



# Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail *Progress Report* Spring 2015



## Administrator's Corner

Greetings,

We are moving into May: Apa'a'al, pronounced (Ah-pah-ahl) in the Nez Perce language. The season is for making a baked loaf from ground khouse a root important to the Nez Perce people. These loaves were often stored for winter. Spring is a time of rebirth for the earth, plants and fish.

It is that time once again when mushrooms begin pushing their way up through the soil. Being an avid mushroom hunter I await their arrival every spring. I recently made a trip along the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) and was delighted to see that the morels and some other varieties are looking good. I also noticed the Khouse is coming up nicely.

When was your last hike? I'm lucky enough to live only a couple of hours from the NPNHT, which was the perfect place to take my family for a hike this past weekend to take in the splendors of spring. We are gearing up and getting excited for National Trails Day this coming June 6. If you are looking for ideas contact us.



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Morel mushroom



The NPNHT Auto Tour guides can be obtained at numerous U.S. Forest Service offices, National Park Service visitor centers, local museums, and information centers along the entire NPNHT (or by scanning the QR code, pictured on the left, on your smartphone or tablet) or by [e-mailing NPNHT staff](#). These guides provide travelers with numerous opportunities to take restful interludes, stretch, unwind and learn more about the NPNHT.

Traveling the NPNHT by motorcycle is another great way to experience the Auto Tour Route. The route offers some of the most beautiful scenery from Idaho's scenic Salmon River, Hell's Canyon at Dug Bar, Big Hole Valley, Yellowstone National Park, Chief Joseph Scenic Byway, and the upper Missouri River in north-central Montana to name a few rides.

Take a biking adventure of the winding curves on White Bird Hill, and Rattlesnake Grade between Enterprise, OR and Clarkston, WA. The Northwest Passage from Lewiston, ID, to Lolo Pass on U.S. Highway 12 along the Clearwater and Locsha River is rugged and beautiful country.

Be sure to plan ahead to ensure safe travels. Paved roads and the abundance of gravel roads and National Forest roads for the dual sport rider can find wildlife around every corner and even some spots of ice and snow. The Upper Missouri area has rural roads in that region that are well known for a subsurface of clay, also called "gumbo," when it gets wet. Come enjoy a ride on the NPHT Auto Tour Route but please ride safe and we hope you'll come visit again!

Respectfully,

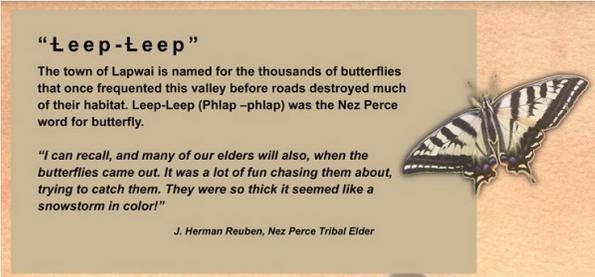
*Sandi McFarland,*  
Administrator, NPNHT



## Bee and Butterfly Workshop Held in Lapwai

As part of an Earth Day Event the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) Administration participated in a one day workshop on Wednesday, April 15, 2015, at the Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center, in Lapwai, ID. The NPNHT had a pollinator display similar to the one located at Musselshell Meadows near the trailhead at the pollinator garden. We hosted another display on the many types of bees needed to pollinate flowers to provide important food and resources. Staff handed out the new “tear sheet” NPNHT Map. We also highlighted our CCS Project of an interpretation panel located in Lapwai at the J.Herman Reuben Building where we tell the NPNHT story and interpret the reason the town is called land of the butterfly. Courtney Cox, Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest, was also on hand to share a booth.

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Ruth McConville, Mayor of Lapwai, provided a hearty welcome for the Earth Day event featuring Bees and Butterflies.

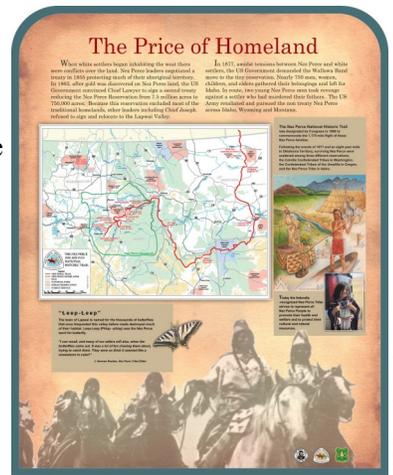
An exciting day of presenters and educators included Pamela Pavek who shared a list with participants on plants that are easy to grow in this climate and that would bring pollinators to your garden. Dr. Rico Cruz handed out free pollinator

plants and was on hand to talk about the numerous plant projects he is conducting for the Nez Perce Tribe. There were numerous brochures on bats, rare plants, butterflies, and moths of the Nez Perce Reservation. Jeanette Jackson spoke about the plans for the 2015 garden and what they are planning to plant this year. ‘Okyalonm Teminikees was established from a partnership of the Probation Department of the Nez Perce Tribe and Nimiipuu Health clinic. Their goal was to build a garden where they would serve their community by providing fresh produce to impact healthy living. Don Jones and Gary Ball discussed how to raise honey bees and Dr. Walter Sheppard brought a live bee hive to show people how it is done.

Other presentations included Kerey Barnowe-Meyer, Nez Perce Tribe Wildlife Division, who talked about why there are butterflies in the Lapwai Valley, and handed out a brochure he developed that explains the different types of butterflies that populate the valley. The Lapwai Head Start Program senior class sang a butterfly song, and the elders talked on various topics including how Lapwai got its name, butterfly stream or land of the butterflies.

There were various booths, one of which was a friend, Jan Kirchoff, and Hazel Kills Crow in residence to discuss their artwork around the workshop theme. Rue Hoover, Wetlands Specialist, Nez Perce Tribe, manned a booth on the Lapwai Nature Park. The Tribe will partner with Idaho Fish and Game, the University of Idaho, and the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute to restore 30 acres of riparian and wetland habitat on the south-east edge of the city of Lapwai. The project will remove invasive species and replace them with native species and help to improve water quality as well as provide habitat for pollinators and desirable animal species. Interpretive signs will be designed and installed along a foot path providing a venue for a partnership with the NPNHT Administration to interpret the NPNHT Auto Tour Route and significant history tied to the NPNHT. In addition to the environmental benefits associated with this project, the area will provide an outdoor classroom another venue to tell the NPNHT history.

Sandi McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT



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NPNHT Interpretive sign in Lapwai, ID. It specifically discusses the naming of the town and the connection to the butterflies. (see image on left for more details).



### 15th Annual Camas Festival

## “The Salmon, The River, The People”

Date: May 22 - 23, 2015

Location: Weippe Mini Park, Community Hall, Weippe, ID

Sponsors: Weippe Community Club, Idaho Humanities Council, Idaho State Historical Society

**Presentations: Times are PDT**

11:30 a.m. – Idaho’s Clearwater River Frontier History by John Bradbury  
 1 p.m. – Salmon and His People by Allen Pinkham  
 2:15 p.m. – Saving the Salmon by LouAnn Lasswell and Casey Mitchell  
 4:30 p.m. – It’s a Calamity, Jane Performance by the Hilltop Theatre Group

[View web site](#) for listing of all the planned events.

