



# NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL

## Progress Report

### Summer 2012



## Administrator's Corner

Greetings,

The Nez Perce National Historic Trail (NPNHT) and Auto Tour Route has much to offer visitors. In addition to a landscape rich in history and beauty, Nez Perce people share their customs and culture through colorful events. Many people have stepped forward to assist us in commemorating the 135th anniversary of the Flight and War of 1877. Be sure to check our [website](#) for presentations related to the 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary and our desk planner for other special events and historical information.



Sandi McFarland, riding along the North Fork of the Big Hole River.  
Photo Courtesy of Bob Reece

I challenge you this summer to inspire your inner adventurer. If you are a history buff, or interested in geographic diversity, the trail and associated sites are the place for your next trip. If you are awed by the sparkling and white water rivers, lakes, deep river gorges, rugged mountains, deep incised canyons, and rolling hills, Please join us on the Trail to make your own history by visiting many of the pristine and unspoiled portions of the Trail.

Whether you prefer to jet boat, raft, kayak, All-terrain Vehicle (ATV), Off-road Vehicle (ORV), Recreational Tent Vehicle (RTV), bike, motorcycle, hike, photograph, view wildlife, camp, or visit scenic drives or battlefield sites and visitor centers, there is an abundance of recreation opportunities awaiting your exploration. Whatever might spur your inner adventurer, the Trail will provide a rustic regal experience. Be sure to take precautions, have a safe and fun trip and enjoy a perfect family vacation for an adventure in living. Check our website for [safe summer tips](#).

If you can't visit the NPNHT in person you can take a virtual tour by visiting our [Flickr site](#). Through our partnership with the Nez Perce Trail Foundation we encourage you to visit via [Google Earth](#). You can also keep up with a wide variety of events happening along the NPNHT by following us on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/npnht>

Kind regards,

*Sandi McFarland*, Administrator NPNHT

“Life is either a great adventure or nothing.” Helen Keller



## America's Great Outdoors, Getting More Kids in the Woods

One of the Forest Service's biggest efforts is distributing \$1 million dollars to projects that get kids outdoors through the [More Kids in the Woods](#) and Children's Forest programs. A list of projects that received 2012 funding is available online and this program will continue in FY 2013. These Forest Service grant programs align with the Obama Administration's broader scale America's Great Outdoors initiative in their focus on engaging the public to work to conserve and restore public lands connecting youth to the land. There are so many different ways this is already occurring by each of you. These include, but are not limited to, such things as you individually taking time to spend with kids outdoors, participation in school programs, and entering into partnership and agreements with outside organizations to connect kids with wilderness. This takes time, effort, and passion and is vital to everything we do.

We sincerely applaud your work and efforts and encourage you to continue. Be creative, start with the notion that it can be done, and then reach out and seek others to help make it happen.

For more information contact Julie Molzahn at: [jmolzahn@fs.fed.us](mailto:jmolzahn@fs.fed.us)



Roger M. Peterson, US Forest Service Image

Young visitors to Packer Meadows this summer.



### NPNHT Education Trunks Available for Use

As we approach the 2012-13 school year we want to remind our partners and educators that our Nez Perce National Historic Trail Traveling [Educational Trunks](#) are available for use in classrooms. Trunks are available for loan on a first come first serve basis. If you have questions or would like to borrow one of our trunks please contact the [NPNHT Administration](#) or Barbie Coldwell. If you have problems reaching [Barbie via e-mail](#) please call her at 406-295-7553.

## White Bird Memorial Remembers Events of 1877, Engages Youth



Sandi McFarland, US Forest Service Image

Karissa McFarland was the youngest participant at age 2 1/2.

Wisdom, MT, on August 11, 2012, and at the Bear Paw Battlefield near Chinook, MT, on October 6, 2012.

Please consider taking time from your busy schedule to attend these ceremonies and reflect on the events surrounding the events of 1877.

