offices, National Park visitor centers, USFWS National Wildlife Refuges, BLM offices or interpretive centers along with a number of other local museums visitor centers.



If you cannot obtain them locally and would like copies, please contact Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, NPNHT, at mpeterson@fs.fed.us or (406) 329 3540.

Roger Peterson, PAS, NPNHT



Idaho Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month - May 2014

Each year the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office organizes and promotes statewide opportunities for the public to learn about Idaho archaeology, history, and historic preservation. The Idaho Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month program is a celebration of everything to do with Idaho's archaeology and history. These events are held throughout the state.

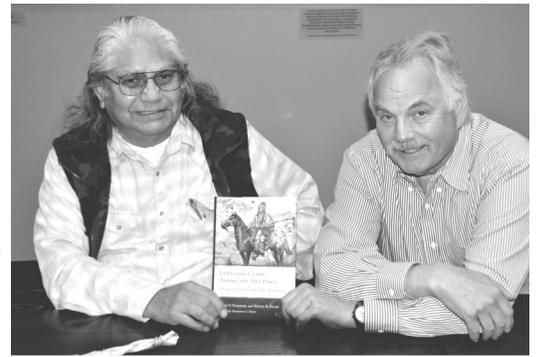
Join Dennis Baird, professor emeritus from the University of Idaho, will share his research and experiences on the Southern Nez Perce Trail. This ancient route was used by the Nez Perce people to access the buffalo hunting grounds in Montana and in historic times by missionary Reverend Samuel Parker and by Lloyd Magruder, who were robbed and killed along the trail in 1863. Mr. Baird has spent a great deal of time not only researching, but also hiking along and locating faint sections of the old trail tread. His presentation was held on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. PDT, at the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests Office in Grangeville, ID.



Authors Discuss their New Book

On April 10, Nez Perce historians Allen V. Pinkham Sr. and Dr. Steven Ross Evans made a presentation to the [Travelers' Rest Chapter](#) of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation at their monthly meeting in Lolo, MT. In their new book *Lewis and Clark Among the Nez Perce: Strangers in the Land of the Niimiipuu*, Pinkham and Evans have examined the journals of Lewis and Clark with painstaking care to tease out new insights from what Lewis and Clark wrote about their Nez Perce hosts. Pinkham and Evans evaluate both what Lewis and Clark understood and what they misunderstood about the Nez Perce (Niimiipuu) lifeway and political structure. More particularly they have re-examined the journals of Lewis and Clark for clues about how the Nez Perce reacted to the bearded strangers. They have also gathered together and put into print for the first time the strands of a surprisingly rich Nez Perce oral tradition.

Scott Sproull, President
Travelers' Rest Chapter
Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation



L-R: Allen V. Pinkham Sr. and Dr. Steve Evans

Photo Courtesy of Pinkham and Evans

Forest Protected on Wallowa Lake's East Moraine

The first step to permanently conserve the east moraine of Wallowa Lake has been taken. 40 acres of mature ponderosa pine and mixed conifer woodlands on the back (east) side of the east moraine of Wallowa Lake will now remain undeveloped and protected for wildlife habitat and sustainable timber harvesting and grazing. In collaboration with a local landowner, Wallowa Land Trust recently completed the project as part of its larger efforts to protect the moraines of Wallowa Lake.

Landowner Jacob Hasslacher has been working with the Land Trust over the past year to permanently protect his property within a stone's throw of Wallowa Lake. "From the moment that I first saw this place, I knew it was something special that I wanted to see safeguarded," said Hasslacher. Jacob and his wife Chris Antemann operate a non-profit ceramic artist-in-residence program, the LH ("L hanging H" brand) Project. The program draws qualified and well-respected artists from around the world.



Photo courtesy of Leon Werdinger

Jacob says, "The beauty of the property, particularly the open forest now protected, is part of what attracts artists to the program. Nowhere else is there a place where ceramic CE signing artists can go to learn and practice their craft in such a beautiful rural setting. Its intimacy and remote unspoiled backdrop gives the LH Project a unique voice in the world of ceramic residency programs. The artists take with them an experience that they will never forget, primarily because of the opportunity to have made their work out here on the secluded slope of the east moraine in Wallowa County. The surrounding National Forest, Eagle Cap Wilderness, and nearby Wallowa Lake also inspire and motivate artists to take their work in new creative directions."

