

November 30, 2011 Synopsis of Public Comments

Nez Perce National Historic Trail

Comprehensive Management Plan

Introduction

This is a synopsis of the public comments received to date on the Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) revision for the Nez Perce National Historic Trail (NPNHT). This synopsis will be updated continually as we move forward with the CMP revision process. The majority of these comments were received by NPNHT staff during public workshops however written comments and email comments are also included. These comments are being received in a public outreach process to re-establish public ties with the various communities, trails users and interested parties along the 1,170 miles of the NPNHT. These public workshops are part of this outreach which is being completed before starting the official National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process which will include the official public scoping.

To date, we have held 18 public workshops along the NPNHT route. We have developed and launched a public website for the CMP revision work. The public can use a web based comment form on the website to send to the CMP email inbox as another way to comment on the NPNHT CMP revision. At this point, we have received 473 specific comments for the NPNHT CMP revision to consider.

The comments have been separated into the following categories:

Natural Resources-	101 comments
Tribal Relations-	103 comments
Community Engagement-	72 comments
History of NPNHT events-	109 comments
Ownership along trail-	53 comments
Interpretive/Education-	177 comments
Miscellaneous-	83 comments

Some comments can be grouped in more than one category however for this synopsis comments are only assessed in their primary category. The NPNHT staff has been grateful to those individuals who have taken the time to come out and meet with us or who commented using the website. Much of the information that has been gathered is new information that was not learned during the initial development of the NPNHT and the existing CMP.

Attendance at the public workshop ranged from 6 people to 35 people. Only one public workshop had no one attend at Cooke City, Montana. There has been a keen interest in learning about the NPNHT at each workshop. It has been very clear that there is a lack of presence by NPNHT staff or lack of emphasis at federal units about the NPNHT across much of the trail. In many areas the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (LCNHT) has superseded the NPNHT because of the large emphasis by federal and state governments on the Bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition during the past decade. In

several areas the NPNHT and LCNHT follow the same routes however Lewis and Clark markers along the Auto Tour routes are far more prevalent than NPNHT markers.

Comment Analysis Process

The comments are being analyzed by the NPNHT CMP Team Leader. Each comment is being assessed on an individual basis then compiled into a category for assessment for similar content with other comments in that category. Specific comments that were received during multiple workshops are only being assessed once. Comments that are similar in nature and topic will be used to develop one synopsis comment.

All the comments received to date are of a positive nature. Many comments invoke questions that will require further research by the NPNHT staff in the future. Any comment that has personal information will be modified so that the personal information is protected and not released to the larger public. For example, in the ownership category, the NPNHT staff has received information on specific landowners to contact about purchasing trail segments. The comment for the public is “There are various trail segments that federal agencies may be able to purchase along the Clark Fork of the Yellowstone River “

The analysis will continue as further public workshops are held. The synopsis will be updated periodically as workshops progress. There have been several requests for additional workshops along the NPNHT and the staff will schedule these soon.

The comments and this synopsis will be used to develop the proposed action along with the purpose and need statement to start the NEPA process later this year and into next year. These workshops will be followed up by official NEPA scoping meetings next year. The NPNHT staff will accept comments into the foreseeable future.

Natural Resources Comments

This category includes natural resource issues, on the ground trail and auto tour management concerns and landscape comments

Tribal Comments

This category includes comments pertaining to tribal relations, tribal histories and tribal concerns or opportunities.

Community Engagement Category

This category includes agency, local government, business, non-profits, volunteers and the external public comments

History Category

This category highlights comments about the history of the flight, Native Americans and territories the NPNHT passes through along with archeological concerns

Ownership Category

This category discusses landownership and opportunities for protecting the NPNHT through land ownership

Miscellaneous category

This category has many things that don't fit easily with other categories including request of the NPNHT staff or agencies staff

Interpretation and Education Category

This category focuses on interpretive and educational opportunities, issues and concerns

Natural Resources Comments

Along the 200' trail corridor, keep landscape as pristine as it was in 1877

Need an ethno botany section in the revised CMP – look at medical, food and spiritual plant use by tribes

Possible amendments of federal agencies land and resource management plans because of standards and guides developed in the revision

Need accurate maps of trail and auto tour routes including landownership, using GPS and GIS technologies

Better definition of flight through on the ground surveys

Modern uses of trails can diminish trail on the ground

Corridor protection plan is needed; need to discuss adding acres to corridor for protection purposes especially with scared sites

Preserve and protect NPNHT natural resources- have a plan for this

Do not over develop the land around the NPNHT, keep it environmental pristine

Set carrying capacity for trail

Develop a commercial permit system for trail use to protect resources

Perform trail management and maintenance on trail (work with NPTF first)

Maintain existing trail sections first and in better condition than currently found

Stop people from defacing or vandalizing natural resources and facilities in corridor

Develop scenic protection plan especially near wind turbine projects

Develop a trail maintenance plan in CMP

Use parts of existing land management plans to incorporate good parts into CMP

Identify physical locations and characteristics in landscape along NPNHT

Consistent GIS coverage across NPNHT with layers accessible to public- have multiple layers of information

Develop trail stewards to monitor NPNHT resources

Provide active and ongoing management of NPNHT

Mark NPNHT corridor on the ground

NPTF (Nez Perce Trail Foundation) is converting auto tour routes to Google Earth

Locate remote locations of trail not defined on maps

Is snowmobile access part of the plan?