On the morning of Sunday, June 17, 2012, approximately 30 people gathered near White Bird, ID, to memorialize the tragic events that occurred on that site 135 years earlier. The group included members of the Nez Perce Tribe, Trail and Park Service staff, local community members, and visitors from as far away as Portland, OR, and ranged in age from 30 months to tribal elders.

Similar ceremonies will be held at the Big Hole Battlefield near



Sandi McFarland, US Forest Service Image

Rosa Yearout, a moment of reflection.



## Nez Perce National Historic Trail Announces “Voices of 1877” Speaker Series



135 years ago the tragic events of the summer of 1877 were unfolding. The staff of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail encourages people to take time to learn more and reflect upon the historic events of 1877 and what they mean for all people today.

In conjunction with a number of partners the NPNHT has sponsored a [website](#) to provide information about events happening during the next several months to commemorate the events of 1877.

Starting in late July, visitors are encouraged to join the Nez Perce National Historic Trail, Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History (RMMM), Travelers Rest State Park, the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, and the Nez Perce Trail Foundation (NPTF) for a series of presentations entitled “Voices of 1877.” More information about these presentations is on the website and on page 7 of this publication.

The first program on July 25, at the RMMM, Fort Missoula, Missoula, MT, focuses on the life of 1st Lieutenant C.E.S Wood who served as the Aide-de-camp to General Oliver Otis Howard during the 1877 war and flight of the non-treaty Nez Perce. Wood is credited with recording Chief Joseph’s words at the Bear Paw Battle in north central Montana in October of 1877. However, this is only one small story in the life of a fascinating man who, during a dark chapter in American history, was one officer who rejected the fundamental assumption of American civilization’s superiority. This presentation will open the window on the life and times of this fascinating figure in American history, who was a soldier, attorney, community advocate, author, and poet. Wood will be portrayed by Jim Zimmerman, a lifetime member of the NPTF.

During the program on August 14, at Travelers Rest State in Lolo, MT, time travel to 1884 as Major Charles C. Rawn, on his way to assume new staff duties with the 24th Infantry in Texas, recalls frontier army life, the Native American situation in post-Civil War America, and the professional army’s ambivalence toward government policy regarding the Native Americans. Rawn established Fort Missoula in 1877 he was the officer in charge at “Fort Fizzle,” and participated in the Battle of the Big Hole during the war of 1877. Major Rawn will recount the roles of Chief Joseph and Chief Looking Glass in their conflict, flight, and battles with the U.S. Army, as well as the roles of Commanding General Oliver O. Howard and Colonel John Gibbon. Rawn is portrayed by Dr. Robert “Bob” Brown, Executive Director of the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula.

On August 22, join Tate Jones, RMMM Executive Director, for a presentation entitled *Blue Coats Under the Big Sky*. The evening’s discussion at the RMMM will look at Civil War Michigan Brigade commander George Armstrong Custer, Gettysburg veteran and Big Hole battle commander Colonel John Gibbon, Fort Missoula founder Major Charles Rawn, New England Civil War volunteer and later U.S. Army Commander in Chief General Nelson Miles, and Army of the Potomac field commander General Oliver O. Howard. Howard’s life in particular offers a vivid portrait of the Civil War/Reconstruction/Frontier era. His career took him from combat with Confederate General Robert E. Lee to heading the Freedman’s Bureau for assistance to freed slaves, and then on to the founding of the traditionally African-American Howard University to action against the “non-treaty” Nez Perce in 1877.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped make these programs possible.

We hope to soon announce additional programs in Billings, MT, Havre, MT, and Lewiston, ID, so please watch our [website for more updates](#).



## Historic Trails Workshop Held in New Mexico

This spring participants from across the county gathered in Socorro, NM, May 14-18, 2012, for the National Historic Trails Workshop, hosted by the Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS). The theme for this year's conference was "From Line on a Map to Real on the Ground."

This year's workshop on National Historic Trails (NHTs) had numerous objectives. They ranged from understanding how the National Trails System Act (NTSA) governs the establishment, preservation, and development of national historic trails to developing a vision for the preservation and development of a NHT.