Together with Wallowa Land Trust, Jacob and Chris crafted a permanent agreement known as a conservation easement that dedicates 40 acres of their property to wildlife habitat and allows for sustainable timber harvest and grazing while precluding the property from future subdivision or residential development. Jacob and Chris can sell their land or pass it onto their heirs, but the restrictions placed on the property run with the title and are permanent. Jacob says, "The moraines are an incredible place and we are lucky to live here. I hope that other landowners will want to protect this legacy as well."

This project is part of a much larger effort that Wallowa Land Trust is leading with the Wallowa Lake Moraines Partnership to conserve the east moraine of Wallowa Lake. The Partnership was established in 2011 by Wallowa Land Trust, Wallowa Resources, Wallowa County, and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to protect the east moraine. The Partnership's goals include: maintaining sustainable working landscapes of farms, forests and rangeland to contribute to the local economy and rural ways of life; providing public access respectful of the landscape and its scenic beauty; and protecting open space for wildlife, recreation, and natural resources.

"This is the official launch of our efforts to protect the east moraine, a spectacular landscape not found anywhere else in the state or even the country. Jacob and Chris are leaving an incredible legacy not just for their own family, but for the entire community. I heard someone say recently that 'the Wallowa Lake moraines are the most significant scenic resource in all of Wallowa County and among the most significant in all of Oregon.' I couldn't say it better myself. The moraines define us as residents and we are exceedingly grateful to Jacob and Chris for securing their portion of this crown jewel of the West," said Wallowa Land Trust Executive Director Kathleen Ackley.

Local wildlife biologist Kendrick Moholt echoes those sentiments, saying, "I have been familiar with this property for many years and have always considered it one of, if not the best, piece of forestland on the east moraine. It provides excellent winter range for deer and has terrific habitat for many birds including raptors, woodpeckers and songbirds."

Kathleen Ackey, Executive Director, Wallowa Land Trust



Hike the Hill 2014

Hike the Hill is a joint effort of the American Hiking Society and the Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS). The kick off for Hike the Hill events began with the Partnership for the National Trails System joint Board of Directors (BOD) and Leadership Council Meeting on February 9, 2014, at the Washington Plaza Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Liz Bergeron, President, started the meeting with introductions and announcing Board of Director election results. Gary Werner, Executive Director of PNTS, gave a report on the PNTS accomplishments in 2013. The following committees reported: Finance Committee chaired by John Leinen and Leadership Development Committee chaired by Liz Bergeron. They are looking for people to serve on the board. Other committees that reported their progress consisted of the Conference and Workshops Committee report and The 14th National Scenic and Historic Trails Conference by Reba Grandrud.

We received briefings from agency partners Steve Elkinton, Washington Office National Park Service (NPS); Deb Salt, Bureau of Land Management (BLM); and Jonathan Stephens, U.S. Forest Service (USFS) on key subjects. These briefings included information about the 2013 Interagency National Trails System MOU Report, NPS Policy called DO 45, Challenge Cost Share, Connect Trails to Park Grants, Integrating National Scenic and Historic Trails (NSHT) in the Park Service Centennial Celebration, BLM NSHT policy implementation, Energy Projects, Land Use Planning, and Forest Plan Directives. Full Time NSHT Administrator was identified as a key federal position required by the NTSA.

Trail land acquisition and corridor protection opportunities was a hot topic. We discussed our aspirations and plans for strengthening our capacity to consistently protect critical lands along our trail and explore ways to increase assistance from the Trust for Public Land and the Conservation Fund to help our partners to do so. Kathy DeCoster, Trust for Public Lands, and Kelly Ingebritson, Conservation Fund & Land Trusts, spoke about the assistance opportunities from their organizations. Gary Werner went over the schedule for Hike the Hill Activities and the federal partners were then excused as they entered into executive session.

On Monday, February 10, we met on the National Trails System Lands Protection Strategy with Howard Miller of the NPS, David Beaver of the BLM, and Nancy Parachini of the USFS. We were also joined by Sarah Peterson and Leslie Jones, the people leading the Collaborative Landscape Planning (CLP) initiatives for the Department of Interior and Department of Agriculture respectively. We discussed how to deal with the trail projects in the 2014 National Trails CLP proposal not funded by Congress in the FY 2014 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. We were also updated on the status of the 2015 CLP approach to Land Conservation by Sarah Peterson and Leslie Jones. We also heard from Howard Miller, Nancy Parachini, and David Beaver on projections for Land and Water and Forest Legacy in 2015 and beyond.