When mapping, allow for maps to show true steepness of trail

Have better public facilities along trail

Need to address weed management along trail

Look at land management including multiple values

Have a sustainable plan for building and maintain NPNHT resources

This is a horse and hiking trail, use non motorized trail monies for projects

Use natural fire along trail

Protect all the NPNHT routes not just trail corridor

Inventory peeled trees along NPNHT and protect these trees from firewood use

No firewood cutting along trail corridor

Have lost some parts of trail tread so need better protection and preservation

Upgrade trail facilities should be priority of CMP

Redefine auto tour routes to more closely follow trail corridor

Should design trail corridor for mountain bike use as well as stock and hiking except in Wilderness areas

Preserve historical structures like Reed and Bowles Trading Post and assist with preservation grant requests for these types of facilities along NPNHT

Complete a condition analysis for the trail sections

Have a trail safety plan

Identify access points along trail and areas where trail is not accessible because of private ownership

Protect Old Joseph land markers in Oregon

Protect Old Joseph grave site and teepee rings near Wallowa

Protect Indian Village Trees in Oregon

Protect Snake River Teepee Rings

Protect McLaren (sp) Teepee Rings

Protect pictograph and petroglyph sites along the trail- Oregon and NE Idaho specifically

Extend trail west to Minam, Oregon and develop a horse camp in this area

Use rail to trails alignments in Oregon and where practicable

Look at trails from Wallowa Valley to Grand Ronde Valley for extension of side trail west

Trails exist across private from Joseph to Dug Bar

Make safe route using old Eureka Bar trail through Tally Creek

Do a comprehensive review of Oregon side trails and side trails in all states

Develop historical trail standards for maintaining trail

Have a map delineating historical trail sections from regular trail sections

Mark the route to the Canadian border from Bear Paw at least has a side trail for now

Trail is difficult to find where it enters some of the NPS units, so mark areas better

Discuss vandalism along trail to sites and signs, Lewis and Clark Trail went to NACO to get help from local counties to patrol trail, you can do this too

Discuss grazing management and its affect on NPNHT in CMP- look at standards and guidelines to protect NPNHT

Discuss timber management and its affect on NPNHT

Discuss energy development and how to mitigate this with NPNHT

Develop mitigation and monitoring plan for all resources NPNHT in the CMP revision

Discuss what to do with user created trails along NPNHT

Discuss how to deal with dispersed camp site and fire rings in CMP

Have an inventory plan for resources that are not inventoried in CMP

Tribal Comments

The flight of the Nez Perce crossed many tribal lands and the CMP needs to honor the history and culture of all the tribes along the flight

Is there a way to change trail to route or flight as the Shoshone Bannock members have felt that the public think that the Nez Perce homelands are actually their homelands in northeast Idaho and SW Montana?

Both the Salish and Shoshone peoples would like the cultures honored in the revised CMP along with interpretive and educational materials indicating where their traditional homelands are

Put up site markers along NPNHT to identify other tribes experience with the 1877 Flight or their significant cultural and historic features

Honor all tribal oral histories of the Flight and its events, find out what they felt

From a tribal standpoint, through oral histories, 135 years is not a long time so it is like yesterday to many tribes

Elders are passing away, please work on getting their oral histories now and use them as a knowledge base

The primary way to look at the NPNHT is through the Nez Perce's point of view since that is why the trail was designated

Tell stories of the other local tribes along the NPNHT, not just the flight stories

Tribes are interested in having an ethno botany section

Have a map showing tribal areas along NPNHT

Recognize the imbalance of tribal recognition on/within the territory

Pronunciation of Nez "Purse", make sure using proper pronunciations

Define and discuss differences between treaty and non-treaty Nez Perce that still exist today

Discuss how tribes and agencies work together

Have and develop maps from Nez Perce peoples

Look at the electronic cultural atlas developed out of UC Berkeley (Google Earth app) to help with CMP revision

Talk with locals about folklore with flight from pioneer families as this is not reflected in CMP and history books at present. Example of this is Nez Perce decoys above Cody at Skull Creek pass near Heart Butte is not discussed in any history books

Work with Shoshone Bannock's who are researching their history of SW Montana (LA) as their history shows Nez Perce normally took this route to buffalo grounds not flight trail

Many of the tribes respected each other in past

Need to research, discuss and become informed in tribal dynamics

Bannock from down south traded horse with flight group

Shoshone Bannock and Eastern Bannock tribes' sheep eaters band

"Ulde 10" needs updating and takes in all tribal suggestions

Local tribes need to educate those telling story including an expression of their own history

Discuss tribal names along NPNHT, dictionary of different names along NPNHT by tribal language in area