For additional information contact: Marge Kuchynka, 208-435-4362



## Dedication Ceremony for the Confluence Listening Circle at Chief Timothy Park

Please join artist Maya Lin, members of the Nez Perce Tribe, state and local leaders and Confluence to celebrate a major milestone in this series of extraordinary art installations along the Columbia River system - connecting people to place through art and education.

Friday, May 29 at 10 a.m.  
PDT (9:30 arrival suggested).

The dedication will begin at 10 a.m. PDT. A 9:30 a.m.

PDT arrival will allow for a relaxed, ADA accessible walk to the Listening Circle. Golf carts will be available. Admission to the park and interpretive center is free for the dedication. Chief Timothy Park is located at 13766 Hwy 12, nine miles west of Clarkston, WA.

Please RSVP to [Info@ConfluenceProject.org](mailto:Info@ConfluenceProject.org).

For more detail and information on shared transportation and accommodations [please click here](#).

Of all the Confluence sites, this park near the gateway to Hell's Canyon looks the most like what Lewis and Clark observed on their journey. Inspired by a Nez Perce blessing ceremony performed in 2005, the Listening Circle is a gathering place, an amphitheater sculpted into the landscape with basalt.

It is a place to listen.



View of Chief Timothy Park from Highway 12

*"The hills of the river are high and approach it nearly on both sides. No timber in the plains..."*

*— Meriwether Lewis, May 4, 1806*



Artist Maya Lin and Nez Perce elder Horace "Uncle" Axtel at Chief Timothy Park in 2005.

Photo courtesy of The Confluence



## NPNHT Administration Approves Nearly \$60,000 for Challenge Cost Share Projects

The following six Challenge Cost share applications were recently approved by Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) Administrator Sandi McFarland.

An Inter-Agency agreement with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Hi-Line District totaling \$15,000 will be used to establish an identified centerline of the NPNHT from Cow Island to the Bear Paw Battlefield through central Montana. BLM staff will perform a Class III Archaeological survey for 50 miles of the NPNHT within a 300 foot corridor, which will include providing a Smithsonian site number, relocating and identify physical remains of high probability sites in NPNHT Comprehensive Plan to include Cow Island Crossing, Cow Island Skirmish, Cow Creek Camp, Ilges Skirmish Site, Burning of Bull Wagon, Bullwhackers Graves and the Miles Butte Military Camp.

The Idaho Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (LCTHF) will receive \$3,000 to maintain 20 miles of the NPNHT on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest. Work will include maintenance of facilities (campgrounds, toilets), interpretive sign repairs, historic building repairs and monitoring recreation facilities along this section of the NPNHT.

The Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center (WBNPTIC) will receive \$10,000 for work at the WBNTPIC Homeland Project site and interpretation related to the NPNHT. This will assist with installation of a foot and horse bridge (110 ft.) over the Wallowa River to connect the city of Wallowa, OR, to the WBNTPIC Homeland Project and interpretive center of the NPNHT.

The Bitter Root Cultural Heritage Trust will receive \$15,000 to develop a localized interpretive plan for a 100 mile section of the NPNHT from the Big Hole National Battlefield to Ft. Missoula. This work will tie to the NPNHT Interpretive Plan.

The national LCNHT will receive \$9,500 for develop of a Smartphone App for Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (LCNHT) and the NPNHT with tours in Idaho, Montana and Oregon. The tours will be published online and on Facebook. This will also include the development of a LCNHT and NPNHT themed montage of illustrations, text and map for brochures and develop visitor discovery opportunities in four states.

Eastern Oregon University in LaGrande, OR, will receive \$7,145 for a study of NPNHT development along the railroad corridor between Joseph and Elgin, OR, through the Wallowa Valley.

These applications total nearly \$60,000 in funding.

“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 grants applications in the future,” said McFarland.

In August the Administration of the NPNHT will again encourage Challenge Cost Share proposals for projects designed to improve and enhance the visitor’s experience along the NPNHT. Applications will be due by October 1, 2015.

The submitted projects are reviewed by a panel of staff from Forest Service, National Park Service, BLM, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service units along the entire length of the Trail. Based on feedback from this panel the Trail Administrator announces which projects will receive Challenge Cost Share funds.

For additional information on the Trail Challenge Cost Share Program please contact Sandi McFarland, Trail Administrator at (208) 476-8334 or visit the partnership section of the [NPNT website](#).

Sandi McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT and Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, NPNHT

### Hiking 101: Ticks

Summer brings warm weather and great hiking. Unfortunately, ticks appreciate the season as much as we do and they pose a serious threat to hiker health.

Here are a few easy steps to [prevent tick-borne illness](#):

- Determine risk: Spring and early summer are high-risk for ticks because ticks are in an earlier stage of their development.
- Wear long and wear light! Wear long-sleeve shirts and long pants of a light color. Lighter colors seem to attract fewer ticks and make the ones that do end up on you easier to spot.
- Seal the cracks. Tuck your shirt into your pants and tuck your pants into your socks.
- Repel invaders! Consider treating your [clothing](#) with a persistent repellent chemical call pyrethrum. This substance, applied to clothing, repels ticks and biting insects for up to 2 weeks.
- Wash your hiking clothes. As soon as you get off the trail, wash your hiking clothes and dry them in a hot dryer for an hour. The heat will kill any ticks.
- Tick check. Showering within two hours of leaving the trail will help wash off any ticks which haven't latched on.

Read more about precautions against ticks and other Hiking 101 tips [here](#).



Information Provided by the American Hiking Society and USDA



## Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail Releases Reprints of Auto Tour Brochures

