



## Nez Perce National Historic Trail



# Fall 2005 Progress Report

### Administrator's Corner

The Nez Perce National Historic Trail Administration has been working on a variety of cooperative governmental and educational efforts to interpret, protect, enhance and restore resources and segments of the trail. This newsletter is intended to provide information for all those interested in the protection, preservation, and interpretation of the NPNHT and our program, and to solicit your support and constructive criticism. Thank you for your interest.

As I reflect back upon our activities in working with youth groups, I realize we all seem to get as much out of the activities as the youth do. During these opportunities to work with youth, one can't help but appreciate the teachers who work with youth every day. And it also becomes clear why they do it! Showing young people something that they never realized before about history, and helping them take a closer look at resource management and preservation opens young minds to new possibilities. It turns out it's as much fun for us as it is for the students. And as we get each new warm "Thank You" from a student or a group of them, we begin preparations for the next session we will spend with our future trail enthusiasts and NPNHT caretakers.

A new emphasis on establishing and certifying sites associated with the Nez Perce Trail began in 2004. This year we certified sites in Baxter Springs, Kansas, and at Bicentennial Park near Quapaw, Oklahoma. This effort requires extensive coordination among partners, tribes, federal, state and local agencies. These certifications will take years to complete, but they will continue as funding and emphasis remain strong. See our feature story at [www.fs.fed.us/npnht/quapaw](http://www.fs.fed.us/npnht/quapaw) for news and [www.fs.fed.us/npnht/quapaw/photos/photo.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/npnht/quapaw/photos/photo.shtml) for photos of the two most recent site certifications.

**Our trails are of the people, by the people and for the people. It's the people in your community that help your agency be successful. Volunteers are just as important a resource as the trail resource itself.**

In closing, I'd like to share this quote by Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw "*Some people see things as they are and ask 'why?' I dream of things that never were and ask 'why not?'*" The future awaits us on our Trail, and I hope that we may dream dreams that will give us the greatest opportunity to move ahead with trail projects in the future.

We have the knowledge, the tools and the people to make a difference. We all share the same mission and should be working together as a collective whole to achieve all our trail goals.

*Sandi McFarland*

Administrator, Nez Perce National Historic Trail



# Students Connect With History

## Youth Employment Service

This summer we were honored to have Carmalita Nahsonhoya working for us through the Youth Employment Service. This program is funded by the Nez Perce Tribe; we supply a positive and supportive work environment. NPNHT staff served as mentors, shared experiences and provided a link between school and work to highlight the importance of basic academic skills.

Carmalita reviewed the Trail's Auto Tour Brochures and interpretive signs for the Clearwater and Bitterroot National Forests. She also created a NPNHT bulletin board and worked on filing for cultural resources on the Trail and booklet production. She also assisted with two Nez Perce Tribal Language and Cultural Camps.

**THANKS,** Carmalita, for all your help -- it was a pleasure working with you!



## Summer Stay in School Program

This summer we were also able to help fund a Summer Stay In School participant. Steve Staab is a sophomore at Lewis Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho.

Steve collected data for the National Park Service's "State of the Trails" report presented to Congress, Department Secretaries and agency managers. The report raises visibility and value of the NPNHT to other agencies. Steve also worked on Digitized Heritage Inventory Projects on the NPNHT and the inventory of heritage files, maps, and artifacts. He indexed hundreds of digital photo files, and assisted with learning programs at the Nez Perce Tribal Language and Cultural Camps.

The data Steve researched and compiled is vital to our Trail's existence and was not an easy task -- thank you, Steve.

## Preparing for Academic Excellence



The Eighth Annual Preparing for Academic Excellence (PACE) Math & Science Camp was held this summer, with a variety of programs in natural resources and the environment.

Twenty-five students, two teachers, and six counselors attended the camp from seven different tribes: Nez Perce, Sioux, Cherokee, Yakama, Couer d'Alene and Assiniboine. Six different school districts and seven different schools were represented.

We introduced them to the NPNHT and used a preservation project from our Education Guide to help them appreciate and understand the importance of trail stewardship.