Include cultures of all tribes in NPNHT route or territory

Acknowledge that tribal territories are overlapping on maps and that boundaries are a government construct not tribal construct

Understand that a "tribe" may have many separate bands

Clarify history from Nez Perce perspective on trail used to get to hunting areas

Tell whole story of tribal relations in CMP including interactions between tribes

Acknowledge tribal conflicts historically and today and that may not agree but can always work together in an effort like CMP

Collect oral documentation not just written documentation on history and events

Work with Nez Perce to find out where members died along flight and protect those sites including from trampling

Track Nez Perce children and women who were taken in by other tribes along flight

Tribal information needs to be protected; so much info will not always be available to public

Establish feed back with tribes along trail

Complete additional tribal consultation to identify other traditional trails and traditional names along trail

Crow or Northern Cheyenne scouts- there are oral histories in both tribes from this time period including possible campsites along NPNHT

Crow story of the rotten Sundance along Clark Fork of Yellowstone between Belfry and Bridger- many tribes have lost Sundance and Crow are just now reintroducing it into culture

Meet with (Pryor Creek) 107 group when meet with Crow Tribal (Tuesdays are best) Committee Northern Cheyenne would like to be involved and including in CMP revision

Northern Cheyenne surrendered at Ft. Keogh, forced to scout again Nez Perce by army

Northern Cheyenne flight from Oklahoma is very similar to 1877 NP flight

NPNHT should sponsor Nez Perce tribal members to participate in Laurel MT special events

Use tribal schools to make students aware of historical tribal involvement of historical events along NPNHT and flight

According to Shoshone NPNHT was not a trail just a onetime flight event and because Shoshone not consulted when original trail development and CMP were completed this became truth

Need to consult with all tribes not just Nez Perce associated tribes

There is conflict about use of Joseph's imagine along trail

1877- Chief agreed not to fight (Charlo?)

Need a voice for Nez Perce- Visions

NPNHT Corridor is used for gathering traditional plants and medicines

Tribal councils and elders connect to ancestors so ensure tribes recognized in CMP and use proper tribal names

Salish history does not have flight going over Gibbons Pass according to Yellow Wolf's discussion with uncle

The word *Naptinisha* – is a different name in Salish

Work with Salish Cultural Elders Committee to confirm and find oral stories

Talk with Nez Perce Cultural Committee to verify facts and stories

Many things are English names not native names

Discussion of historic vs. existing Indian traits

Protect scared sites by working with elders; recognize that this is sensitive information

Discussion about boarding schools that native children were forced into including many of elders today

Need to feel the NPNHT with their moccasins and hearts

Develop interpretive plan for CMP with native involvement

Salish name for trail is Nam'sha" and last camp is "Steey", need to make sure that all things named from Nez Perce are renamed in local native culture along trail including sites where other native cultures have buried their dead

Native tribes haven't "ceased to exist" they are very much alive and have active cultures

Other tribes were involved part of the Flight-Cayuse and Palouse

Issues between treaty and non treaty today need to be acknowledged

CMP should have section regarding burial sites along Flight route and how to work with families to protect possible grave sites

Access to public lands for treaty rights need to be a section in CMP

Look at tribal stewardship of sites and the trail itself

Old Joseph markers at Minam are significant for tribes

Several native trails converge along the NPNHT so discuss these areas, how the trail itself was determined and how to manage other trails with the tribes

Make sure the ghost teepees at Big Hole stay up has this is important for the Nez Perce people

Invite elders to have ceremonies along the NPNHT not just battlefield sites, especially to commemorate those who died during the Flight

Have a process to assist partners in working with tribes outlined in the CMP
Contact tribal representative on all aspects of signing the trial and auto tours
Use NPNHT work to reestablish relationships with all involved tribes through tribal summits,
joint projects and programs
Hold intertribal meetings for CMP

Updated Regularly

Community Engagement Category

Want NPNHT staff to work with local communities and friends of the trail groups with interpretation, signs, brochures, etc.

Discuss Appaloosa Clubs yearly trail rides

Use new media to reach out to make people aware that you are looking for information and ideas

Schedule a workshop in Helena and make sure the Governor is aware of the project

People are not aware of the length of the NPNHT and the number of states covered

People are not aware of the number of agencies involved

Need to let everyone know the number of communities that you will be holding meetings in

Trail should be a tribute to the people that traveled it

Would like NPTF to take on a more philanthropic role- raise more money

Stress economic development of communities along NPNHT in CMP

Reach out to other decedents of story including military and volunteers

Include a way that volunteer contributions could help trail

There are 17 separate trails associated with NPNHT area, work with them

Educate communities along the trail

Create a list of possible contacts for info and provide an online space for submitting information

Several ranches from Cody to Laurel have information on the flight

Include heritage tourism in CMP and stress working with Chambers of Commerce regarding trail sites

Get local input and information form community members for trail identification, mapping and marketing

Develop a marketing plan for NPNHT; include states tourism agencies in this work

At local level work with people without government involvement because their involvement means things take longer to get done