Upon arrival at the airport in Albuquerque, NM, we started out on our first field trip with a guided interpretive coach tour of [El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro](#) on our way to Socorro. The Trail is known as the Royal Road of the Interior Lands. El Camino Real was the main route into Mexico for peoples, animals, and goods. We stopped to view a section of the trail. It travels through urban to more primitive landscapes of varying vegetation. Visiting with staff from El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro proved rewarding to me because they face many issues similar to the ones along the Nez Perce National Historic Trail (NPNHT). They have to locate more trail segments and mark them, the Trail runs through numerous jurisdictions including private lands, runs consecutively or parallels or intersects other trails, they have an auto tour route, and they are examining potential interpretive sites, plus just starting their comprehensive management plan (CMP).

The workshop touched on many important topics that are affecting us today as we move forward with revising the comprehensive management plan (CMP) for the NPNHT. Other sessions also addressed understanding how national historic trails can relate to America's Great Outdoors (AGO) and to begin developing an action agenda to link NHT's to the AGO.

El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro NHT holistically examined the issues concerning the documentation, preservation, and development of national historic trails for public use on two historic routes through the historic city of Socorro and the little-changed Bosquecito Road. The exercises engaged participants in a fun, challenging, intensive, and structured effort, with lessons and experiences applicable to all NHTs.



L-R, Jim Evans, NPTF, Gary Werner, PNTS, Sandi McFarland NPNHT

One session also gave nonprofit trail groups a chance to brainstorm how to strengthen their organizations. This is a critical element for the success of our non-profit partner.

On Tuesday we started off with a field trip in the urban setting and a session on trail organization issues.

Wednesday began with a field trip to El Camino Real located east of the Rio Grande. A follow up workshop was held and our guest speaker was a lively and informative presentation by Ben Brown, El Camino Real de Tierra Trail Association (CARTA) Archaeologist.

Day three succeeded in broadening our discussion to current policy initiatives, such as AGO and its emphasis on "Large Landscapes." It was held at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge. We examined trail corridor preservation strategies being developed by the Bureau of Land Management, which are a means of providing a link between national trails and national wildlife refuges and a number of opportunities for historic trail preservation in AGO. We also used several case studies to explore ways historic trails are being protected from (and damaged by) energy production projects. The day ended with a tour of the Refuge.

"Padre" Gary Werner shares information about El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro with workshop attendees

Sandi McFarland, NPNHT Administrator



## \$100,000 in Challenge Cost Share Grants Approved for Funding

The following nine Challenge Cost share applications, along with operational funds for the Nez Perce Trail Foundation, were recently approved by Nez Perce National Historic Trail (NPNHT) Administrator Sandi McFarland.

- A workshop for educators along the Trail and in Yellowstone National Park.
- A project providing trail maintenance on two segments of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail (NPNHT) in Oregon and Idaho, by the Nez Perce Appaloosa Horse Club.
- Providing facilities, interpretation, and media that will convey the cultural history of the trail at Deyo Recreation Area in Weippe, ID.
- Creating museum exhibits at the Ravalli Co. Museum, in Hamilton, MT.
- Creating a museum exhibit at the Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History, in Missoula, MT.
- Finishing the virtual Google Earth tour of the NPNHT.
- Creating a new interpretive sign in Wallowa, OR.
- Printing and distributing copies of the Top 10 Scenic Drives Adventure Map which provides visitors with information about the NPNHT, and other National Historical Trails.

These applications totaled \$100,000 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.

This fall the Administration of the NPNHT will again encouraged Challenge Cost Share proposals for projects designed to improve and enhance the visitor’s experience along the NPNHT. Applications will be due by November 30, 2012.

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.

*The following chart shows a distribution of Challenge Cost Share projects awarded by state along the NPNHT during the past four years:*

<b>Year</b>	<b>Oregon</b>	<b>Idaho</b>	<b>Montana</b>	<b>Wyoming</b>	<b>Trail wide</b>
2009	1	1	4	2	
2010	0	2	0	1	
2011	1	1	3	1	1
2012	2	2	3	1	1

### Nez Perce Trail Featured on USDA Blog Site

The Nez Perce National Historic Trail was recently featured on the following USDA Blog discussing Scenic Drives in the Northern Rockies, [visit the site for more information](#).