I presented a hand out with information on our project priorities since we met last year. The Nez Perce (Nee Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) land protection effort is a multi-year project requiring a long term commitment of resources. This was the fourth year that we have met to strategize how to substantially increase land acquisition to help complete the National Scenic and Historic Trails.

I attended the Congressional Trails Reception held February 11, 2014, at the Rayburn House Office Building. I joined members of Congress, Congressional Staff, agency leaders and trail advocates in celebration of American Hiking Society's (AHS) 17th Annual Hike the Hill.

The event was hosted by the AHS in cooperation with the PNTS. Greg Miller, President of the AHS organized and served as master of ceremonies. They honored U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar from Minnesota with a Trailblazer Award and Steve Elkinton, NPS, with a Lifetime Trailblazer Award.

The remainder of the week involved numerous meetings and briefings. On February 11, we met at the Capitol Visitor Center Room and were briefed by the American Hiking Society. We also met with the House Interior Appropriations Staff and the Acting Assistant Interior Secretary Rachel Jacobson for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and NPS, and NPS Deputy Director Peggy O'Dell.

As part of our Hike the Hill travel we had an internal U.S. Forest Service meeting with all of the Trail Administrators on February 11. Our meeting started with a welcome by Joe Meade, Director Recreation, Heritage and Volunteer Resources. We had a lively discussion with our group on the NSHT budget and priorities with Randy Welsh, Deputy Director Recreation, Heritage and Volunteer Resources and Jonathan Stephens. Ellen Hornstein, Office of General Council joined by a conference line to discuss Warrior Walks on National Trails. We got an informative update on Volunteer and Partnership Actions from Marlene Mazyck from Volunteers and Service Program. Bill Connolly was invited from U.S. Forest Service Environmental Management Coordination staff that oversees the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) planning, appeals and litigation group to give us an update on the planning directives. We also had a good discussion on the status of new and revising the Comprehensive Management Plans. We closed with updates from our Trail Administrators.

The Nez Perce Trail Foundation met with each agency. The National Trails Partnership met with Leslie Weldon, Deputy Chief and Mary Wagner, Associate Chief of the U.S. Forest Service.

Sandi McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT



Three-Trail Wounded Warrior Walk/Hike

During Hike the Hill I met with Lindy Hatcher, Executive Director, Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. I will join a team of folks to plan a Three-Trail [Wounded Warrior Walk/Hike](#) where all three trails intersect in Montana. The three National Scenic and Historic Trails are the NPNHT, Lewis and Clark National historic Trail and the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail. The proposed event is in August 2014. This is an opportunity to partner between all three trails, gain some public relations, get more people out on the trails, reach a diverse audience, share planning responsibilities between trails, and save money jointly planning an event.

We are beginning to work on next steps which includes identifying a timeline and responsibilities. The group is made up Lindy Hatcher, Executive Director, Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Teresa Martinez, Executive Director, Continental Divide Coalition, Jim Evans, Executive Director, Nez Perce Trail Foundation, Mark Weekley, National Park Service Administrator, Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail as an interested party and Margaret Gorski, President, Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.

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Montana Preservation Alliance Conducts Research on the Nez Perce National Historic Trail

Chere Justo, Executive Director of the Montana Preservation Alliance (MPA), contacted the administration of the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) to share the results of their recent project to more fully document sites in central and western Montana along the NPNHT.

The sites they studied were all previously known and have been the subject of research by historians of years ago. However, with support from the [American Battlefield Protection Program](#) and cooperation by various agencies and landowners, they were able to make site visits and conduct more thorough research.

MPA Historian Jim Jenks, conducted the research and site work, resulting in draft site nominations for the National Register for the following sites.

The **Cow Island Landing Skirmish Site** is the location of the September 23-24, 1877, encounter between warriors belonging to five non-treaty Nez Perce bands and a small party of entrenched U.S. Army soldiers and civilian freight clerks. The site is located above the mouth of Cow Creek where it meets the north bank of the Missouri River. The 37-acre historic property is on a small in-holding within the Missouri Breaks National Monument, administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

The 3.2-acre **Cow Creek Nez Perce Bullwhacker Ambush Site** is located in the rugged, arid Cow Creek Canyon on a private in-holding within today's Missouri Breaks National Monument in Blaine County, Montana. The ambush site is one of the less well-known skirmishes associated with the 1877 war and flight. The Bullwhacker ambush occurred when the Nez Perce caravan had successfully outdistanced the pursuing Seventh Cavalry, crossing the Missouri and traveling up Cow Creek Canyon moving toward their objective to reach Canada.