Information gets lost when government staff changes

Involve high schools along NPNHT in your CMP

Special events and reenactments go a long way towards public involvement/public awareness

Workshops are showing great sensitivity from FS

More people than FS knows are working on trail

Many people are not aware the federal government funds the NPNHT

Not aware that opportunity for public input on trails was available

Need to know what the end of the process looks like

Build passion in the public to protect the trail

Associate the southern Nez Perce Trail with the NPNHT

Idaho has a greater feeling for the trail then Montana, do more in Bitterroot Valley

More involvement of young people

Expand ways to reach out to public thru CMP such has national history programs

Connect Backcountry Horsemen to NPNHT

Appaloosa Horse Club is connected and committed to trail

Highlight contemporary uses of NPNHT

Travelled trail for 29 years, there is a totality of people who make up the trail/story

There are a lot of different interests from a lot of perspectives for the NPNHT

How much of the trail is used by different group and users

Trail includes all jurisdictions: Non-fed/state/private

There is a cultural diversity of people throughout the trail

Need to maintain volunteers and partnerships
ID/MT/WY/OR/WA all include NPNHT along with Yellowstone NP
Setup volunteers "Adopt-a-Trail" to up keep and protect NPNHT
Need effective communications form federal family and partners
Economical aspects for a "trail town" are important part of economical development and in turn town can give back to trail
Forest Plan says no fires on trail but are still letting fires burn
Agencies need to pool together and act as one
Organize partners effectively to mess interest
Acknowledge different agencies and the scope of partners and entities in the CMP
Maintain points of contact
Work with local historical societies to protect facilities and sites along trail including supporting grant opportunities or local work
French Historical Society is available to assist with CMP work and land acquisition
Use non-profit organizations tax write offs to help gather support and funding for NPNHT
Oregon ETI is a NPTF Chapter, look at other ETI's and equestrian groups for chapter development to assist NPTF
Assist partners in working with state agencies like SHIPO's- have a process described in the CMP for assistance with trail work
County owns easement on 4x4 roads to Dug Bar, so this is one area a 4x4 experience can be advertised
Set up a partnership with Appaloosa Horse Club for working with youth, trail maintenance and trail programs
NPTF is not a big presence in the eastern part of the state especially Bear Paw area
Work with local non-profit groups to establish trail chapters like Blaine County Museum, local tribe, or Battlefield committee
NPTF needs to be more involved with local communities; their relationship to the trail and trail partners needs to be outlined in the CMP
NPNHT staff needs to be visible along the length of the whole trail on a regular basis
There are many partners on the east side of the trail that would be willing to help but you need to build relationships across the whole trail instead of focusing in the western areas
Look at tourism has a primary goal of the CMP, and partnership development opportunity
Consider tour bus companies for a partnership opportunity; this can easily be started with existing materials
Chinook Community is willing to partner with Ft. Belknap to story from Bear Paw to Wood Mountain, Canada

History Category

Need to find oral histories of the NPNHT

Why weren't oral histories part of the original CMP?

The military stories need to be defined and discussed; much of this story is missing

The military trails parallel the NPNHT and groups are interested in protecting them too

Military historians are taking an interest in the NPNHT now; why was army so vigilant in their pursuit of the Nez Perce people, what was the public perception of the army at this time

Surprised that Chief Joseph didn't play quite the role that history has portrayed

Chief Joseph's surrender was has a band and others were independent to escape

Where are the soldiers in the NPNHT?

Was there a relationship between the flight in 1877 & the construction of Ft. McGinnis (MT) in 1878?

National Historic Parks are deemphasizing military stuff and emphasizing Native American stuff

When it comes to oral histories, who will decide how much we want to interpret and how much we want to preserve

Need to talk to pioneer families but it is almost too late; find out if there are stories and records of accounts of the flight that have been handed down in families

History is better written; opportunity of CMP to rewrite history

Other sites need to be emphasized along NPNHT including putting battle sites into proper perspective

How many times did the tribe engage in the number of battles?

Red Heart went to Vancouver

Yellowstone component and tourist accounts

Important of other leaders besides Chief Joseph

Huge national Parks but simple things like NPNHT and its heritage will not be passed on

Identify and discuss areas that are important: Kamiah is like White Bird Battlefield, Dug Bar,

Bitterroot Corridor, Big Hole Battlefield and what happened between battles, Canada, Ft

Vancouver, Ft Leaven worth, Oklahoma, Camas Meadows, and Wallowa area

Don't lose stories of people who died or those who lost all possessions and humanity after flight

Big Hole Battlefield- what happened between battles

The move from Montana to Oklahoma

Commemorate the places of historic significance marked and other trials within the corridor, campsites and burials

Preserve original tread

Need archeological surveys over the whole trail using existing knowledge

Identify significant places on the trail and mark them

Protect sites as technology is making it easy for general public to find scared sites so need protection plan including carrying capacity

More historical markers telling story

Preservation of cultural gathering areas

Some who went to Canada came back but were sent to OK

Logistics and tactics are still studied by military

White Bird Battlefield: first conflict but a lot of history hasn't been told so preserve and protect