# *Heat Disorders and Other Safety Tips*

## **Sunburn:**

**Symptoms** -Skin redness and pain, possible swelling, blisters, fever, headaches.

**First Aid** -Take a shower, using soap, to remove oils that may block pores preventing the body from cooling naturally. If blisters occur, apply dry, sterile dressings and get medical attention.

## **Heat Cramps:**

**Symptoms** - Painful spasms usually in leg and abdominal muscles.

Heavy sweating.

**First Aid** - Firm pressure on cramping muscles or gentle massage to relieve spasm. Give sips of water. If nausea occurs, discontinue.

## **Heat Exhaustion:**

**Symptoms** - Heavy sweating, weakness, skin cold, pale and clammy. Weak pulse. Normal temperature possible. Fainting, vomiting.

**First Aid** - Get victim to lie down in a cool place. Loosen clothing. Apply cool, wet cloths. Fan or move victim to air-conditioned place. Give sips of water. If nausea occurs, discontinue. If vomiting occurs, seek immediate medical attention.

## **Heat Stroke (Sun Stroke):**

**Symptoms** - High body temperature (106+). Hot, dry skin. Rapid, strong pulse. Possible unconsciousness. Victim will likely not sweat.

**First Aid** - Heat stroke is a severe medical emergency. Call 9-1-1 or emergency medical services or get the victim to a hospital immediately. Delay can be fatal. Move victim to a cooler environment. Try a cool bath or sponging to reduce body temperature. Use extreme caution. Remove clothing. Use fans and/or air conditioners. **DO NOT GIVE FLUIDS.**

Please watch after our volunteers, family, and friends for heat related issues!!!

## **Safer Summer Tips:**

### ***Water, Water, Water***

Provide plenty of water or sports drinks to prevent dehydration.

Sports drinks should contain 6-8 carbohydrates and electrolytes. Water is the best!

### **Other safety tips:**

Avoid Poison Ivy, Poison Oak, and Poison Sumac. Wash the area with soap and water for 10 minutes.

Apply 1% hydrocortisone cream which is available over the counter. Use calamine lotion which is available over the counter. If rash is on face or does not respond to treatments, seek medical attention.

**Tick Bites**—Prevent tick bites by wearing long sleeved shirts and tuck your pants into your socks.

Avoid where ticks hide out grassy and wooded areas.



## **Be Safe in Your Summer Travels**

**The Staff of the NPNHT want your experience along the Trail this Summer 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>



The Nez Perce National Historic Trail Presents

**Voices of 1877**

**Speaker Series**

All programs are free and open to the public

Jim Zimmerman Portrays:

**Lt. C.E.S Wood...**

**Soldier, Advocate, Attorney, Author, Poet**

**Wednesday July 25th - 7 p.m.**

At the Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History  
Bldg. T-316 Fort Missoula, Missoula, MT



Dr. Bob Brown Portrays:

**Blood Cries for Blood...**

**Major Charles Rawn, the Frontier Army, and the  
Nez Perce War of 1877**

**Tuesday August 14th— 7 p.m.**

At Travelers Rest State Park, Lolo, MT



Tate Jones Presents:

**Blue Coats in the Big Sky...**

**Civil War Officers of the Frontier Indian Campaigns**

**Wednesday August 22nd - 7 p.m.**

At the Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History  
Bldg. T-316 Fort Missoula, Missoula, MT



[www.fs.usda.gov/npnht/](http://www.fs.usda.gov/npnht/)





## News From the Nez Perce Trail Foundation

This spring has been a busy time for the Nez Perce Trail Foundation (NPTF). It started on National Trails Day when the NPTF along with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Cody Field Office lead a hike and trail mapping day on Saturday, June 2, near a segment of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail (NPNHT) close to Clark, WY. Hikers of all ages helped identify, map, and document possible variants of the NPNHT. Participants then walked transects near the trail, hoping to find evidence of alternate routes. Volunteers were excited to find a collapsed coal mine adit, several historic debris scatters, and an isolated unifacial quartzite scraper. Although none of the artifacts can be definitively correlated with the 1877 event, future research expectations have been refined. “Our morning began with educational programs about the history of the trail. As we travel the country identifying where the trail is, and it’s nice to have local people involved,” said Jim Evans, NPTF Executive Director. “Volunteers make this whole thing possible.”