The **Nez Perce-Ilges Skirmish Site** consists of approximately 509 acres located in the Upper Missouri Breaks National Monument. The canyon is the location of the 1877 engagement between Nez Perce warriors and a 36-member civilian volunteer force led by U.S. Army Major Guido Ilges.

The **Fort Fizzle** soldiers corral encounter site occupies a low bench north of Lolo Creek and U.S. Highway 12, at the foot of the ridge on the north side of the canyon. The site is located along the NPNHT in the general area of the Lolo Trail and is on Plum Creek Timber Company land. The southern half of the historic property which is currently listed on the National Register is located on the Lolo National Forest. The Fort Fizzle soldiers corral encounter site was the location of a confrontation between five non-treaty Nez Perce bands and the U.S. Army soldiers and volunteers that occurred in the early stages of the 1877 war and flight. The site was the focal point of the July 25-27, 1877, encounter between the Nez Perce, then under the leadership of Chief Looking Glass and the U.S. Army and local Montana volunteers led by Captain Charles Rawn. "Fort Fizzle" was the name given by local papers satirizing the failed attempt to check the Nez Perce advance into the Bitterroot Valley.

We want to thank the efforts by MPA to further provide stewardship and protection for these important cultural sites along the NPNHT. We are also appreciative of the valuable information provided including maps, historic images, and photographs that was collected during their project.

Sandi McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT



Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) in the Bitterroot

Traveling Exhibit: The Ravalli County Museum project to create a high quality and meaningful traveling exhibit to interpret the NPNHT continues to move forward. Years in the making, three years of Challenge Cost Share funding cycles to be exact, the exhibit is now in the fabrication phase. We have been working with consultants at Sea Reach LTD (www.seareach.com). Peter Reedijk and Susan Jurasz from Sea Reach are extraordinary practitioners and have provided the first full draft of text and graphics along with interesting designs for the exhibit installation. It all has to pack and ship so there are constraints, but Sea Reach is up to the task (*see image below*). The exhibit totals four sections with four panels (30 x72 each) so it'll be an impressive installation wherever it goes.

The exhibit will be debuted at the Ravalli County Museum in late spring 2015. It will then travel to Lapwai, ID, for a second opening. Following those events the exhibit will be available for travel to communities along the NPNHT. While attractive and informative, the exhibit will not contain any precious items so that it can be installed wherever there is community space: a bank lobby, school lobby, small museum or community center, or other public space. One of the primary goals for the exhibit is to insure that it is usable in the smallest of communities and under almost any environmental conditions so that the maximum number of people will be able to see, interact with, and learn from it.

Ravalli County Museum Executive Director, Tamar Stanley, and Kristine Komar, Bitter Root Cultural Heritage Trust (BRCHT) President, recently traveled to Lapwai to work with NPNHT Administrator Sandi McFarland, tribal members, staff, and Elders. A high point of the visit was discussing plans for the exhibit's grand opening in Hamilton at the Ravalli County Museum next spring. Our good friends at Humanities Montana (www.humanitiesmontana.org) have provided a second project grant to assist with funding for travel and stipends so that Tribal Members and Elders will be able to be at the Grand Opening and share Nez Perce Culture with Bitterroot residents. Traditional foods will be served and stories told. There will be drumming and artists in residence selling their artwork. A Nez Perce horse parade is planned.

Nez Perce Education Programs: Plans are in place to ensure that Nez Perce Tribal Member and Elder visits remain a regular and consistent element of Ravalli County Museum education programs. A \$6000 2014 NPNHT Challenge Cost Share agreement will add hours to the Museum Educator position and provide travel and stipends to make this possible. The Museum will work with other Bitterroot organizations and agencies that also have significant NPNHT history, including St. Mary's Mission, Fort Owen and Travelers Rest State Parks, and the Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge.

For more information, contact Kristine Komar, Bitter Root Cultural Heritage Trust, kk@doublekoutfit.net or 406 375-9953.

By Kristine Komar



Steve Elkinton Retires After 36 Years with the National Park Service (NPS)



After 36 years, Steve Elkinton (*photo left*) retired from the NPS as Program Leader for the National Trails System on February 11, 2014.