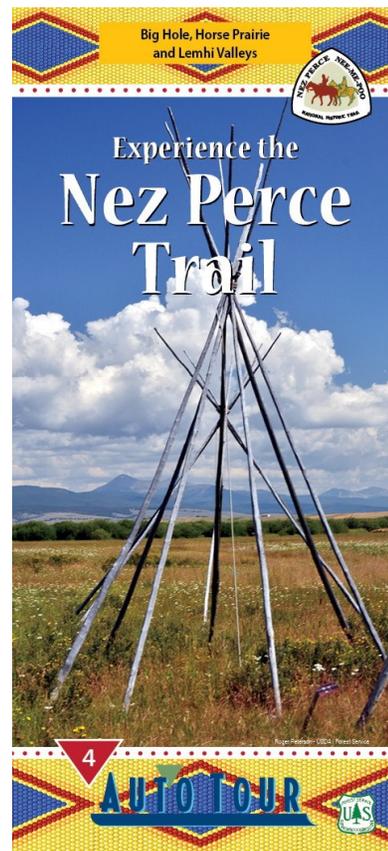
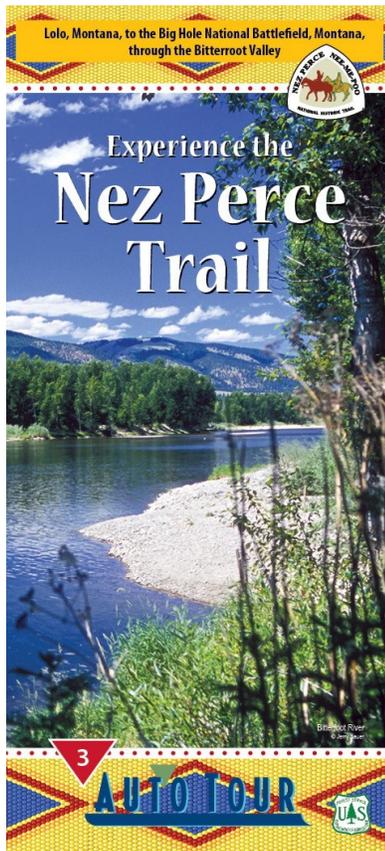
The staff of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail (NPNHT) is proud to announce the release of slightly revised versions of the Experience the NPNHT Auto Tour brochures for the sections between Orofino, ID, and Big Hole, Horse Prairie and Lemhi Valleys (segments 2, 3 and 4).

The Auto Tour brochures are designed to help visitors experience the NPNHT. The revision of this brochure started last summer. We have received great feedback from a number of people and would like to thank all those who commented and helped to make these accurate, informative, and user friendly brochures which will help guide visitors along the NPNHT for years to come.

Also, thanks to the staff at Recreation Solutions for their assistance in creating these outstanding products to help visitors experience the NPNHT story. Special thanks to Jason Blake who has been working with the NPNHT for more than 10 years to design many of the products which visitors enjoy.

These brochures, along with the entire family of NPNHT Auto Tour brochures, are available for [download from the NPNHT website](#).

If you would like copies, please contact Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, NPNHT, at (406) 329-3540 or [rmpeterson@fs.fed.us](mailto:rmpeterson@fs.fed.us).



Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, NPNHT

### UPCOMING Events:



- May, 2015: Idaho Archaeology and Preservation Month see [website for a list of activities](#)
- May 15-16, 2015 — Eastern Oregon University Indian Arts Festival, Pow Wow and Friendship Feast, La Grande, OR
- May 17-20, 2015 - [International Trails Symposium](#), Portland, OR
- May 29, 2015—[Confluence](#) dedication ceremony at Chief Timothy Park, Clarkston, WA
- June 6, 2015—National Trails Day
- June 13, 2015—National Get Outdoors Day, fees waived at U.S. Forest Service sites that require a fee, (check with local units)
- June 20, 2015—White Bird Battle Memorial, White Bird, ID
- June 19-21, 2015 — Chief Joseph & Warriors Pow Wow, Lapwai, ID
- June 27 - July 1, 2015 — 15th [Conference on National Scenic & Historic Trails](#) , Nashville, TN
- July 10—12, 2015—Nespelem 4th of July Pow Wow, Nespelem, WA
- July 10—12, 2015—Lapwai Days, Lapwai, ID
- July 17—19 2015 —Nez Perce Tamkaliks Celebration & Friendship Feast, Wallowa, OR
- July 18, 2015—Nez Perce Trail Foundation Annual Meeting, Wallow, OR
- July 20-24, 2015—51st Annual [Chief Joseph Trail Ride](#) from Ryegate, MT to Roy, MT
- August 6-9, 2015 —Omak Stampede and Pow Wow, Omak, WA
- August 8, 2015 — Big Hole Battle Memorial, Wisdom, MT
- August 14 –16, 2015 — Chief Looking Glass Days, Kamiah, ID

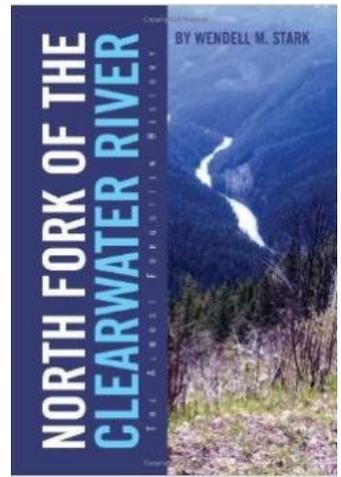


## New Books Released Containing Information on the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail

### North Fork of the Clearwater River The Almost Forgotten History by Wendell Stark

This book is about the inhabitants that lived and worked and raised their families on the river prior to the building of the dam. It starts with the Northern Pacific Railroad surveys. It tells about a band of the Nez Perce Indians that lived in the upper regions of this river for hundreds of years before European settlement. The book chronicles how trappers, miners, and homesteaders found their way into the upper reach of this river. The book also discusses the establishment of the National Forest System and loggers that came to harvest timber, development of fire protection and how the river is used today.

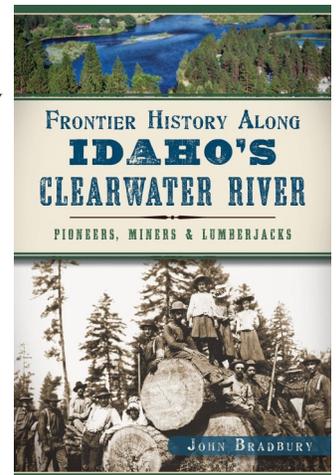
Author Wendell M. Stark is an avid outdoorsman with a great appreciation of the wilderness and all it has to offer. Raised on the banks of a river in a small town, Priest River, ID, he learned to love the outdoors at a very young age. Stark moved with his wife to Headquarters, ID, a small company town, where they raised two daughters. He spent many years working in the woods for Potlatch Timber Corporation along the North Fork River. With a great love of fly fishing, he discovered the greatest fishing in Idaho along the upper reaches of the North Fork and was forever hooked.



### Frontier History Along Idaho's Clearwater River: Pioneers, Miners & Lumberjacks by John Bradbury

The Clearwater River runs deep through northern Idaho's history. The Nez Perce tribe made its home along the river. Lewis and Clark's journey west took them through the Clearwater. In fact, the Nez Perce made the expedition's voyage from the Clearwater River to the Pacific Ocean possible by teaching them how to make dugout canoes from ponderosa pine logs. Fur traders like John Jacob Astor and William Ashley financed the first American commercial activity on the river, bringing trappers to the area and paving the way for the Oregon Trail. Later came the first gold rush, the Nez Perce war, statehood, homesteaders and the beginning of the logging industry. Join author John Bradbury as he recounts a time when native tribes, explorers, trappers, preachers, miners and lumberjacks made a life along the Clearwater, establishing the area for future generations.