Photo Courtesy of the Nez Perce Trail Foundation

National Trails Day Participants look for evidence along the NPNHT in NW Wyoming, June 2, 2012.

In Mid-June the NPFT held its spring board meeting in Grangeville, ID.

The NPTF is excited to receive funding through the NPNHT Challenge Cost Share program to continue the Yellowstone Stone Teacher project and finish the Google Earth project. In early August more than a dozen educators will gather in Yellowstone National Park to learn more about the NPNHT and be able to take those lessons back to their classroom. Working with Ron Hall Google Certified Geo Trainer/kml Developer, we plan to have the Google Earth Virtual Tour of the NPNHT completed, with the final two segments through Yellowstone National Park and from Canyon Creek to Bear Paw, by this fall. Stay tuned to the [NPTF website](#).

On Wednesday July 25<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the NPNHT, the Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History, and NPTF Lifetime Member Jim Zimmerman we are glad to share more about the fascinating life of 1877 War participant 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. C.E.S Wood.

Jim Evans  
Executive Director  
Nez Perce Trail Foundation

### Fall 2012 Conference Participation

This Fall Nez Perce National Historic Trail (NPNHT) Staff will be participating in two conferences in the Missoula area.

We will be participating in the Montana and Idaho Parks and Recreation Conference September 25-29 in the Garden City, aka Missoula, and providing information about the NPNHT to conference attendees.

The National Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) Gathering will at held at the Guest House Inn in Missoula, MT, September 27—30, 2012. The NPNHT staff will be providing information about the Trail for those attending the conference and we salute the Corpsmen for their dedication and service to America from 1933-1942.





# News From the National Park Service:

## Big Hole National Battlefield

On June 2, 2012, the Big Hole National Battlefield staff, along with our tribal partners, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, the Nez Perce Tribe and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, plus select Nez Perce National Historical Park (NPNHP) staff held an exhibit blessing and ribbon cutting to formally open the new Visitor Center (*photo right*). It was a time of much reflection of what we had accomplished over the last five years to turn a dream into reality. Of course there were a few technical issues that had to be addressed in the weeks before the grand reopening, but by the time the crowd showed up and the sun broke through the clouds everything was in its place and working. The public who have been coming in since then have been overwhelming in their praises of the new exhibits and the new exterior of the building. Our cooperating association, The Glacier Natural History Association, held their board meeting here in June and got to see the new bookstore and take in all the new exhibits and was equally impressed.



Roger M. Peterson, US Forest Service Image

Now that the main exhibits done, we are starting to tackle the new vestibule in front of the building and making sure all who visit the site will be able to take away something from their visit. In this hallway we will have exhibits that are created in-house that will feature sites in the NPNHP, Montana, and the region. These will give visitors an idea about what else to see and do in the area and hopefully spur them to visit other sites. To be inclusive of those who are vision impaired, the Park is working with a well-known audio description company out of Maryland to produce a script and audio files for new exhibits that will be added to the new listening devices sometime in the winter of 2012-13. At the same time we are also redoing our restroom facilities in the Visitor Center so that they will be fully accessible for those with disabilities. Big Hole is striving to be the first area of the Nez Perce NHP to meet every visitor's needs.

With the coming of summer, visitors are flocking to the Park and visitation is up 15% from last June. For the first time since it was built in the late summer of 2009, our observation deck is having scheduled ranger led deck talks twice a day with impromptu talks at other times during the day. Ranger guided walks of the park are also occurring daily.