## Students Preparing Preservation Posters

## Lolo Tribal Youth Program

200 fifth graders from the Salish/Kootenai and Nez Perce tribes participated in a Tribal Youth Program on the Lolo National Forest the week of September 12. Students from Arlee, Ronan, Chief Charlo, and Hawthorn schools hiked a portion of the NPNHT and listened to presentations from Tribal elders. The Youth Program proved very successful for the students and teachers.

More than 5000 people watched the Corps II reenactors at Travelers Rest State Park September 8-11. The trail ranger led the St. Charles Reenactors over the Lolo Trail on horseback from Lolo Hot Springs to the Lolo Pass Visitor Center on September 8. Several groups and agencies, including the Missoula Sheriff's Department, the St. Charles Reenactors, Triple O Outfitters, and the Clearwater National Forest coordinated the event.

## Interagency Trail Data Standards

Sections of the Nez Perce and Continental Divide Trails were selected for a pilot project with the National Park Service. An interagency team formed to develop trail data standards in FY2006 to test the application and implementation of the Interagency Trail Data Standards to produce interagency GIS and tabular trails products. Trails selected had to comply with a set of criteria. The area of study is in the vicinity of Yellowstone and Teton National Parks. National forests involved include the Targhee and the Gallatin.

The Forest Service's Geospatial Service and Technology Center, will lead the project, and will be funded by the Park Service. Testing is expected to result in several products, including an interagency map backed by tabular data, queries to answer several standardized interagency questions and identification of implementation issues/suggestions. This new tool is expected to allow multiple agency personnel to share critical trails data in a meaningful and effective manner.

## Happy Trails ...

We will miss the presence of Keith Thurlkill along the Nez Perce Trail.

After 33 years of service, Keith decided to retire in September 2005. Keith has been around for a while; he took part in the 1991 Nez Perce National Historic Trail dedication, and was named Trail Administrator in late 1996. He worked for years as an interpretive specialist for the Forest Service. Keith was always helpful to us, providing accurate information on any trail-related issue. His retirement leaves an indescribable chasm in the intellectual and cultural life of the NPNHT.

Keith was presented with a Lewis & Clark Pendleton blanket with NPNHT logo, vest, and polo shirt from the Trail Administrator Sandi McFarland.

## In Memory

**ALVIN JOSEPHY:** Author and historian. The 1965 publication of *The Nez Perce Indians and the Opening of the Northwest* made Alvin Josephy an acknowledged expert on Indian history and he used his influence to affect the future of Indian people.

## Interagency Meeting

An interagency meeting was held November 2 in Orofino, Idaho to assist field-level managers implement NPNHT projects. The meeting has renewed energy and improved and streamlined goals and processes through increased interagency communications. By sharing knowledge, resources and skills, we will achieve greater cost efficiency as well.

Short-term and long-term project plans were shared, and each unit presented a brief description of projects. Issues addressed by the group included:

1. Coordinating and sharing resources,
2. Developing interagency coordinated projects,
3. Revising the NPNHT Interpretive Strategy, Discussed how it can be used in setting priorities.
4. Involving the Nez Perce people in project planning and review.
5. Sharing of agency processes in place, and how to most efficiently use those processes for current and future projects.

We want to build a strong spirit of cooperation and coordination among all people interested in the Trail. These interagency meetings will continue to be an important opportunity for agency personnel to develop strong working networks across district, forest, regional and agency lines.



Keith Thurlkill, Northern Region Interpretive Specialist

**EUGENE WILSON:** Mr. Wilson was a respected Nez Perce Elder, and he supported the efforts of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail. He was a speaker at the Nez Perce Trail Foundation Annual Meeting in Yellowstone National Park a few years back.

# Everyone's Talking Partnerships

The 2005 field season started off with a bang for the Nez Perce National Historic Trail -- new partnerships were formed, inventories were under way, and plans for exciting new interpretive efforts were implemented. As always, volunteer involvement continues to be an essential asset -- without volunteers, many trails would never have been built, maintained and/or preserved.