Whole trail is scared and has burials along it

Lolo pass area original trail in original condition

Protect Post Office and Smoking Place

Everything started at Wallowa

Protect Lost Trail pass area

Talk to military archives and museums to find out who to talk to

Identify potential archaeological sites along area for remnants of camps

Combine horse clubs history with NPNHT

Many private ranchers would like to protect sites on their properties so discuss how to do this with feds in CMP

There is a history of the Nez Perce in the Bozeman area that needs to be discussed

Protect the pioneer history of families including fortified homesteads because of the flight (Madison Beaverhead Historical Society has some information)

There was unevenness in between the tribes and the military because of technology in 1877

Highlight Lean Elk story

Women moved the camps while men protected and hunted to highlight the women's place in history and the flight

Nez Perce were better horsemen than the other tribes which is why they could stay ahead of the cavalry

Discuss the history lifestyle of the Nez Perce and their horse culture

Discuss after the flight that the Nez Perce was defeated people

Provide a more objective and unbiased perspective of the story

Need to reference ethnology

Contact anthropology department at University of Montana for archaeological work at Yellowstone National Park or contact Montana Archeological Society for 2010 papers presented at annual meeting

How will military history be interpreted?

Need to discuss Ft. Keogh to Elk River- Northern Cheyenne scouts story

How much of story can be verified in field

NPNHT designated for preservation of Nez Perce and document their flight, need to be careful with incorporating other views (military) into history of trail

Need to preserve and document flight into Canada

How much time spent ground truth story and what if archeological evidence conflicts or contradicts present story.

Use science to tell story

Reenactors would like to start reenacting other events

Lt. Bradley was killed at Big Hole

Interesting story of how Nez Perce could pass by Big Hole

References to after Big Hole, camps 1, 2, & 3 and no documentation of deaths at this time

Tell parallel histories from other tribes

See if trail was identified in government documents

History in the west is out our back door so involve schools as soon as possible

Tribal histories need to be told too

Discuss and research use of Southern Nez Perce trail during flight

Bring in more historical lessons to CMP

CMP should preserve culture and history only with portraying accurate history

NPNHT trail has been there for thousands of years and Salish called it *Naphtisha* "Trail to the Oceans"

Discuss overall history of trail in CMP

Big Hole Battlefield and whole flight- historical stories are compelling with lots of emotion because of the conflict between cultures with heroics and sadness

Oklahoma survivors were 301 but only 285 were transported according to DVD, so 16 died along route, where are they?

Need to discuss the timing and relationship of other events, political and social in regards to the climate of the day

Discuss how to incorporate associated historical sites in the CMP

Make sure history is correctly valued and accurate, work with historical societies

Discussion of missions and boarding schools Nez Perce children were sent to

Keep accurate records and maps of actual trail tread to protect and preserve it and only reconstruct tread where we can

Agencies and universities have lot of archeological information on trail- go get it

Locate and sign General Howard's camp sites

Funding specific for historical trails needs to be accounted for including from NPTF

Widen Lolo Trail Historic Landmark boundary

Accurately mark historic trail corridor for protection on ground

Need to widen NPNHT corridor to protect sites associated with flight

Salish and Chief Joseph were good friends

Find pictures of flight

Can enlarge site at Fort Leavenworth to include racetrack from 1877-78

Inventories of livestock, resources and possessions left behind in Wallawas need to be done as this is a part of the Flight story

Set stage in CMP, need to discuss prewar stories that led up to the Flight

Inventory Old Josephs markers in Wallawas- pre Flight history

Discuss cambium trees only NPNHT- history of why

Discuss history of Hells Canyon use in CMP

Flight traveled multiple trails, just like when regularly traveling, and discuss how tribes traveled

Old Joseph killed last buffalo in Oregon on Joseph Creek inside forest boundary- possible site

Nez Perce traveled Woodhawker Ridge to Missouri to reach Cow Island

The bands split up when leaving the Missouri: Joseph to Lloyd, Looking Glass by McCann Butte, and White Bird by Cleveland before camping at Snake Creek

The original Fort Belknap still has intact structures at Chinook and Sitting Bull did make it to the Fort 24 hours after surrender to help White Bird's group

Miles paid messenger to tell Ft. Belknap not to get involved with battle

Miles paid Louis Shambo to scout with Northern Cheyenne – family still in area

Doney and Snell took Nez Perce wives after battle, families still near Chinook

Shoshone Bannock families have oral histories of their relationships with Nez Perce going back many generations

Ownership Category

National Historic Trails Act has changed so the NPNHT can now work with units to acquire easements, right of ways or conservation easement; define in CMP how this will work
Need to be aware that in areas where BLM purchased lands there are issues with vandalism of NPNHT signs

Overlay GIS layers of NPNHT on landownership maps including (county tax maps) so that a query of private landowners can be done to personally invite them to meetings and perhaps this will generate enough interest that they will come forward with NPNHT information on their property