In late May the Park hosted its third Coyote Camp. Through this program schools from around western Montana and eastern Idaho, come to the Park to learn from Nez Perce and other cultural demonstrators and tour the Park. The camp is many teachers' favorite way to wrap up the school year. While the number of students was down from last year due to school budget issues it was still a big hit with staff, presenters, and students alike, and we plan to have this program back for its fourth iteration next year.



The NEW Big Hole Web Cam went LIVE on July 12, 2012:  
<http://www.nps.gov/webcams-biho/battlefield.jpg>



Big Hole Park Guide Leslie Lula shows the NPNHT Postcards which have been well received by Park visitors.

Steve Black, Superintendent  
 Big Hole National Battlefield





## News From the National Park Service: News from Bear Paw Battlefield

Jim Magera recently retired from a teaching career of 45 years in northern Montana. Jim's service includes a 45 year history of research and tour-giving at Bear Paw Battlefield. He will continue to work as a seasonal employee at Bear Paw for Nez Perce National Historical Park and has agreed to serve as the Principal of St. Jude's Elementary School in Havre, MT, for one year. May he never retire from the National Park Service!

Stephanie Martin  
Park Ranger, Bear Paw Battlefield



Stephanie Martin, National Park Service Image

Ranger Jim Magera (second from right) leads a tour in June at Bear Paw Battlefield near Chinook, MT, for a group of history enthusiasts from Ohio, Texas, and California.



## News From Nez Perce National Historical Park

Interpreters from the Spalding Unit of Nez Perce National Historical Park have been participating in many community events this summer. In May, Ranger Kevin Peters participated in the National Get Outdoors Day event held at Fort Vancouver National Historical Park in Vancouver, WA. Rangers also set up a tipi and had other displays and activities at Camas Fest in Weippe, ID, and White Bird Days in White Bird, ID. Park interpreters have also been presenting programs at many libraries as part of the Summer Reading programs.

Family day was held in the Spalding Picnic Area on July 13. Families were able to join in on many activities including creating ledger art, beading, a scavenger hunt and more. Another Family Day will be held on August 8, 2012, with different activities.

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



National Park Service Image

June 20th was a perfect day for a tipi. Staff put up Park's tipi along with a painted tipi done by Nez Perce staff member Kevin Peters





## News From the Bureau of Land Management (BLM): National Historic Trails Center, Casper, WY, Hosts NPNHT Exhibit

This summer the staff at the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, WY, is hosting an exhibit about the Nez Perce National Historic Trail (NPNHT).

NPNHT staff worked with Center staff this spring to make arrangements for the temporary exhibit. Since the exhibit opened on July 1, 2012, the staff at the Center has been amazed at the interest in the NPNHT by their visitors. The NPNHT staff has restocked the Center twice with hundreds of NPNHT brochures. "In my four years at the Center I've never seen interpretive information go so quickly," said Alex Rose, BLM Information Assistant.

The National Historic Trails Interpretive Center is a cooperative partnership between BLM, the National Historic Trails Center Foundation, and the City of Casper. The Trails Center interprets the significant role of the area's historic trails in the history of the United States, and seeks to promote public understanding of both America's western Native cultures and historic westward expansion while highlighting BLM's role as active stewards of public lands.

The exhibit will be at the Interpretive Center through Labor Day.



Visitors view NPNHT exhibit at the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center.

Bureau of Land Management Image



## Cody Field Office Volunteers Search for Historic Trail Routes on National Trails Day

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Cody Field Office, the Nez Perce Trail Foundation (NPTF), and other volunteers spent June 2—National Trails Day—searching for evidence of possible alternate routes of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail (NPNHT) near Clark, WY.

Participants met at 9:30 a.m. at the north end of the Edelweiss parking lot by the NPNHT interpretive signs and picnic area.

"The morning began with educational programs about the history of the trail by the NPTF, archaeology and proper inventory techniques by the Greybull River Sustainable Landscape Ecology non-profit, and management considerations for this nationally significant trail," said Kierson Crume, BLM Archaeologist.

"Groups of participants then walked transects near the trail in an effort to identify possible alternate routes the Nez Perce or the U.S. Army may have used during the 1877 flight. If there were NPNHT variants in the Cody Field Office area, they were likely used only once, making such routes difficult to pinpoint." As a result of the positive response from the volunteers, Crume hopes to continue the inventory effort in the future.