With a masters of landscape architecture and 18 months of private sector experience under his belt, Steve joined the NPS Falls Church field office of the Denver Service Center in 1978. There he worked on a variety of National Capital Region projects, such as the Fort Washington water system, the visitor circulation system at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, early planning at Glen Echo Park, the Frederick Douglass House Growlery, and a study of trails and bikeways in Rock Creek Park. The most complex project was an assessment of U.S. Park Police Facilities in Washington, D.C., San Francisco, and Gateway National Recreation Area in New York.

From 1981 to 1985 Steve served as supervisory park landscape architect at Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area (as it was then known), supervising a small and productive staff of architects, historians, cultural resource specialists, and volunteers. He had a major hand in setting out that Park's first sign plan, trail plan, and building use plan, and completed one of the first park-wide cultural landscape reports in the NPS in the last 12 weeks of his tenure there.

In addition, he was involved in dozens of construction projects in this newly established and complex park. In 1985 he returned to the Denver Service Center Falls Church Office to work on more Harpers Ferry projects (such as the Byron pedestrian bridge

across the Potomac River), Wolf Trap Center for the Performing Arts, and a study of paved recreational trails of the National Capital Region.

In 1989, Steve became the first NPS Program Leader in the Washington Support Office for the National Trails System. At that time the system consisted of 16 national scenic and historic trails. The program leader oversees the agency's roles in the National Trails System, working closely with counterparts in the Bureau of Land Management, the USDA Forest Service, and many other agencies.

For 24 years, from 1990 to his retirement, Steve served as chairperson of the Federal Interagency Council on Trails. During that time he watched the trails system grow from 16 to 30 trails, doubling in mileage to surpass the interstate highway system.

Steve and his colleagues played major roles behind the scenes coordinating the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition (2003-2006). He helped shape a nationwide coalition of trail organizations called the Partnership for the National Trails System and inspired the National Trails System partners to celebrate the System's 50th anniversary in 2018 by gearing up in 2007 and 2008 for "A Decade for the National Trails, 2008-2018." In 2008 he authored a 50-page booklet called *The National Trails System – A Grand Experiment*.

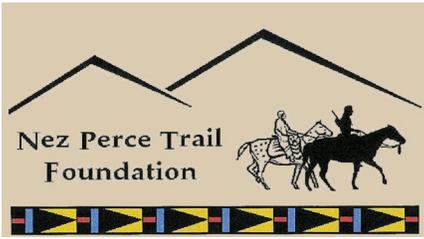
For many years, under the aegis of the Federal Interagency Council on Trails, Steve has compiled annual reports, by fiscal year, of the myriad activities and accomplishments that now characterize the National Trails System. These are available along with other related materials at www.nps.gov/nts/.

In April, 2013, Steve was awarded a lifetime achievement award for his work supporting the National Trails System, presented by American Trails at the International Trails Symposium in Phoenix, AZ. In November, 2013, the Partnership for the National Trails System presented Steve with an extraordinary trail partner award. As part of his retirement celebrations, the American Hiking Society presented him with its prestigious lifetime trailblazer award at a Capitol Hill reception.

Steve moved to the Philadelphia area in his retirement and plans to offer a slide show presentation on the National Trails System to any school, church, youth group, or veterans' organization who would like to hear about it. In the future he can be reached at elksteve50@gmail.com.

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News From the Nez Perce Trail Foundation

In early February the Annual "Hike the Hill" event, sponsored by the American Hiking Society, was held in Washington D.C.

This annual event allows the Nez Perce Trail Foundation (NPTF) Officers and Executive Director along with our partner the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) administration to get the latest information from all the

Federal Agencies that administer National Trails. There were representatives from 34 National Trails participating in this years "Hike the Hill" advocacy week.

There were a number of programs sponsored by federal agencies aimed at updating members of the Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS) on what they are doing to support the National Trail System.

In addition the NPTF had the opportunity to visit all our Congressional offices to update and thank them for their support of our efforts. We had the pleasure of meeting with Congressional staff from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming. The support of these Senators and Representatives has allowed us to continue in a steady appropriation for the administration of the NPNHT.

One of the highlights during the week was a presentation made by Jim Evans, NPTF Executive Director, and Sandi McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT, of a Chief Joseph Blanket to retiring National Park Service Program Leader for the National Trails System, Steve Elkinton. Steve has visited the Nez Perce Trail Foundation often and has been of great assistance in helping the Foundation grow. He will be missed.