Together, we are making major progress to interpret and manage this valuable resource for all Americans. Below are some examples of this teamwork:

## Nez Perce Appaloosa Horse Club

### 2005 Big Hole Ceremony

Nineteen members and 13 horses traveled to the Big Hole National Battlefield near Wisdom, Montana to participate in the annual tribal ceremony observing the 128th anniversary of the sad events of August 9, 1877. As usual, there was a sizeable Nez Perce delegation present, led by Horace Axtell, Wilfred "Scotty" Scott and Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) members Brooklyn Baptiste, Larry Greene, Gary Greene, and Randy Minthorn. After the ceremony on Saturday, members rode south, camped overnight, and arrived the next day at a place on private land which has been identified as an 1877 Nimíipuu campsite as evidenced by rock shelters. A blessing ceremony, conducted by Spiritual Leader Horace Axtell, was held for the unknown casualties who died from their wounds after the Big Hole Battle and who were most likely buried nearby.

### Trail Naturalization

The NPAPHC recently completed work under a cost-share agreement with the U.S. Forest Service to naturalize six miles of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail from Mussshell Meadows to Lolo Forks on the Clearwater National Forest. Horses were used to transport the workers and equipment to the work sites.



Leroy Williams and Dwight Ferguson

## "Honoring Nez Perce History in the Heartland"

Brian McCormack and Crystal White on September 28 made a presentation at Lewis-Clark State College called "Honoring Nez Perce History in the Heartland" and led a discussion on the current interpretation of the Nez Perce history in Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma to honor their Nez Perce ancestors.

The Nez Perce St. Louis Warriors Project is a commemorative statue developed and designed by a group of Nez Perce descendants to honor the four warriors who traveled to St. Louis, Missouri in 1831.

The Nez Perce National Historic Trail Site Certification Project includes sites at Quapaw, Oklahoma, and Baxter Springs, Kansas, marking the sites of the Nez Perce exile period following the War of 1877.

Brian McCormack owns McCormack Landscape Design, a Native American landscape architectural firm in Lapwai, Idaho. He has designed cultural and interpretive landscapes throughout the U.S. Recent projects include the Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center in Wallowa, Oregon, interpretive projects in Kamiah and Grangeville and the site certification project in Kansas and Oklahoma.

Crystal White coordinates the University of Idaho's H.O.I.S.T. (Helping Orient Indian Students and Teachers to Science and Mathematics) program. She grew up in the Lapwai area and received her master's in History at Washington State University.

# Quapaw and Baxter Springs Certification

On November 4, 2005, people gathered at Quapaw, Oklahoma, and Baxter Springs, Kansas, to acknowledge and participate in the site certification ceremonies for two interpretive panels commemorating the time during which the Nez Perce were held prisoner in these foreign locations so far from their beloved homeland.

Dedication of the first interpretive panel, sited at Bicentennial Park just outside Quapaw, Oklahoma, was at the riverside area where the Nez Perce were camped from 1878 to 1879, and another interpretive panel was installed on the lawn under the trees at the Johnston Public Library in Baxter Springs, Kansas.

For more information about the site certification project visit [www.fs.fed.us/npnht/quapaw](http://www.fs.fed.us/npnht/quapaw).

## Bicentennial Park, Quapaw, Oklahoma

The first interpretive panel is at Bicentennial Park just east of Quapaw, Oklahoma. It was dedicated on a hot and windy autumn morning that made dozens of visitors think of the difficulty the Nez Perce exiles must have had with the hot and humid climate there.

The Nez Perce were camped there in 1878 and 1879, and often made their way into town for trading; the women's handiwork with beaded items and the warriors' bows and arrows were premium trading materials with the locals, who swapped for the items that the Nez Perce knew they would need in their ongoing journey.

Otis Halfmoon, American Indian Trust Responsibility Officer, National Park Service, emcee for the dedication, introduced a succession of honored guests and speakers, and he opened the morning with a history of the Nez Perce from their time at the Bear Paw Battlefield in Montana to Indian Territory.

It was a 14-hour train ride, he said, from Fort Leavenworth south to Baxter Springs, a journey of well over 200 miles. He explained that the people along the way knew that the Nez Perce were coming, because their progress was telegraphed ahead to the train stops along the way. This site outside of present-day Quapaw was the last campsite of the Nimípuu during their time of exile in the area.