John Bradbury was born in Orofino, ID, and reared in a logging town twelve miles north of Pierce City, now known as Pierce. He graduated from the University of Idaho and the University of Michigan Law School. After practicing maritime law for twenty-five years in Seattle and Anchorage, he retired back to Idaho where he taught at Lewis-Clark State College for several years as an adjunct professor. He currently serves on the boards of the Clearwater Historical Society and its museum.



## 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.

**Remember to: Pay attention to wildlife awareness signs along roadways and always drive the posted speed limit.**



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

## 1877 Nez Perce Flight Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail



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U.S. Forest Service Image, photo by Steve Armstrong

Ray Backstrom, U.S. Forest Service Region One Cartographer, and Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) staff have been busy working on a revision of the NPNHT visitor map.

The current NPNHT map was printed in 2010. It was very well received and received national recognition. The map has sold out, which is the reason for the need to reprint.

The map provides visitors with details on a number of locations along the 1,170 mile Trail, which was authorized as a National Historic Trail by Congress in 1986.

The revision also provides visitors with information about the nearly 3,000 miles of Auto Tour routes associated with the NPNHT. Those routes include Mainstream Travel Routes which follow all-weather roads, Adventurous Travel Routes which allow travelers the option of following the route of the events of the summer of 1877 more closely, and Rugged Travel Routes where travelers are taken even closer to the actual sites associated with the 1877 war and flight.

We are also taking this opportunity to incorporate new information we have heard from our constituents as we have traveled the NPNHT since 2010.

One side of the map provides visitors with an overview of the entire Trail, including information on modern day travel routes and sites to visit along the Trail.

The reverse side of the map gives a glimpse back in time and shows how the region looked in 1877. This side, done in shaded relief, not only shows the route followed by the Nez Perce people during the Flight of 1877, but also shows the boundaries of land traditionally used by the Nez Perce and the subsequent changes brought about by the treaties of 1855 and 1863. This side of the map also shows the routes used by the U.S. Army in its pursuit of the non-treaty Nez Perce during the summer of 1877.

Also incorporated in the map is the exile of the non-treaty Nez Perce to Canada, Fort Leavenworth, KS, and Indian Territory in Oklahoma along with the story of Chief Red Heart's band, which was captured and held as prisoners at Fort Vancouver in Washington Territory until April of 1878.

We want to insure that this map would not only give visitors to the Trail a view of this region in 1877, but that it could also serve as an educational tool for those studying this significant event in western history.

Copies of the draft map were distributed to numerous partners for their review and comment. We will be taking input we receive an incorporating as much as possible. We are anticipating a new map available by mid to late summer 2015.

Thanks to everyone for your input and helping to create an outstanding product.

Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, NPNHT



## **Volunteers Reopen a Section of NPNHT Closed for Generations**

Thanks to the hard work of the [Nez Perce Appaloosa Horse Club](#) (NPAPHC), the a section of the NPNHT from Moon Saddle to Indian Post Office in Central Idaho, that has not been used for perhaps 100 years is now open again to horseback riding and hiking.

The purpose for this Challenge Cost Share (CCS) project was to open and mark a portion of the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) on-the-ground and to place and electronically (GPS) locate official NPNHT signs from Moon Saddle to Indian Post Office near the 500 Road on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest. This project was also designed to educate, connect and allow the members of the Nez Perce Appaloosa Horse Club (NPAPHC) the opportunity to be directly active in stewardship of the NPNHT and its history.

Due to unforeseen circumstances and more trail work than was originally estimated, it took us two years to complete this project. The first activity was completed on August 30, 2013, when approximately 1.5 miles of the Trail was cleared of brush and small diameter logs. A second trip was planned that fall to finish clearing the Trail and to include a historical and educational component with horses for the youth and their families. However, that trip had to be cancelled due to early snowfall on access roads to and on the project site. An extension to 2014 was requested to complete the project.

In late June 2014, we were notified that the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest would be closing Saddle Camp Road 107 for approximately eight weeks beginning July 7, 2014, to do culvert replacement work. This road is one of the main access roads from U.S. Highway 12 to the Lolo Motorway Road 500, so we designated it as the closest and safest route to haul people and horses to the project site. Since the work/school/vacation schedules of all our members have to be considered well in advance, we set a tentative date for the weekend of August 28-30 to complete the project. The original plan was to include youth and horses; however, due to the continued road closure from Hwy. 12 up to Indian Saddle, the plan was revised to a four-man work crew (no horses). They used two vehicles to transport them and all their camping gear and work tools (chainsaws, axes and other hand tools) to the project site.

From August 28 through August 30, 2014, the crew took an alternate route to reach the site, and they worked hard during the three days to finally finish the last miles of the trail clearing and marking project. As before, NPAPHC members Gene and Mollie Eastman of Weippe, ID, flagged the Trail beforehand. The crew ended up redoing one mile of Trail that Gene and Mollie Eastman re-flagged from the earlier job because they concluded from further research that they wrongly flagged that one-mile portion the first time. The crew cut logs that were three or four deep in some places. They reported that the brush was so thick that you couldn't see the Trail clearly through the brush. It took the Eastmans several days to get through when they flagged the Trail. In the end, the old horse tread was found and 3.2 miles of the Trail from Moon Saddle to Indian Post Office that has not been used for perhaps 100 years is now open to horseback riding and hiking traffic. Also, we marked the Trail using a GPS for the coordinates. In summary, the work crew redid this entire portion of the NPNHT - 2.2 miles of new trail work and one mile that was redone for a total of 3.2 miles.

In conclusion, the trail clearing portion of this project turned out to take much more hard physical labor and time than was originally estimated, so much so that the NPAPHC will have to cover the educational component for the youth with horses on the Trail by other means. Also, the NPAPHC would like to thank Gene and Molly Eastman for locating and flagging this portion of the NPNHT tread. The project could not have been completed without their expertise and help. They did a lot of research and flagging so the NPAPHC could reopen this portion of the Trail. Both Gene and Molly are long-time advocates and well-known historians of the Trail. The final result of this NPAPHC project is a well-marked Trail from Moon Saddle to Indian Post Office that was cleared of small diameter logs and brush along this length of the Trail using official NPNHT markers and a GPS to locate the trail electronically.

We feel it was a great opportunity for the NPAPHC, Nimiipuu, NPNHT and the USFS to partner in stewardship and preservation of the NPNHT.

By Rosa Yearout, Lapwai, ID



## Memorial:

**Wallace William Wheeler**, 96 Seeyakun 'ilp-'ilp Nii-míi-puum tuu-qe-le-ne-w'éet kaa tel-ke-ke'y-ke-w'éet hi-qóo-qawn. (Red Scout, A Nez Perce warrior and leader, has passed on.)

World War II veteran, Nez Perce elder and patriarch Wallace William Wheeler passed away peacefully in the early morning of Wednesday, January 28, 2015. He was surrounded by his family at his bedside reading scriptures from the Bible, singing Nez Perce hymns and praying together.