60% of trail is in private land instead of federal ownership

Acquiring land or easements needs to be a part of CMP

With land acquisition, access is needed to preserve and protect resources

Look for new opportunities for acquisition

Land owners want to preserve trail on their property

Make sure it is clear that role of plan is not to "take over" people's property

Define who would hold the conservation easements

Identify specific properties that could be purchased

Near Bear Paw, there are landowners friendly to the trail

Prioritize land purchases where resources are threaten; use this to prioritize management too

On private property federal agencies should exercise caution when identifying the trail

Provide consistent management on all trail segments across all land ownerships

Please look at Canyon Creek for acquisition

Acquisitions/exchanges/donations of land should be made for trail preservation

Put landowners not interested in letting the public use the trail on a map

Identify lands along trail by which tribal area they are in

Have an easement for trail on the Lolo Trail

Look for campsites along trail for users on all ownerships

Provide input to land exchanges that will impact trail (Clearwater exchanges)

Develop a strategy for acquisition and protection with the private land

Locate specifically where the trail tread is even on private lands and mark this

Improve sign accuracy along trail length in all ownerships

Identify each corridor along NPNHT since there are several different ones so everyone can be clear on where things are being discussed

How much of the trail is unknown

The NPNHT designated corridor is not correct in several places or the flight had multiple groups travelling parallel to each other so how is this going to be reconciled

Discuss new trail locations with all the agencies and identify them on maps for example the new information around Lewistown that locates where the main body of the flight traveled which is different from the designated corridor and then the location where the warriors were traveling across the Snowy Mountains into Lewistown itself

There warriors traveled east of the main body of women and children to protect the flight from the military in northern WY and eastern MT, these are routes that need identification and protection too

There are various landowners along the Clark Fork River who may be interested in protecting sites on their properties and maybe open to having conservation easements

Start land acquisitions near Wallowa, has it is start of NPNHT

Look at private timber companies to sell lands for trail

Work with partners like Nature Conservancy, TPL or Wallowa Land Trust to assist with acquisition planning

Develop land acquisition strategy with NGO's, tribes, agencies, states and counties has a strategic document using strategic locations for first purchases

Vale BLM would like to acquire lands around Minam from Forest Capital including Old Joseph marker sites

Identify which agency is where on trail map for acquisitions

Extend trail using rails to trails purchasing from Joseph to Minam

Hells Canyon is already acquiring lands; fold their purchases into our planning

Easement through McClarin (sp) ranch is critical for trail in Wallowa Valley

Need to have a plan to educate landowners about purchases and easements

In Hells Canyon, focus acquisitions south of Tally Creek to Imnaha River since Nature Conservancy is focusing north of this area

Develop a handout on what types of properties you would like to acquire for local units

Updated Regularly

Miscellaneous category

Clarify why the trail is managed by the Forest Service and the battlefields by the NPS
This plan will involve lots of agencies and lots of signatures
Did the flight cause faults or injuries that need to be addressed?
Advertise the Challenge Cost Share (CCS) program better and emphasize outreach to historical societies along the trail not just in western MT or northern Idaho
Please include all the National Trails Act amendments
Do allow the NPNHT to be forgotten
Discuss why there are so many steps to complete this revision
Nez Perce trail logo indicates the tribe was traveling west, they should be facing east
Extend trail to Oklahoma and Canada
Define markers on the trail (do you have a map of these)
Use technology to give value to NPNHT and story
Rarely see Appaloosa's and they are part of this
Use GPS on trail
Find out what is not needed in CMP
Is progress being made with Yellowstone National Park so that they identify trail in park
Mark more of the trail
Identify parameters for trail identification
Public relations is very important so what can be done through PR to enhance NPNHT with public
Have a water trail for areas with rivers
Lewis and Clark Trail spent thousands of hours deciding what to do with it so should this trail
Concerns for any naming or renaming of lands along trail
CMP needs to be adaptable and have a set life
Have a passionate foundation
Want immediate action on CMP
Would like short term plan on trail management while revision is in process
Need to preserve and protect trail now
Management requires bodies and money so is there an organizational commitment to the NPNHT
Plan needs to realize limits of administrator's role- identify these limits
CMP should deal with scope of working with multiple agencies with multiple priorities and include primary points of contact for each agency
Develop a unified attack to problems on the trail
Make the most of existing monies
Idaho has monies for horse/hiking trails through Idaho Department of Recreation
All agencies need to united in CMP not having National Park Service send out their own park plan
United States Department of Agriculture and Department of Interior need to issue direction with CMP in one package together
Definitions are important in CMP like corridor and revisit current definitions
Have a second workshop in Pendleton, OR with NPTF meeting
Southern Nez Perce Trail should be nominated for a national historic trail with its own designation process
Help organization with grant processes or assist NPTF in facilitating grants

Look at adding river trails- there are many places where the NPNHT parallels rivers that could be used and the Nez Perce were taken on boat down the Missouri after the surrender- part of the story