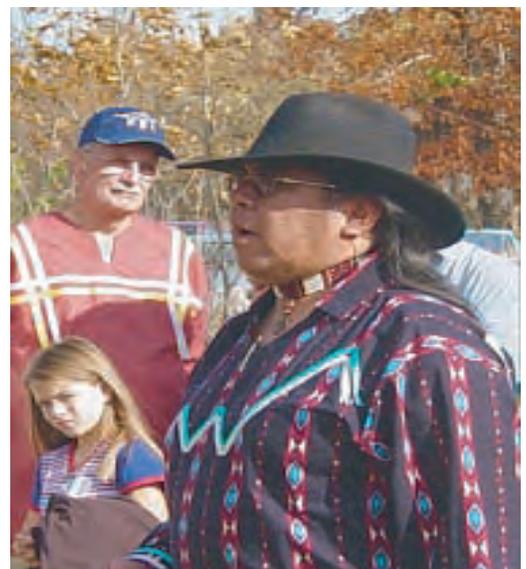
Rosa Yearout offered a prayer and blessing for the gathering and the site. She spoke of reconciliation and healing, of getting beyond the heartbreak of the War years and their aftermath.

Historian Larry O'Neal, Archivist at the Baxter Heritage Center, spoke of the Nez Perce during their time in this place, and what a painful time it was in the history of the people. He said that many of the wounds have yet to heal, that the Nez Perce people's bones are scattered across half the country.



Interpretive Panel at Bicentennial Park

David Scott, Outreach Counselor, Nez Perce Tribe spoke of the significance of the pipe ceremony, and invited participants to join him in a circle for the blessing and ceremony. He spoke of a person's purpose in life. The pipe ceremony concluded the morning dedication at the park.



Otis Halfmoon

## Johnston Public Library Baxter Springs, Kansas

The interpretive panel at this site sits atop a rock base, on the lawn of the Johnston Public Library in Baxter Springs, Kansas.

The ceremonies opened on November 4, 2005 with traditional songs played on flute by Michael "Two Leaf" Meadows. He thanked the Nez Perce for the opportunity to participate and said it was truly an honor to be a part of the day and the dedication of the site.

Otis Halfmoon again served as emcee. He welcomed the large crowd, and outlined the history of the Nimípuu and their time in the Baxter Springs area. He explained the significance of their exile in Indian Territory and what their time here was like, and he thanked all those who had worked to bring this project to completion.

Halfmoon explained that there were many Nez Perce artifacts in the area, and that the Nimípuu had come in to Baxter Springs and traded with the locals for many of the things they needed. Other remnants of tribal culture have been kept alive also; he told of a song that he'd heard here, one left here by the ancestors, that had been kept alive by the other tribes in the area.

Rosa Yearout offered a blessing reciting the Lord's Prayer in the Nimípuu language.

Larry O'Neal shared a detailed history with the group, telling how the Nimípuu when they were here said they were treated fairly well, but they fiercely missed their homeland. For a more detailed version of the Nez Perce exile please visit [www.fs.fed.us/npnht/quapaw/exile](http://www.fs.fed.us/npnht/quapaw/exile).

O'Neal said that Chief Joseph, while here, was a tireless advocate for his people, frequently making the trip to town to speak with the locals, send telegrams to Washington DC and talk to reporters at every chance he got. Struggling to get someone to understand the plight of his people and do something about it, he garnered the attention of many U.S. citizens, politicians and the media, and support for his cause grew.

They struggled with considerable change and adjustment.

The proud young warriors who had ridden their beloved Appaloosas across the meadows and valleys of Oregon and Idaho now found themselves walking into the town of Baxter Springs, where they learned to drive teams of horses to haul the wagons that would eventually transport the Nez Perce away from this place and back toward the Northwest. The women worked diligently to make the things they'd always made, but which they now traded in town for provisions. The warriors traded their weapons. And though many of them survived this time in exile, many of them died here.

Sandi McFarland talked of the youth in the Nez Perce tribe and elsewhere, and spoke of the importance of reaching out to youth about the Nimípuu culture. She expressed her gratitude that with the installation of these two interpretive panels, the children of this area will know about the Nez Perce and their time here, will see the panels and ask questions, and will learn about the history. McFarland talked of the common threads that bind the Nimípuu, the history and legacy of the ancestors and the culture shared among all the people. She spoke of the things that hold the Nez Perce together, and told of efforts to move on and work together toward common goals and solutions. One of Joseph's strong beliefs was that the Nimípuu must stay together -- he was an emissary of his people for their welfare and their return to their homeland.