Wally was born August 12, 1918, three miles north of Ahsahka at "the ranch," to Harry and Ida (James) Wheeler. He was the second of eight children born to Harry and Ida. He was a full-blood Nez Perce. The same year Wally was born, his grandfather, Weeahweokpoo, who after the war and after spending time in exile became the Rev. William Wheeler. The Rev. Wheeler was the first minister at North Fork Indian Presbyterian Church and helped build the original church in the late 1800s.

Wally's dad, Harry, was a Nez Perce historian, linguist, well-known Nez Perce leader and a member of the Nez Perce Tribal Council. His mom, Ida, was also a linguist and expert corn husk weaver. Harry and Ida, among other Nez Perce tribal members, devoted countless hours of their time meeting with Haruo Aoki from the University of Berkeley to preserve the language and assist in completing the Nez Perce Dictionary. Wally was a fluent speaker of the Nez Perce language and prayed in Nimiipuutimpt every morning for his family. Wally has always been very proud of his parents and grandparents and his heritage, and he spoke often in high admiration of them. In Wally's final days, he called out for his mom and dad and his grandmother, Julia James.

Wally attended New Hope School about two and a half miles west of the ranch until the sixth grade. He then attended school in Ahsahka, where he graduated from eighth grade. He attended Orofino High School for one year. He graduated from Kamiah High School in 1939. Further educational training included a basic auto mechanic course at Walla Walla Community College.

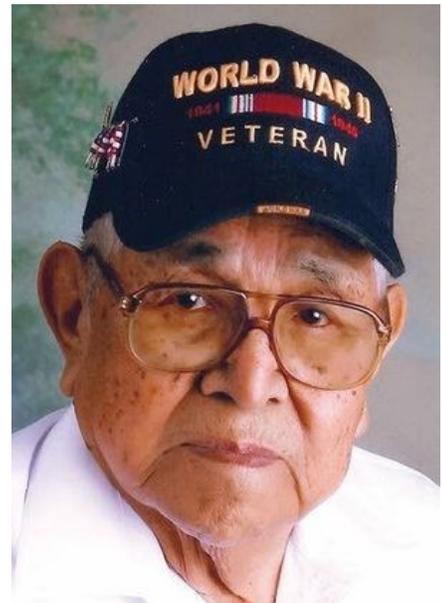
Wally and Miriam Betsy Corbett were married in 1940 at First Indian Presbyterian Church in Kamiah, ID. The Rev. James Dixon officiated. They were blessed with eight children, Corbett Paul Wheeler Sr., Ida Ann Wheeler, Mary Jeannie Strong, Harry Leslie Wheeler Sr., Melvin James Wheeler Sr., Wallace Wheeler Jr., and Baby Wheeler and John Parks. Wally's first love and the mother of his children passed away suddenly on January 13, 1953.

He married Elvira (Tweet) Moses. When the children reached adult age, Tweet and Wally divorced. Tweet loved and raised Wally's children as her very own.

He married Roberta (Bobbi) Ezekiel, and they enjoyed camping and fishing together. They later divorced.

He married his longtime friend, Mildred Hope (Millie) Penney on New Year's Eve. The Rev. David Miles Sr. performed the ceremony. They were married for nearly 25 years until Millie passed away in 2000. Wally and Millie did a lot of traveling, fishing and camping. They made sure family time at Talmaks was fun and memorable. They always spoke fluent Nez Perce to each other. They enjoyed their retirement years together. He was also blessed with two more children, Julia Davis-Wheeler and Sam Davis.

Wally was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1943. From 1943 to 1946 he served in World War II as a scout and a combat and expert infantryman, expert rifle M-1, tech-5 in the Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion 126th Infantry in the Asiatic Pacific theater. He was in three battles/campaigns in New Guinea, Southern Philippines and Luzon. During his service, he received many decorations. These decorations included the Philippine Liberation Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, the World War II Victory Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal. He was honorably discharged and rewarded for his honest and faithful service to his country in 1946. *(Continued on the next page)*



Not a day went by that Wally didn't speak of his service to his country. "We fought hand-to-hand combat." He was "a member of the elite 32nd 'Red Arrow' Division, a combat infantry unit that gained a reputation for breaking every enemy line it came across." (Lewiston Morning Tribune May 27, 1985) According to the 32nd Red Arrow Veteran Association, the 32nd "Red Arrow" Division distinguished itself as one of America's best during its service in World War II. He was a lifelong member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Kamiah.

Because of Wally's service to his country during World War II, he was always a very patriotic person. He honored and respected the flag of the United States of America. In his own words, he said, "I fought for that flag." The flag always caused him to remember the servicemen and women who served their country. He also honored and respected the Nez Perce flag and the Eagle Staff and enjoyed being a part of posting the colors to the drums at many events.

Wally worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a foreman of Branch of Facilities Management and Operation with the Northern Idaho Agency in Lapwai. He retired after 38 years of service. He helped build water systems while working for the BIA. He was a very hard worker and was known to be able to fix anything.

Wally is survived by his children, Corbett, Ida Ann, Jeannie, Harry, Melvin, John Parks, Julia Davis-Wheeler and Sam Davis; 33 grandchildren; 68 great-grandchildren and 24 great-great-grandchildren. He was very proud to have five generations in his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Ida Wheeler; brothers Solomon, Albert, Ambrose, Andrew and Timothy; sisters Alice (Wheeler) Moffett and Gladys (Wheeler) Ellenwood; children Wallace Jr. and Baby Wheeler; grandsons Joey Shippentower and Matthew John Wheeler; great-grandchildren Mitaat and Tana Moody, Quanah and Skylin Picard, Joe and Isaac Wilson James Oatman Jr. and Theo Picard. A memorial service was held last winter at the Pi Nee Waus Community Center in Lapwai. The funeral was held at the Wa A Yas Community Center in Kamiah. Dr. Cecil Corbett and Dr. Mary Jane Miles officiated. A full military graveside service was held at the First Indian Presbyterian Church. Wally wanted to be placed to rest next to his wife Betsy.

Grampa Wally was a very timely man ... a military man. He didn't show up right when an event was about to start. He most definitely didn't show up late. He showed up ahead of time, every single time. May we honor and respect his timeliness as we lay him to rest. *Qe'ciyéw'yew' 'iinim himyuume kaa lawtiwaama.* (Thank you my family and friends).

He was nominated by Adam Porter and awarded the Lewis-Clark State College Native American Awareness Week Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011. He was also awarded the Lapwai Wildcat Fan by the Lady Cats basketball team at the state tournament in Boise. He traveled to all the Elders Day events held by the Northwest tribes. He was always honored as the Eldest Veteran. He also received Elder of the Year at the Nez Perce Tribe's Elders Day. He won "the most grandchildren" at the Elders Day events as well. He was very thankful to be honored among the Northwest tribes.