Make video available to public

Assist NGO's in working with SHIPO's and other state agencies

Need process for adding side trails and sites well defined in CMP

Need to have formal agreements with NPS on site they manage on FS land associated with NPNHT

R6 will look into funding an interpreter with their special places funding for Hells Canyon

Use Hells Canyon NRA plan in CMP document

Discuss differences between agencies and department in CMP and have a handout so the public can understand these differences

Can you please make hats, shirts and signs available for public to buy (have gotten a large interest for this will traveling trail)

Please work with USGS and MT DOT to correct Bear Paw Mountains' naming on all maps and signs

Set up a regular communication format for all partners along the whole length of the NPNHT in the CMP, include face to face schedules

Make sure Deciding Official is clear to all parties involved

Several tribes wish to have cooperating status

Outline site certification process and side trail addition process- have all process outline clearly in CMP revision in understandable language but make sure consult first

Need at least two alternative and several tribes want EIS

Do not promise what you can't deliver; this is a very important item for tribal governments

Make meaningful changes in CMP not just cosmetic

Be careful with words; terms like Indian and Native American can be hurtful to tribal members

Adhere to your timeframes to build trust with everyone

Keep updating comments, this is very helpful

Have a place in the partnership plan to explain agreements to general public

Develop process for all partners to report annually on NPNHT

Increase communication with tribes and FS as a whole

Explain what the benchmark is for a scenic vs. historic trail

Public is fascinated with maps so focus on this has a tool in CMP

Discuss relationship between Nez Perce National Park, Yellowstone and NPNHT

Interpretation and Education Category

Have interpretive signs along full length of NPNHT

Develop interpretive panels with terms from all languages found along NPNHT

Include a dictionary of terms for all tribal languages that users can readily access

Increase educational opportunities in CMP

Develop regional specific curriculum along route, work with state and national standards

With Forest Service working on auto tour pamphlets are parks doing same thing

Include museums and special places in auto tour pamphlets

Foreign countries teach about flight so it is internationally important, produce materials in at least German, Spanish and French for travelers

Look at Jerome Greene's book about the flight

Tell the flight story correctly

Education landowners about trail and opportunities to protect trail tread and resources on their land

Story needs to be told as it is a dramatic story and has major implications in western US but there are many intricacies and each site needs to be known for its role in this national story

Can there be an interpretive center at Bear Paw

Need to learn about the National Trail Act and the NPNHT

Need to interpret the whole trail not just major battlefields including start in Wallowa before hostilities broke out

Include Canada, Ft. Vancouver, Ft. Leavenworth and Oklahoma in CMP interpretation and education

Camas Meadows is not well interpreted

Focus on opportunities for interpretation and tourism

In education area, focus on adult and youth

Develop a sense of ownership and pride in NPNHT with CMP

Step outside media mainstream for CMP promotion

Have or add traveling trunks including Yellowstone teachers' trunk

Bring story of NPNHT to people rather than have people come to trail

Educate young children

Tell the whole story, truthfully, about how people really lived and survived

War and its aftermath is still ongoing and a current issue so there are stories still be told about the flight

Develop information specific for regional areas (like Cody) more than just auto tour in CMP

Pair schools with NPNHT for trail placed based education to build ownership in communities

Host outdoor educational events along the NPNHT with agencies, school, chambers and partners to build a knowledge base and commitment to trail that will help local economies with ecotourism

Connect between Lewis and Clark and NPNHT and use same interpretive centers for both trails

Discuss modern kiosk vs. stone or wood for interpretive sites

Need proper interpretive standards in CMP

Tell the interwoven stories between the land and the people

Explore the role of women in the CMP

Discuss the role of the horse in the flight and tribal cultures

Interpret the military role in the flight

Broaden written materials on the trail

Discuss changing trail name to flight route or escape route because of other tribes concerns
Include all appropriate tribes in reviewing and providing accurate script for educational/
interpretive panels, pamphlets, DVDs and other materials available to public
Make sure Nez Perce Auto Tour routes are protected in CMP
Develop an audio history of trail that can be tied to Google Earth so that you can listen to it as
you travel the NPNHT
Reenact significant events on NPNHT, there is a growing movement to reenact western battles
to tie into these groups to reenact the flight
Crow and Northern Cheyenne are interested in assisting with reenactments in eastern MT
Reenact the Canyon Creek battle to start with
What existing programs are in place for interpretation, identify these success to include in CMP
Continue to bring things together to develop a common context for public materials
Develop common threads of stories
Interpret history of flight in Bitterroot Valley include Fort Owen, Gibbons Rd and Trail Creek Pass
Didn't know about 8 years of exile, this is important for public to understand
Make all of the materials and information you use available to the public
Start telling the story of the NPNHT
Local groups need to work on interpretation- lots of communities would be willing to help with
partnerships here, especially historical societies
Tell Salish story in Bitterroot along with flight
Interpret and develop educational materials on all tribes associated with flight
Discuss changed conditions along NPNHT
You can actually walk in the footsteps of those who were on the flight and see the challenging
conditions that were faced along with their connections to the land- this is a great opportunity
for the public to actually experience history
This is a compelling story that needs to be accurately told
There are individuals who do impressions of people involved with the flight, invite them to
participate in programs at school and trail sites
The Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History would like to be involved in the educational
aspects of the CMP as this is the "Civil War of the West"
Tell the story of the flight members caring for their families along the flight
Keep stories relevant and accessible to future users and future travelers; tell the tragedy of the
story for future generations
Use this to educate people on Native American culture including warrior technology and culture
Work with oral historians of the tribes when developing this part of the CMP
Present materials in a way that the engage youth
Kaya doll is part of the NPNHT that brings the story to youth all over the US
Interpretation needs to be balanced and inclusive beside accurate
Look at NPS for artist rendition to assist NPNHT
Develop a delivery system for education that addresses not only current but future users which
ties youth. Heritage and history together
Complete interpretation on existing 57 sites
Upgrade and maintain current interpretive sites
Put 90% of the CMP emphasis on education
Get teachers out on the trails, spend a week out then bring back to students like NPTF
Yellowstone Park program
In interpretation, different tribes and agencies need to work together
Include stories on the boarding schools and missions

