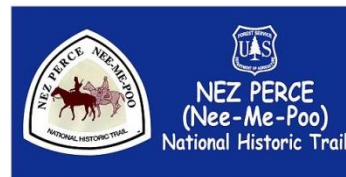




# Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail

Comprehensive Plan Revision





# Why Revise

- Interagency reviews of all national trail comprehensive plans and a Regional review of this plan indicate that the plan is no longer compliant with the NTSA .
- The NEPA completed in 1985 is no longer valid.
- Forests and other agencies have asked for objectives and practices (guidelines and standards)as directed in the NTSA for managing the NPNHT.





# Public Workshops 2010-2012

- 900 informative comments
- Tourism and Economic Growth is Important
- Protecting Historical and Cultural Resources is critical
- Potential Additional Historical Sites
- Side, Connecting or Extensions of the NPNHT are important
- Support is Present along Trail
- Trail Staff Need to Visit the Whole Trail
- Listening to Local Ideas and Opportunities is Critical
- The 1877 War and Flight had Far Reaching Impacts
- There are Many New Stories to be Told





# Proposed Action

For the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail Comprehensive Plan:

- **Revise and update the 1990 Comprehensive Plan so that it enhances compliance with the requirements of the NTSA and provides guidance in achieving nature and purposes of desired future conditions for the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail.**





# Objectives and Practices

- An **objective** is a concise, measurable and time-specific statement of a desired rate of progress toward a desired condition or conditions.
- A **practice** can be a constraint on project or activity that are established to help achieve or maintain a desired condition or conditions to avoid or mitigate undesirable effects, or to meet applicable legal requirements.





# Corridor Management

- Within five years of the revised CP, the identified corridor for the Nez Perce National Historic Trail will be marked on the ground in accordance with the standard processes adopted by administrators of all National Scenic and Historic Trails (NSHT).







# Rights of Way

- NTSA Section 7. (a)(2) Pursuant to section 5(a), the appropriate Secretary shall select the rights-of-way for national scenic and national historic trails and shall publish notice thereof of the availability of appropriate maps or descriptions in the Federal Register; Provided, That in selecting the rights-of-way full consideration shall be given to minimizing the adverse effects upon the adjacent landowner or user and his operation. In selecting rights-of-way for trail purposes, the Secretary shall obtain the advice and assistance of the States, local governments, private organizations, and landowners and land users concerned.





## Incorporating Associated and Connecting Side Trails

- Upon approval of the revised CP, the following associated connecting and side trails will be incorporated into the NPNHT in order to tell the broader story of the events surrounding 1877.
- The associated connecting and side trails are:
  - Southern Nez Perce Trail
  - Lolo Trail
  - Overland Trail
  - Bannock Trail
  - Bozeman Trail
  - Carrol Trail
  - Cow Creek Freight Road
- Extension, through a side trail, of NPNHT from Joseph, Oregon to Minam, Oregon
- Extension, through a side trail, of NPNHT from Bear Paw Battlefield into Canada north of Malta, Montana as designated by ParksCanada.
- Extension of the NPNHT to historical sites associated with the 1877 War and Flight within the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada, as designated by Parks Canada.
- All connecting trails between Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail into NPNHT.
- All connecting trails between the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail into NPNHT.





# High Potential Historic Sites

- NTSA Sec 12. (1) The term "**high potential historic sites**" means those historic sites related to the route, or sites in close proximity thereto, which provide opportunity to interpret the historic significance of the trail during the period of its major use. Criteria for consideration as high potential sites include historic significance, presence of visible historic remnants, scenic quality, and relative freedom from intrusion.
- Within ten years of the approval of the revised CP, protection plans, to protect historical elements of the 79 identified high potential historic sites along the NPNHT will be completed within ten years of approval of the revised CP. Additional high potential historic sites will be identified and documented with a protection plan in five-year increments after approval of the revised CP.





# High Potential Route Segments

NTSA Sec 12.2) The term "**high potential route segments**" means those segments of a trail which would afford high quality recreation experience in a portion of the route having greater than average scenic values or affording an opportunity to vicariously share the experience of the original users of a historic route.

Upon completion of the revised CP, protection plans will be completed for the existing seven high potential route segments. Within five years of the revised CP, protection plans will be completed new high potential route segments that have been located through archaeological surveys or historical studies.





# Heritage-Cultural Resource Management

- Within one year of completion of the CP and historical preservation plan, the federal agencies will submit a report to the NPNHT administrator describing how and when their historic property plans will be completed. Within ten years of approval of the revised CP, all federal agencies will complete tiered historic property plans for individual NPNHT segments and associated cultural sites under their jurisdiction.