Wally made it a point to attend and participate in the Nez Perce War Memorials to show his respect for the Nimiiipuu warriors who gave their lives for the Nez Perce during the War of 1877. Wally is named after his grandfather, Seeyakun 'ilp-'ilp, also known as Timothy James, who was a young boy during the Nez Perce War of 1877 and a descendent of Chief Joseph. Wally shares his name, Seeyakun 'ilp-'ilp, with his grandson, Shawn Wheeler.

He carried on the traditions of his ancestors by fishing at Celilo. He would go there with his parents and as an adult. Sometimes he would go with Rupert (Putt) Davis, Sam (Smitty) Smith, Vernon Watters, Norman Moses Sr., Frank Penney Sr., or just by himself. Wally was photographed in a picture provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: "Indians fish from platforms over Celilo Falls of the Columbia River along the Oregon-Washington border on Sept. 1, 1956. The platforms were washed away after the gates of The Dalles Dam were closed in March of 1957, raising the water level above the falls." He took his children and grandchildren to fish and camp at Southfork and Rapid River. He loved to fish and hunt. It was his way of life that is no different than the way his ancestors lived since time immemorial, and which the Nez Perce people secured in the 1855 treaty. *Cúuk-we-nin' hi-wée-ke Ni-mi-puu-tímt-ki kaa kún-k'u hi-náas-him-ta'x-qa-qa.* (He was knowledgeable in Nez Perce and always taught others.)

'As-qáa-poom tée-q'is ta-la-póo-san-waas-pa hi-wée-ke. (He was an elder in the North Fork Church) in Ahsahka. He always said he is "Ess-kah-po." Every year he attended Talmaks, the Presbyterian Camp Meeting of the Nez Perce, since he was a child, and he was a lifelong member of the Talmaks Association.



## Senator Wyden Presented with Photo of Moraines and Supports Land and Water Conservation Fund

Wallowa Land Trust staff took a road trip to La Grande last Friday to attend a town hall meeting with Senator Ron Wyden.

We publicly thanked the Senator for his support of conservation in Wallowa County, particularly our efforts to protect the iconic Wallowa Lake Moraines.

Senator Wyden has been a strong advocate of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, an important tool for conserving special places throughout Oregon. Since 1965, this successful federal grant program has used revenue from offshore oil and gas drilling to protect important land and water resources across the US. In Oregon, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has invested \$304 million to create parks and recreation areas and protect iconic landscapes. Wallowa County is set to receive \$3 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund towards protection of the East Moraine of Wallowa Lake.

However, the Fund is set to expire in September of 2015. Thankfully, Senator Wyden says, "I'm pulling out all the stops with colleagues from both parties to reauthorize the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund."

Learn more about the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#).

Kathleen Ackley, Executive Director, Wallowa Land Trust



Image Courtesy of the Wallowa Land Trust

## Nez Perce Trail Foundation President Meets Jude Schimmel

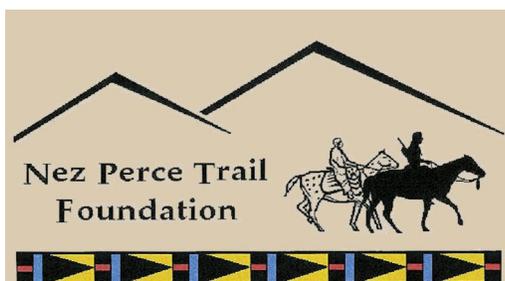
Jim Zimmerman of the Nez Perce Trail Foundation recently met Jude Schimmel (*photo on right*). Jude is a Native American girl who grew up on the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Mission, Oregon. Jude Schimmel never expected to be a role model to tens of thousands of people – but that's exactly what she's become. Through hard work, dedication, focus and perseverance, Jude beat the odds and succeeded "Off the Reservation" at a young age.

Her recently released book, [Dreamcatcher](#), shares Jude's story of growing up on a reservation, and what it took to succeed in the "real world" outside of reservation life. Jude shares many of the lessons her parents instilled in her, as well as many she learned along the way. She presents these in a unique way, using some of her favorite inspirational quotes and personal stories. She also makes it a priority to help everyone gain a better understanding of Native Americans, and the oppression that still exists amongst these special people today.



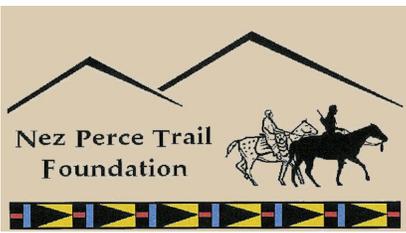
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## News From the Nez Perce Trail Foundation



**Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday July 18, 2015**  
**Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center, Wallowa Oregon**  
**Time: TBA**  
**For information contact: The [NPTF website](#).**





## News From the Nez Perce Trail Foundation

### Announcing the Annual NPNHT Summer Trail Tour July 17 – 24, 2015



Image Courtesy of Karen Heagen Nez Perce Trail Foundation

Guided by the Nez Perce Trail Foundation's  
Duane Heglie & Karen Heagen

New sites, new stories, new friends, new adventures on a  
Journey of a Lifetime this July

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

Itinerary & [Registration Information](#) is posted on the  
Nez Perce Trail Foundation website [www.nezpercetrail.net](http://www.nezpercetrail.net)

***Space is Limited, Register Early!***

### Nez Perce Trail Foundation Annual Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for TWO \$1,000 Scholarships generously funded by the Duane Heglie Family and Friends.

Duane has been leading the NPTF Summer Tour Trips for the last 13 years, and is also very involved with the education and future of the Nez Perce youth.

For more information and details, please contact Duane Heglie at:

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

Employees are busy preparing for the park’s 50th anniversary (May 15-16, 2015) and National Park Service centennial (August 25, 2016). Former Park managers and employees, including Frank Walker and Otis Halfmoon, will attend and speak. There will also be a full dress horse parade, traditional dancing and gambling as well as food and vendors. There no admission will be charged for events on May 15-16 and all are invited to celebrate the Park’s anniversary. See the full schedule on the [Park website](#).

On the third Saturday of each month, Nez Perce NHP is also hosting public talks on various topics related to the Park’s history.

Tribal artists will be featured in a park-sponsored art show to be hosted in Joseph, Lewiston, and the Clearwater River Casino in 2015-2016. The show will be called Nuunimix, or “Our Very Own.” The show features pieces made for family, friends, and loved ones. The show will open first at the Josophy Center for Arts and Culture in Joseph, OR, on May 30 and run through June 29. Lewis Clark State College Center for Arts and History in Lewiston, Idaho, will host the exhibit from August 30 thru December, 2015. Both of these events are free and open to the public. An art exhibition catalog is now in development by Confluence Press of Lewiston, and will be available for sale at Spalding later this year. Anniversary planning is being coordinated by archivist Beth Erdey and ranger Vivian Wilson, with assistance from all.