Use self discovery program with kids
Mechanism of interpretation needs to be included in CMP
Need lexicon that tell the Nez Perce or Indian names of landmarks along trail
This trail is like the Trail of Tear and is part of America's greatest injustices
Establish auto tour routes and associate signage since more of our citizens complete an historic trek by motor vehicle
Reinforce production of good maps documenting Nez Perce and Army routes and sites
Establish a secondary auto tour route for high clearance vehicles utilizing secondary roads to more closely follow actual route of the flight and available for all trail users
Increase interpretation at Fort Leavenworth including a sculpture of Chief Joseph with children and increase size of existing Nez Perce site on base
Use historic facilities along trail to help with interpretation and education
Distinguish between Old Joseph and Young Joseph
There is more than one Camas Meadows on Flight route so distinguish between each
Set up a format to verify stories and histories that use professional standards for historians, have a process for "ground truthing" stories in CMP so it is well understood
Signage should give credit to homeland tribe/country
Develop a safety education program along NPNHT; address grizzly bear habitat and closures, T&E species, horsemanship, driving safety and backcountry travel
Possible interpretive sites at Tickhill and top of Wallowa Tram
Interpret 1855 reservation in Wallowas
Complete Dug Bar interpretation
Include NPNHT sign at Joseph Overlook
Keep videos to 20 minutes
Need to recheck pictures in DVD as some are wrong
Have safety messages in areas like Hells Canyon with interpretive sites
Develop a family of signs across NPNHT for consistency
Signs along auto route don't say auto tour so people think the auto tour is the trail need to correct in new CMP
Get accurate information to O&G's along trail and attend O&G meetings each year to make sure they can assist with telling story (Hells Canyon would like to start this now) so address O&G's in CMP revision
More auto tour makers especially in Montana
Why aren't there joint NPNT logos on NPS signs at battlefields?
Video is very good at telling heartfelt story that is important for American History
Provide DVD to Visitor Centers across trail
Offer off road experiences along NPNHT and develop auto tour brochure just on these challenging routes
Tell the story between the naming of Lost Trail, Gibbon and Joseph pass all in the same area
Emphasize Nez Perce language in written materials and signs on trail and at parks
Add NPNHT signs to Lewis and Clark kiosks to save money and educate public
Use recreational sites along NPNHT for interpretive opportunities
Have an interpretive plan focused on the Bitterroot since there were so many places the Flight stopped in this area
Use international trail signage to market the trail to tourist
Need to make European teachers more aware of all the materials, develop partnership with European Education groups for this
Add more teacher trunks on different topics for NPNHT

Send video to schools and groups along trail
Work with state education offices to make sure that each state is highlighting Flight in their curriculum
Use historical local Indian names for local land marks
Add geological, paleontology and steamboat routes to the cultural and historical themes in the interpretive plan development
Have a list of all associated books on website
Partner with NPS to add an interpreter with their Bear Paw Amtrak program
Incorporate *Montana's Indian Education for All Act* information into all community and school programs- use this for CMP Education planning purposes since it is the first Act of its kind in the US
Use school to reach younger generations and assist with social media techniques
Develop a whole package for teachers that is ready to use
On maps add the warrior route from Canyon Creek to Bear Paw since locals know where it went
Identify route from Bear Paw to Wood Mountain on maps since locals know where this is
Have a map that identifies local ancestral homelands for tribes, this will be difficult but can help start building tribal relationships through its development
Have other tribal perspectives along flight path as it is mapped passing through their homelands
Develop a DVD that discusses all tribe's perspectives of flight so children can understand how many tribes were affected
Flight coincides with vacation time for many families so work this into story
Have a process to correct materials in the CMP
Dillon Museum has pioneer stories on flight, contact them
Make sure interpretive and education is discussed in NEPA document
Develop curriculum about frame of reference for children so that they understand timeframes from modern generation's vs. tribal
Use this plan to assist in getting tribal youth outdoors again