# Tribal Rights and Treaty Resources

- Within five years of approval of the revised CP, members of the Nez Perce Tribe and descendants of the 1877 War and Flight (some are members of other tribes) will be allowed on a regular basis to retrace and reenact the events of the 1877 War and Flight, during the time of year those events occurred, on NPNHT segments under the jurisdiction of the federal agencies







# NPNHT Visitor Use Capacity

- Upon approval of the revised CP, the agencies will identify a visitor capacity for segments of the NPNHT under their jurisdiction to provide a baseline for effective monitoring and management. Visitor capacity will be monitored along the NPNHT immediately upon approval of the revised CP.



# NPNHT Auto Tour Route Management

- Within three years of the revised CP, all federal agencies will complete signage of all auto tour routes on NPNHT segments under their jurisdiction.
- Within eight years of the revised CP, all agencies will complete signage of all auto tour routes on county roads in segments of the NPNHT under their jurisdiction. Within ten years of the approval of the revised CP, all agencies will have signed agreements in place with tribes, local partners and communities for joint management of auto tour facilities.





# Allowable Public Uses in the NPNHT Corridor

- Within five years of approval of the revised CP, the NPNHT administrator will work with the agencies to develop additional rugged, backcountry opportunities on auto tour routes along the NPNHT for mechanized and motorized uses. Within two years of approval of the revised CP, the agencies will resolve travel management conflicts along auto tour routes on NPNHT segments under their jurisdiction.







# Scenery and Wildlife Management

- Scenery: Within five years of the revised CP, the NPNHT Trail Administrator, in consultation with other federal agencies, will identify priorities for enhancing visas from the Trail within five years.
- Wildlife: Relocation of the NPNHT that is needed to protect critical habitat will be identified and completed within 20 years of approval of the revised CP.

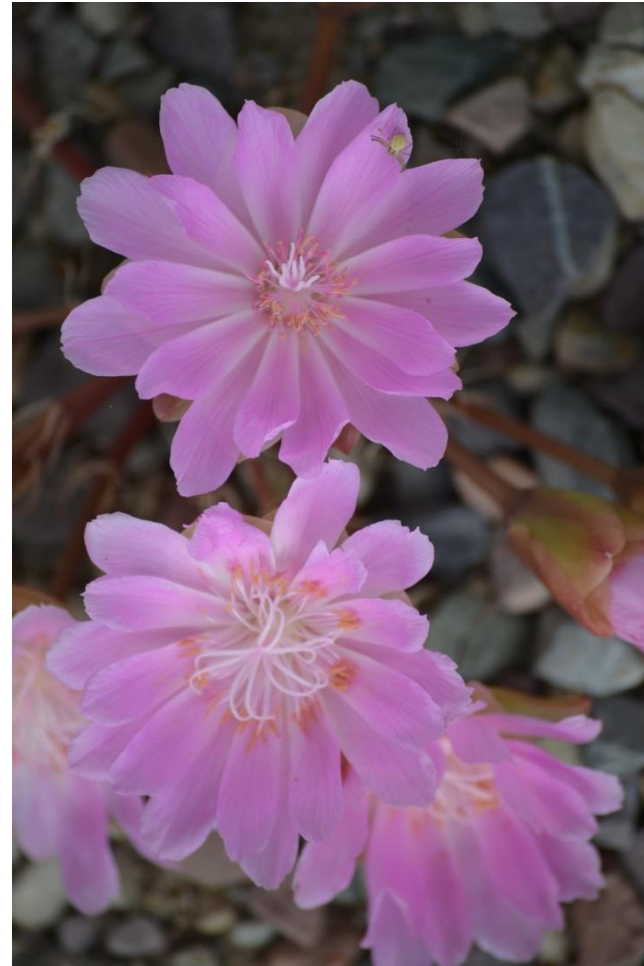






# Botanical Resources and Timber Management

- Botanical: Within ten years of approval of the revised CP, declines in culturally significant plant populations in the NPNHT corridor will be reversed through active management, and all federal agencies will identify, map, and develop, with input from affected tribes, a protection plan for culturally significant plants located in the NPNHT corridor.
- Timber: Within two years of the revised CP, all agencies will develop a timber management, in consultation with the NPNHT administrator, which will define how and when timber harvest can occur in the NPNHT corridors under their jurisdiction.





## Energy and Mineral Exploration and Management

- Within two years of approval of the revised CP, all agencies will undertake the assessment to withdraw the NPNHT right-of-way from new energy and mineral development and development of new facilities for existing energy and mineral development.







# Questions





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