A Pendleton blanket commemorating the park anniversary designed by Kevin Peters is now [on sale](#) at the visitor center. *(photo right)*

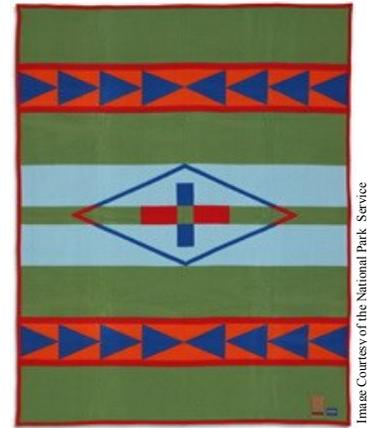
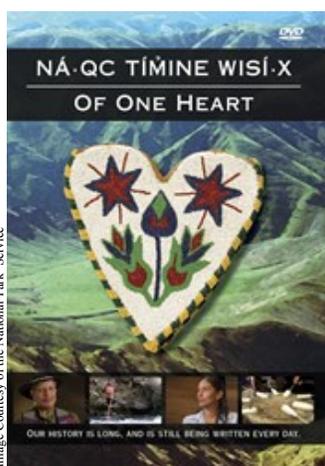


Image Courtesy of the National Park Service



The Spalding visitor center waterline and HVAC systems were replaced and close-in handicapped/elders parking installed. At White Bird Battlefield, a permanent vault toilet was installed and public parking and walking trails, including a loop trail, were improved. The park is preparing to contract installation of new basalt feature entrance signs at its Canoe Camp, Heart of the Monster, and White Bird Battlefield sites.

The park’s new introductory film *Of One Heart* was premiered and is now available for sale as a DVD at the Spalding visitor center. *(photo left)*

The park also received funds to begin the design phase for new museum exhibits. The contractor, Design Minds of Fairfax, Virginia, met with park staff and will conduct design workshops as part of the park’s tribal consultation process. The target for exhibit fabrication and installation is 2017.

Many changes have been underway at Nez Perce National Historical Park and Big Hole National Battlefield. Park interpretive program manager Terry O’Halloran and education specialist Alyse Cadez retired, interpretive specialist Marc Blackburn and Big Hole superintendent Steve Black have left for other parks, and Bear Paw Battlefield ranger Stephanie Martin transferred to Whitman Mission NHS.

Managers are preparing to advertise three of these vacancies for application to the federal employment website, [www.usajobs.gov](#), with hiring to follow later in 2015.

In May 2014, Loren Olson transferred recordings and accompanying material of the Nez Perce Music Archive to the park from Washington State University Manuscripts, Archives, and Special Collections. The collection of recordings of songs, speeches, and stories in various audio formats is now housed in the park’s research center and archive, which plans to digitize the collection in coming years.

Ecological monitoring continued at several sites, including Lemhi penstemon at Big Hole, Spalding’s catchfly at Old Joseph Gravesite, and camas at Weippe Prairie.

Heidi Becker is filling the position resigned last year by natural resource management specialist Jannis Jocius. Heidi is completing her master’s degree under a park student career employment program and will begin working fulltime in May. Elijah Arquette began working at the park part-time in a Youth Conservation Corps position in March, following his successful employment at Spalding last year.

Scott Eckberg, Idaho Unit Manager, Beth Erdey, Park Archivist and Vivian Wilson Park Ranger, Nez Perce National Historical Park





# News From the National Park Service: Big Hole National Battlefield

Spring is a time of rebirth and new things and this year is no exception at Big Hole. The winter, if you want to call it that as we really didn't have one, is ending and the snow is almost all gone earlier than I have ever seen it in the six years I have been here (*photo left*). Our visitation is up so far this year and we think that has something to do with the lack of snow.



National Park Service photo

Big Hole snowpack is much lower than normal this spring.

People who have visited the Park in the summer are always surprised to find us open in the winter. We get a lot of "I thought you would be closed" comments all winter. The staff is very busy all winter, planning for the summer.

This year we will mark our sixth annual Coyote Camp. The camp is scheduled for the week of May 18-22 schools began calling in January to get on the registration list, a month before our official announcement. No two Coyote Camps have been the same and this year will be no exception. With the lack of winter we hope that we have good weather for this week long education program.

We are getting ready to complete the native plant landscaping project in front of the visitor center. There is very little snow left and we are just

waiting for the mud to dry out and warmer weather before planting will begin. The garden will provide visitors with an opportunity to learn more about local plants.

Spring has always been a big season of change for me personally. This will be my last update from Big Hole. I have accepted a new position in Alabama and will be moving in late April. There is never a good time to leave a Park, but now is that time for me. The last six years here have flown by and a lot has been accomplished and a lot more is to come. I can look back and still see the old 1970's exhibits that were here in 1995 when I first came here as a visitor and were still here in 2009 when I became superintendent. Those exhibits have now been replaced and the exhibits that we have now are so much better and tell the story of not only Big Hole, but all the events of 1877. It is something that our whole staff can be very proud of and while I cannot say what the future will bring, I am willing to wager that this will have been my most important contribution to a Park.

I will miss the staff of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail as we have worked together very closely since I got here. I hope that it will continue with the next superintendent.



Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service Photo

Steve Black during the Big Hole NB Visitor Center rededication June, 2012.

Steve Black, Superintendent, Big Hole National Battlefield

*The Staff of the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) would like to acknowledge Steve Black (photo above) for his Service. Steve has been a key partner to the NPNHT during his 7 years as Superintendent at Big Hole National Battlefield. He has provided input on a number of NPNHT interpretive products, provided information for the NPNHT's quarterly Progress Reports, chaired the and shared information about the Niimiipuu people and the NPNHT with of thousands of people.*

*Best wishes Steve!*





## News From the Bureau of Land Management:

The Bureau of Land Management Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument Interpretive Center's (MBIC) Standard Amenity Fee increased from \$2 to \$5 per person age 16 and over on April 1, 2015.

Children age 15 and under will continue to be admitted for free. The Interpretive Center lobby, information area, surrounding grounds, picnic areas and trail beside the river can all be accessed for free. Persons holding federal passes such as the Senior Pass, the Annual Pass (America the Beautiful pass), the Military Pass and Access Pass are also admitted free.

For those visitors purchasing an Area Pass, that fee will remain the same in 2015 as in past years at \$10 per person. The Area Pass allows entrance to the Missouri Breaks Interpretive Center (MRBIC), the Old Fort, the Museum of the Upper Missouri and the Agricultural Museum and is valid for two days. Purchasing the area pass effectively reduces the MBIC entrance fee to \$2.



NPNHT Interpretive display on the grounds of the MRBIC

Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service Photo



Jonathan Moor, BLM Photo

This rifle, currently displayed at the BLM Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument Interpretive Center, was presented by Chief Joseph at his surrender to Generals Howard and Miles. The rifle was left in Montana under the care of U.S. District Judge John J. Tattan. The accompanying blanket was beaded in a floral design by a Nez Perce woman. After the Bear's Paw Battle, a starving Nez Perce Indian traded the blanket for food before they were sent by steamboat to Oklahoma for imprisonment. This rifle, currently displayed at the BLM Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument Interpretive Center, was presented by Chief Joseph at his surrender to Generals Howard and Miles. The rifle was left in Montana under the care of U.S. District Judge John J. Tattan.