Rebecca Miles, Chairman, Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) and Huey York, Mayor, Baxter Springs.



Larry O'Neal, Archivist, Baxter Heritage Center

The Nez Perce National Historic Trail Site Certification Project was a cooperative effort of the Community of Baxter Springs, Kansas, the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, McCormack Landscape Design, and the U.S. Forest Service - Nez Perce National Historic Trail Administration

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Rebecca Miles, Chairman, NPTEC

# News From the Nez Perce Trail



## Kellen Lewis, Aaron Penney and Jack Yearout in Yellowstone National Park Yellowstone National Park Interpretation

The Yellowstone Park Foundation, the Division of Interpretation at Yellowstone National Park, the Ethnography Program and the Yellowstone Center for Resources were pleased to accept a National Endowment for the Humanities grant to bring a number of scholars to the Park. They will develop interpretive themes for the nationally significant segment of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail that transects the park. Sandi McFarland will be participating as one of the invited scholars.



Nez Perce Creek

The Nez Perce National Historic Trail is the only congressionally designated resource within Yellowstone National Park.

The Nez Perce, along with some Cayuse, Palouse, and others, traveled into the first national park, which had been established only five years earlier. The Nez Perce avoided commonly traveled Indian trails and traversed Yellowstone's most rugged terrain. They successfully eluded the approaching contingents of the U.S. Army, and historians say they found opportunities to rest and restore themselves in a landscape that was intimately familiar to them before the 1877 War. While in Yellowstone, they sought refuge with the Crow but were refused. None of these facets of the history are currently interpreted in Yellowstone.

Nez Perce and other native voices and perspectives are missing altogether from the Yellowstone segment of the Trail. This team of consultants will specify information that visitors should know about the Nez Perce and other tribes' intimacy with Yellowstone prior to 1877 -- including their use of hydrothermals and the cultural lifeways and language of the refugees.

## Canadian Crossing Ribbon Cutting

The historic connection between Fort Walsh in Saskatchewan and the flight of the Nez Perce into Canada in 1877 was highlighted at a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 8 at the international border, officially opening the last nine miles of newly paved highway along the Old Forts Trail between Havre, Montana, and the Willow Creek border crossing.

"This was an opportunity to show support for the historic partnership and collaboration between Saskatchewan and Montana," said David Rohatensky, manager of the Fort Walsh National Historic Site. Ranger Robert West of the Bear Paw Battlefield and Gary Wilson of the Fort Assiniboine Preservation Association also attended.

The partnership was established in the mid-1990s to promote shared heritage and history -- and to promote cross-border tourism.

## Nez Perce National Historical Park

23,445 people stopped at the Spalding Visitor Center and nearly 17,000 people attended educational and interpretive programs.

A special speaker series was held in April on native perspectives of the Lewis and Clark Expedition on the Native Plateau.

Park staff installed temporary signs at the Joseph Canyon Overlook, and worked with the Oregon site manager and the USFS to develop text and design for the overlook orientation panel. The wayside exhibit for Musselshell Meadow was also finalized.

The Mylie Lawyer Collection Exhibit opened last fall. Mylie Lawyer, a respected Nez Perce elder and long-time resident of Lapwai, has preserved many items related to her family's history. She is a descendant of Twisted Hair, who met Lewis and Clark on the Weippe Prairie in 1805. Chief Lawyer, Mylie's great-grandfather, also played a prominent role in Nez Perce history in the mid-1800s. Items on display include an 1863 historic American flag, Lawyer's wife's dress from the 1830s, and Corbett Lawyer's Bureau of Indian Affairs allotment notebook from the 1920s.

In September, the town of Weippe organized a reenactment of the Expedition meeting the Nez Perce on Park land thought to be the authentic location.



Fort Walsh Staff, Jon James, previous Big Hole National Battlefield Superintendent, and a Nez Perce Warrior in 1877 era dress at Bear Paw Battlefield in 2003.