Longtime supporter Senator Max Baucus (D-MT) was recently confirmed by the U.S. Senate as U.S. Ambassador to China. Senator Baucus served in the Senate since 1978. In 1986 Senator Baucus was instrumental in legislation authorizing the NPNHT. Senator John Walsh (D-MT), Ambassador Baucus's replacement, took the oath of office on February 11, the day before we met with him. Senator Walsh was previously the Lt. Governor of Montana.



The NPTF has a new Secretary, Karen Heagen (*photo left, courtesy of the NPTF*). Karen joined the NPTF as a life-time member in 2013 and hopes to make a positive contribution to the Foundation by increasing support for technology, membership, networking, and communication. She attends the annual Nez Perce Tamkaliks Celebration in Wallowa, Oregon, and the many memorials and ceremonies associated with the Trail. While working towards her second degree in Native American Studies, Karen travels the Trail with the Foundation's organized field trips as well as personal adventures. She is a full-time professional artist (KL Heagen) with a B.A. in Art, and is represented by several galleries on the West Coast. Her hobbies include hiking, fishing, horseback riding, traveling, photography, and computer design.

Other News: The National Historic Trails Workshop will be held in Salt Lake City, UT, this fall. More information will follow in the coming months.

Please visit and "Like" the NPTF Facebook site: www.facebook.com/nezpercetf

Jim Evans
Executive Director
Nez Perce Trail Foundation



Pictured with the Montana Congressional Delegation from left to right: Sen. Jon Tester, now the Senior Senator from Montana, Jon Knechtel Director of Operations, Pacific Northwest Trail Association, Jim Evans, Executive Director Nez Perce Trail Foundation, Jim Zimmerman, Nez Perce Trail Foundation, Representative Steve Daines, and Senator John Walsh.

Photo courtesy of the NPTF





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

The Nez Perce National Historical Park held a very successful speaker series during the winter months. Topics included geology, caring for family photos, the Hanford Site, basket weaving, and more. Programs and book signings by authors Nez Perce Tribal members Hattie Kauffman and Allen V. Pinkham Sr., along with Dr. Steve Evans were very well attended.

The Park has received funding to begin the design phase to replace the permanent exhibit in the Spalding, ID, Visitor Center. Staff will be selecting a contractor for the project and will begin the design process this summer.

Progress continues on the new movie for the Park. We expect to premiere the film in early summer.

A workshop was held at Lewis Clark State College in Lewiston, ID, to help students with the application process for federal jobs. It was well received and we plan to offer more of these in the future.

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



News From the National Park Service: Big Hole National Battlefield

Our last report was full of gloom for the upcoming summer season, but since then things are a lot better for Big Hole and the National Park Service as a whole. Congress passed a budget and we are almost back to where we once were with funding. That means we will have a full summer staff and will be able to offer a wide variety of interpretative programs. We are so relieved and looking forward summer.

The first big interpretive program is the fifth installment of the Park's very successful Coyote Camp. Last year we had 1,000 students, teachers, and parents come to the program. We haven't even announced this year's camp and schools are clamoring to participate. This is the sign of a successful program. We could not host the camp without the help of staff from Nez Perce National Historical Park in Spalding, ID, and tribal members who give up their time to come to Big Hole and introduce students to Nez Perce culture. The 2014 Coyote Camp will be held May 19 – 23.

We had a normal winter for a change and that has meant a lot of snow. Our maintenance staff is down one due to retirement and that meant less time to devote to winter projects and more time to snow removal. The good news is that we will soon hire a new permanent maintenance worker prior to the busy summer work season. A number of projects are planned for this summer. Park staff will be building a new ramp to the camp trail to increase accessibility and we will be landscaping the front of the visitor center. The landscaping project will include adding native plants, walking paths, and interpretive signs. Once this project is completed and plants are established they will require no watering and will save the Park money and time that can be directed to other projects.

Skies are beginning to clear, snow continues to melt, and spring is in the air. Now is a great time to visit the Park as it wakes up from its long winter nap. The Park is now operating under summer hours. The main visitor center is now open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Our Summer Speaker Series begins on June 28, and will continue every weekend through August 17. A schedule of specific speakers to be announced soon.