The standard amenity fee is used to finance interpretive and educational programming and other uses that benefit the visitors at the site. A number of new exhibits have been installed with fee funds since the center opened. Fees will continue to be used by the MBIC to maintain, update and expand interpretive exhibits and programming. The funds will also be used to purchase educational supplies and other materials for students and schools that use the center.

The MBIC is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. seven days a week from Memorial Day weekend until September 30, and Monday-Friday the rest of the year. The MBIC is closed on national holidays.

The Center interprets the grandeur and wonder of Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River and the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument, keeping alive stories of hawkers, riverboat captains, bullwhackers, paddlefish, sturgeon, and bighorn sheep. Hands-on exhibits, special educational programs and a riverside walking trail tell about the area's cultural and natural history. For more information, contact the Missouri Breaks Interpretive Center, 701 7th St., P.O. Box 1389, Fort Benton, MT 59442, (406)

622-4000 or toll free (877) 256-3252.

The Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument covers about 375,000 acres of BLM-administered public land in central Montana. The 149-mile Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River flows through the Monument. Anyone planning activities on or near the Upper Missouri River should get all available information prior to departure. For more river information, call (406) 622-4015. Current flow information can be found on the U.S. Geological Survey website at: <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/mt/nwis/current?type=flow>

Jonathan Moor BLM Public Affairs Specialist and Connie Jacobs, Director BLM Missouri Breaks Interpretive Center





## News From the Forest Service: Bitterroot National Forest

Deb Gale, Mark Smith, and Bill Goslin of the Bitterroot National Forest were invited to participate at the Back Country Horsemen Montana State Convention hosted by our local Selway-Pintler Wilderness BCH chapter on Saturday, March 28. We shared a tent/booth with the Bob Marshall Foundation and the Selway Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation; there were over 30 other vendors participating at the Convention. The Forest Service focused primarily on the Nez Perce NHT, handing out informational posters and brochures. This gave us time to highlight and talk about the Nee-Me-Poo NHT #406 on the Bitterroot National Forest and provide to the public as they visited our tent/booth.



Deb Gale providing visitor with information

Mark Smith, U.S. Forest Service Photo

Mark R. Smith, Trails Specialist  
Bitterroot National Forest



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

Spring has made an early arrival at Lolo Pass. Unfortunately for skiers, it was a very short ski season this year. Low snow levels forced the U.S. Forest Service to stop grooming operations earlier than expected. Despite the lack of snow, the Visitor Center held its annual “Ski Lolo Pass Challenge” from December thru March. Close to twenty skiers participated, with the top skiers logging over two hundred and fifty miles on our winter trails.

The Visitor Center has several big events planned for this summer. The annual Mountain to Meadow Half Marathon, 10K and 5K Fun Run will be held at the Visitor Center on June 27, 2015. The half-marathon winds for 13 miles through forests of Engleman Spruce and White Pine, with dramatic views of the Bitterroot Mountains in the distance. All courses will take participants along Packer Meadows, a historical site along the Nez Perce and Lewis and Clark National Historic Trails. The 10K course is a new addition this year for participants to enjoy.



A look back at winter along the NPNHT

Cody Clark, U.S. Forest Service Photo

[Registration is now open.](#)

On August 1-2, 2015, the Traveler’s Rest Brigade re-enactors will be setting up “camp” at the Lolo Pass Visitor Center. The focus of the two-day event is the history and culture of the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery. The free event will include live demonstrations of leather working, beading, musketry, horsemanship, medicines of years ago and bullet casting. Please come out and join us!



8th Annual Mountain-to-Meadow Half Marathon,

Photo courtesy of Discover Your Northwest

Buffie Cerutti, Manager , Lolo Pass Visitor Center



## New Faces Along the Trail:

### Jane Darnell Selected as Deputy Regional Forester for U.S. Forest Service Northern Region



U.S. Forest Service Photo

“It is a great pleasure to welcome Jane Darnell as the Northern Region’s new Deputy Regional Forester, said David Schmid, Acting Northern Regional Forester. “Jane joins our regional leadership team from her role as Forests and Grasslands Supervisor on the Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands in Region 2,” said Schmid.

Darnell has extensive experience working for both the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management in the West. She is a graduate of Colorado State University with a degree in Farm and Ranch Management. Jane began her Forest Service career in 1989 in Douglas, WY, where she worked in range and as a realty specialist. Jane has served as the District Ranger in Lemmon, SD on the Dakota Prairie National Grasslands, as a realty specialist in the R1 Regional Office, the Wyoming Capital City Coordinator, and as the BLM Wyoming Deputy State Director of Resource Policy and Management.

Darnell’s experience with western natural resource issues, her leadership in grasslands management, and her broad experience with the Forest Service will be a great asset for the Northern Region. She began her new position on February 17, 2015. She is married and has two grown children.

### Pacific Northwest Region Deputy Regional Forester Named

The U.S. Forest Service announced today Dianne Guidry has been selected as the Deputy Regional Forester for the Pacific Northwest Region, Portland, OR. Dianne will have leadership and oversight responsibilities for over 25 million acres of national forest lands in the states of Oregon and Washington. Dianne reported for her new role on March 30, 2015.

“Dianne brings a wealth of experience and public service to the Pacific Northwest. We are really excited she’s joining our leadership team and look forward to working together,” said Regional Forester Jim Peña.

Dianne Guidry has served as Chief Acquisition Officer and director of the Acquisitions Division at the Natural Resources Conservation Service National Headquarters in Washington, D.C., since 2009, leading federal contracts, grants and agreements, real and personal property, including fleet. Over her 21 years with NRCS, she has served in a variety of positions, including Director of Public Affairs, State and Field Communications Branch Chief (both in Washington, DC), Acting State Conservationist (Maine), Congressional and Partnership Liaison (Oregon and Washington), and Human Resources Specialist (Washington). Prior to joining NRCS, she worked for eight years with the Department of Defense, serving as a Contracting Officer in Oklahoma and a Budget Analyst in Okinawa, Japan. She recently completed the USDA Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program and a six-month detail with the Department of Justice as Deputy Director of the Office for Victims of Crime.

Dianne was born and raised in Johnstown, PA. She graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in Business and Management, and received a Masters’ degree in Business Administration from Oklahoma City University. She completed courses in Natural Resources Management through Oregon State University, and is currently enrolled in her second year at Taft University Law School.



U.S. Forest Service Photo



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# Spring Along the Nez Perce National Historic Trail



Shooting Stars (Dodecatheon) near Lolo, MT. *Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service photo*



Phlox hoodii in bloom at Bear Paw Battlefield. *National Park Service photo*



Hedgehog cactus (Pediocactus simpsonii) Lemhi Valley, ID. *BLM photo*



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