Volunteers Dan and Sandy Strawn worked with Tim Nitz and Wallowa Lake State Park and the USFS this summer contacting over 2,100 people at evening campfire programs at Wallowa Lake. The program was funded in part by a grant from the National Park Foundation.



150-year-old buffalo hide tipi in the collection was photographed for the Teaching with Museum Collections on the Web project

## Lolo National Forest

Fourteen miles of original historic tread of the Lolo Trail are on the Lolo National Forest, located along Highway 12 west of Lolo, Montana. The Lolo National Forest has developed an interactive map of the area and the Lolo Trail on their website. Each interpretive site, recreation site or facility along the Nez Perce Trail and U.S. Highway 12 on the map is linked to detailed information online -- including all the interpretive sign locations. A new interpretive sign will be added soon. Other website improvements included a balanced representation of the history of the Lolo Trail and its significance to local and national history, an overview of recreation opportunities and facilities along the trail and

information on interpretive programs offered by the Lolo National Forest. The online interpretive project beautifully showcases the Trail on the Lolo.

The Missoula District of the Lolo National Forest staffed a Trail Ranger for the summer again this year. The Trail Ranger scheduled interpretive programs, and patrolled and maintained the Lolo Trail, monitored public use and sensitive sites, provided on-site information and led weekly trail hikes. The Trail Ranger also patrolled the entire 14 miles of National Historic Trail in Montana and continued posting Lewis & Clark and NPNHT markers. More than 500 hikers completed cards through the trail register system this summer.

## New Signs on the Clearwater



Jennifer Hensiek at the Fish Creek Wayside Exhibit

New interpretive signs were installed along U.S. Highway 12 and along the Lolo Motorway on the Clearwater National Forest. The final phase of a five-year program to update interpretation along the Lolo Trail was completed. Final design and fabrication is under way for five new interpretive kiosks with 15 new interpretive signs for U.S. Highway 12, four portal kiosks with 12 interpretive signs for the Lolo Motorway, and 15 wayside exhibits for locations along the Nez Perce and Lewis and Clark National Historic Trails. The signs highlight a number of natural and cultural subjects, but the majority of the interpretation focuses on the 1877 Flight of the Nez Perce and the crossing of the Lolo Trail by Lewis and Clark. The full-color signs will be framed in rustic log structures designed to appear similar to the signs used in the early 1930s along the Lolo Trail. The signs feature illustrations by Nakia Williamson of the Nez Perce Tribe and various other artists. Signs at critical locations also provide focused messages about resource protection along this nationally-recognized trail system.

## Trail Maintenance on the Clearwater

The Nez Perce Tribal trail crew maintained 18 miles of the NPNHT between the Musselshell trailhead to the junction with Road #500 east of Beaver Dam Saddle, and a 2.5-mile section between Lolo Forks and Camp Martin that needed heavy trail maintenance, brushing, and hazard tree removal.

Forest Service and inmate trail crews did basic trail maintenance and naturalizing work on older chainsaw cuts on 10.5 miles of the NPNHT, from Rocky Ridge Lake east to Smoking Place.

The Nez Perce Appaloosa Horse Club completed six miles of naturalizing work on older cuts from the Musselshell trailhead to Lolo Forks.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED  
ON ALL THESE PROJECTS!