Steve Black, Superintendent
Big Hole National Battlefield



A recent spring day at Big Hole

Photo courtesy of National Park Service, Big Hole National Battlefield





News From the National Park Service: Bear Paw Battlefield

Bridge Replacement on Montana State Highway 240

Travelers headed to the Bear Paw Battlefield south of Chinook, MT, will have no problems traveling around the bridge construction on Montana Highway 240 this summer.

The Three Mile Bridge was designated for replacement in 2012 and everyone was happy to see the project started this March. An excellent gravel road has been constructed with speed limits reduced to 35 m.p.h. Travel time to the battlefield will not be affected. For more information contact the Park Service office at (406) 357-3130.



Stephanie Martin, National Park Service Photo

Stephanie Martin
Park Ranger, Bear Paw Battlefield



News From the Bureau of Land Management Lewistown Field Office/Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Lewistown Field Office is updating its Resource Management Plan (RMP). With this Plan the BLM will be defining the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail corridor for that portion of the Trail that bisects the field office (Judith Gap to the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument). We will be developing alternatives this year.

The Draft RMP is set to be release in the spring of 2015. For more information contact the Lewistown Field Office at (406) 538-1900, or visit the [RMP website](#):



Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service Photo

Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument

Zane Fulbright, Archaeologist,
BLM, Lewistown Field Office/Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument





News From the Forest Service

Lolo Pass Visitor Center Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest

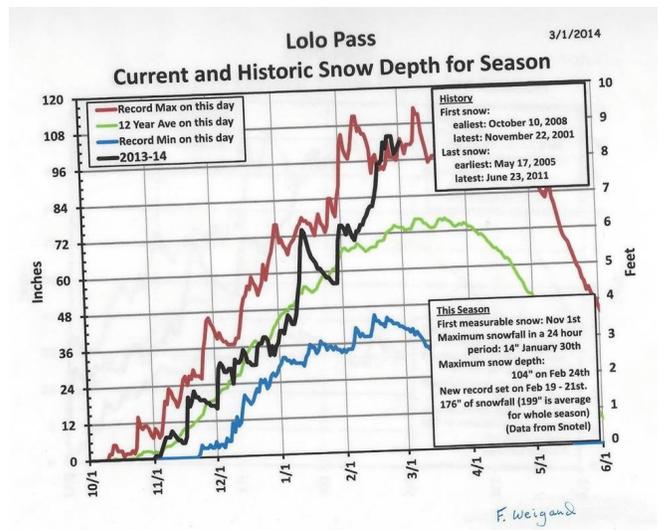
Spring is a little slow to show itself at Lolo Pass this year. In mid-April we still had close to 60 inches of snow on the ground. Skiers and snowmobilers enjoyed a great snow year, with 108 inches of snow on the ground in March. The Visitor Center held its annual “Ski Lolo Pass Challenge” from December through March. Close to twenty skiers participated, with the top skiers logging well over two hundred miles on our trails.

Lolo Pass was the winter field trip destination for many local schools. Students had the opportunity to ski, snowshoe, and more importantly, learn about winter safety and avalanche awareness. The avalanche beacon park at the Visitor Center provides a great opportunity for students to learn and practice.

Woodman School near Lolo, MT, brought students ranging in age from kindergarten to 8th grade to Lolo Pass. Students rotated through stations learning about winter safety, avalanches, animal adaptations, and completing activities in the Forest Service “Junior Snow Ranger” activity books.

Staff is now preparing for the Annual [Mountain-to-Meadow Half Marathon and 5K Fun Run](#) which will be held on Saturday June 28.

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



New Faces Along the Trail:

New U.S. Forest Service Northern Region Deputy Regional Forester Announced

The new Deputy Regional Forester for the Northern Region, Dave Schmid, reported to his new position on Monday, April 21. Schmid comes to the Region from the U.S. Forest Service’s Southern Region based in Atlanta, GA, where he served as the Director of Biological and Physical Resources. He has been with the agency since 1982.

“I am excited to add Dave to my staff here in the Region,” commented Regional Forester Faye Krueger. “Dave brings a wide range of experience and leadership to this position that will help us succeed in the Region-wide challenges we face as an agency.”