## Awards and Recognition on the Nez Perce National Historic

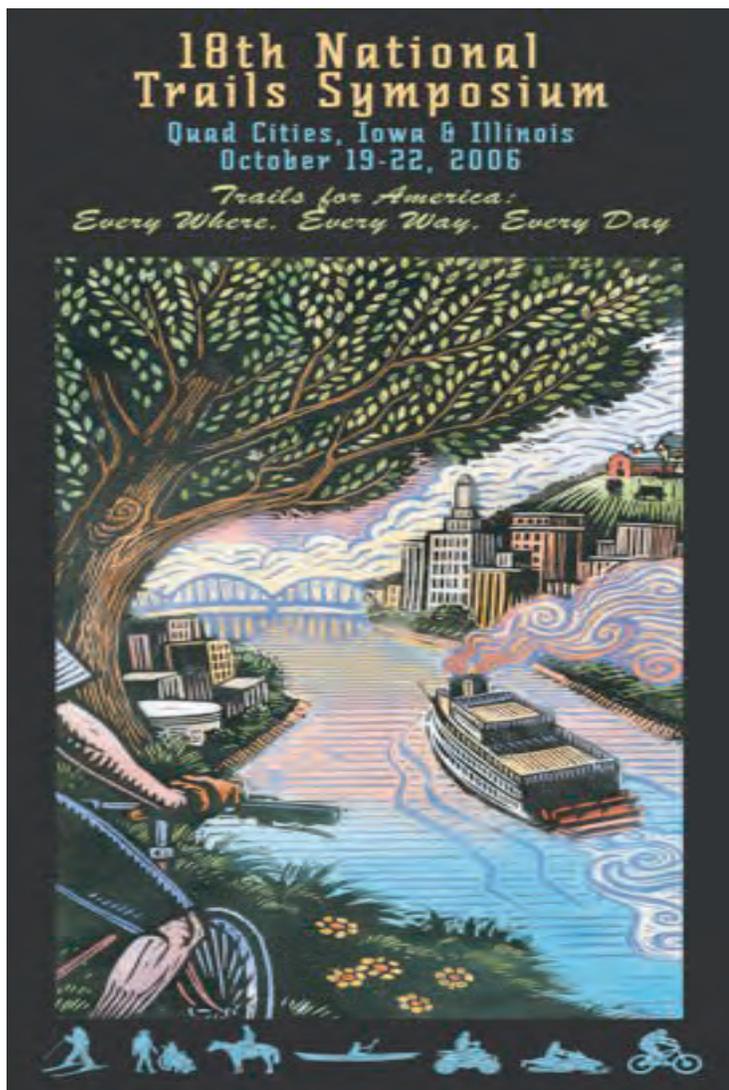
### “Walking on Sacred Ground”

The 15-minute video *Walking on Sacred Ground* recently received the Aurora Video Gold Award in the visitor's center category. The video project was spurred on by the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial to provide an orientation for visitors with permits to travel the Lolo Trail on the Clearwater National Forest.

The video is a teaching aid promoting responsible stewardship of the Lolo Trail National Historic Landmark. Narrated by tribal member Nakia Williamson, the video was produced by Lewis-Clark State College (LCSC) in Lewiston, Idaho.

### Certificates of Appreciation

The NPNHT Administrator received two certificates of appreciation for NPNHT staff work for the Preparing for Academic Excellence (PACE) Math & Science Camp and for the Nez Perce Tribe's Summer Youth Program.



## 18th National Trails Symposium

The 2006 symposium will be held in the Quad Cities along the Mississippi River. The Quad Cities include the cities of Davenport and Bettendorf on the Iowa side and Rock Island and Moline on the Illinois side of the river.

For more information visit [www.americantrails.org/quad/](http://www.americantrails.org/quad/)

## 2006 Desk Planner

The 2005 desk planner was so popular that we've done it again this year. This year's desk planner will feature the Appaloosa horse and their importance in the Nez Perce culture. The 2006 full-color desk planner will be available soon. Check our website news page at [www.fs.fed.us/npnht/news](http://www.fs.fed.us/npnht/news) for information on availability.

## THANKS!

It's been a great year for the Nez Perce National Historic Trail, with dozens of activities and projects and hundreds of people participating in the preservation of the Trail and in sharing the history and news of the Trail with thousands of visitors and other interested people. A very heartfelt Qe'ciyéw'yew' (thank you) to everyone who's helped -- in large and small ways -- in our common goals of preserving, promoting, and treasuring this Trail. It's truly a national treasure, as are all of you who help make it so.

~ *Sandi McFarland*



## New Poster:

The 2006 full-color poster is currently available. This year's poster is comprised of thumbnail shots along the NPNHT with a Chief Joseph background. If you are interested in obtaining this poster contact either Sandi McFarland at [smcfarland01@fs.fed.us](mailto:smcfarland01@fs.fed.us) or Carolyn Steiner at [cssteiner@fs.fed.us](mailto:cssteiner@fs.fed.us).