Schmid started with the Forest Service in the Alaska Region as fisheries and watershed program leader on the Chugach National Forest, southeast of Anchorage, AK. He relocated to the Tongass National Forest as a District Ranger for the Thorne Bay Ranger District on Prince of Wales Island in southeast Alaska, and also worked as the District Ranger of the Beartooth Ranger District on the Custer National Forest in south-central Montana. He served as the National Fisheries Program Leader in the agency’s Washington, D.C., office prior to assuming his role in Atlanta.



Brandon Schulze, U.S. Forest Service Photo

His fisheries background and key program direction with the agency’s Southern Region make Schmid a valuable asset to the Northern Region. The world-class fishing streams and complex nature of many of the ecosystems here are key focus areas for the agency and our many partners and collaborative groups. Schmid’s appointment gives the agency greater potential to improve resource planning and fisheries management programs for these vital natural resource concerns.

“I’m very excited to come back to Montana in this position,” Schmid said. “I look forward to applying my leadership and program management experience to the issues and needs across the Northern Region.”



New Faces Along the Trail:

Northern Region Forester Selects Garcia as New Lolo National Forest Supervisor

U.S. Forest Service Photo



In February Faye Krueger, Regional Forester for the U.S. Forest Service Northern Region, announced the selection of Tim Garcia as Forest Supervisor of the Lolo National Forest.

Garcia reported to the Lolo National Forest Supervisor's Office on April 7, after serving as a Legislative Affairs Specialist at the Forest Service Headquarters in Washington, D.C. He returns to Montana where he recently served as acting Forest Supervisor for the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.

"We're really fortunate to have Tim return to the Northern Region," said Krueger. "Through his work in our national office, he is very familiar with the issues and initiatives the Lolo National Forest is involved with and that experience will be incredibly valuable in his new position."

Garcia is looking forward to joining a community deeply involved in forestry issues and initiatives, and working with those who value the clean water, forest products, and enjoyable recreation opportunities that National Forests provide.

"One thing that stands out to me about this is are all of the great partners and organizations based here that represent a broad cross section of interests, as well as the outstanding forestry program at the university, and their willingness to all work together to reach common goals," said Garcia. "So many of these partners are involved in the Southwestern Crown Collaborative, and I look forward to being a part of this group and all the others that help accomplish so much exceptional work on our public lands."

Garcia began his Forest Service career as member of a wildland fire engine crew on the Uinta National Forest. After several fire seasons he entered and completed the Co-op Education program and graduated from Utah State University with a B.S. in Forest Management. Tim has worked in every level of the Forest Service and has held leadership assignments as a District Ranger, Capitol City Coordinator, and Deputy State Forester in the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands.

Garcia and his wife Leslie have three sons. When he isn't working, Garcia enjoys music and spending time outdoors fishing, hunting, cycling, and skiing.

UPCOMING Events:



June 7, 2014—National Trails Day

June 14, 2014—National Get Outdoors Day, fees waived at U.S. Forest Service sites that require a fee, (check with local units)

June 13-15, 2014 — Chief Joseph & Warriors Pow Wow, Lapwai, ID

June 14, 2014—White Bird Battle Memorial, White Bird, ID

June 23-26, 2014—National Trails Board Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT

June 28, 2014—Mountain to Meadow Half Marathon and 5K Fun Run, Lolo Pass, ID

July 4-13, 2014—Nespelem 4th of July Pow Wow, Nespelem, WA

July 18-20 2014 —Nez Perce Tamkaliks Celebration & Friendship Feast, Wallowa OR

July 20-26, 2014—Chief Joseph Trail Ride, from Powell, Wyoming, traveling north of Laurel, Montana

August 7-10, 2014—Omak Stampede and Pow Wow, Omak, WA

August 9, 2014 —Big Hole Battle Memorial, Wisdom, MT

August 15-17, 2014—Chief Looking Glass Days— Kamiah, ID

September 27, 2014 —National Public Lands Day

October 4, 2014 —Bear Paw Memorial, Chinook, MT

October 17-19, 2014 —Hiitem Waq'iswit Pow Wow, Lapwai, ID

October 27-30, 2014— National Historic Trails Workshop, Salt Lake City, UT



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Spring Along the Nez Perce National Historic Trail Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming



Arrowleaf Balsamroot flowers cover a hillside near Sula, MT. *Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service*



Chief Looking Glass Village site, near Kooskia, ID. *Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service*



Spring arriving at lower elevations in Yellowstone National Park. April 2014. *National Park Service Photo*



Great Blue Heron rockery, Nez Perce National Historical Park, Spalding, ID. *National Park Service Photo*



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