Dr. Larry Todd talks about the area's archaeology. Standing from left: Kyle Wright (Shoshone National Forest), Mike Neville and Lisa Marks (BLM)

Bureau of Land Management Image





## News From the National Forests: Clearwater National Forest, Lolo Pass Visitor Center

Visitors enjoyed another great season of winter fun at Lolo Pass this past winter. Because of the good snow conditions, we were able to extend our ski trail grooming an extra three days into April. Our maximum snow depth reached 98 inches this past winter, with a total of 203 inches of snow fall. This was the first winter we had snowshoes available to visitors, and many took advantage of the opportunity.



By Heidi Walker, Photo Courtesy of DYNW

The camas in Packer Meadow was in full bloom about June 28 this year. The 5th annual Mountain to Meadow Half Marathon and 5K Fun Run event (*photo above*) was held on June 30. This great event is organized by Discover Your Northwest, a Forest Service partner. Proceeds from the race benefit the Lolo Pass Visitor Center. The Race Coordinator is Colleen Mathisen, the Discover Your Northwest (DYNW) Lolo Pass Branch Manager. Thanks to the hard work of Colleen and the many volunteers and local sponsors, this year’s race was a huge success. We had our largest participant turnout to date, with 305 participants. Many of those participants brought along their 4 legged companions, and this year we opened the course up to “canine cross” participants as well. The race was kicked off by the Traveler’s Rest Brigade re-enactors, who

provided interpretive demonstrations and talks throughout the day.



Buffie Cerutti, US Forest Service Image

Each season we decorate our front desk of the Visitor Center with a different theme. This year we chose to focus on the Nez Perce and the National Historic Trail. We used the great photos and maps from this year’s Nez Perce National Historic Trail (NPNHT) Desk Planner as well as some of the popular NPNHT annual posters. Please stop by and check out our display. We have several of the posters on display available to handout. (*see photo left, Francis Weigand – seasonal Interpreter at Lolo Pass*).

Buffie Cerutti, Manager  
Lolo Pass Visitor Center

The staff of the NPNHT would like to thank Colleen Mathisen and DYNW for including information about the Nez Perce National Historic Trail in the race participant packets.



## **New Faces Along the Trail: Faye Krueger Named Northern Regional Forester**

US Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell announced this spring the selection of Faye Krueger as the new regional forester for the agency's Northern Region based in Missoula, MT.

The Northern Region area encompasses 25 million acres over five states. Included are 12 National Forests located within the perimeter of, northeastern Washington, northern Idaho, and Montana; and the National Grasslands in North Dakota and northwestern South Dakota. The region is home to 16 congressionally designated Wilderness areas, six National Wild and Scenic Rivers, the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, and 2,539 miles of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, the Nez Perce National Historic Trail and much more.

"Faye's experience and focus on collaboration make her an excellent leader for our northern regional office in Missoula," Tidwell said. "As a lifelong forester and outdoors enthusiast, she'll bring passion and common sense to our 25 million acres of northern forests and grasslands."

Krueger replaces Leslie Weldon, who moved to the agency's Washington Office last year to take over the position as the Deputy Chief of the National Forest System.

Krueger was named as Associate Deputy Chief for the National Forest System in August, 2011. Prior to that, she served as Deputy Regional Forester for the Southwestern Region of the U.S. Forest Service since 2008.

A Forest Service employee since 1980, Krueger has held positions on the Payette National Forest in Idaho, the Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah, the Dakota Prairie Grasslands in Dickinson, N.D., the Gallatin National Forest in Montana, the Tongass National Forest in Thorne Bay, Alaska, and the Caribou National Forest in Idaho.

Krueger holds a Bachelor of Science in forestry from the University of Montana and is married with two grown children and one grandchild.



### **UPCOMING Events:**

- July—August, 2012—Summer Speaker Series Continues at Big Hole National Battlefield, Wisdom, MT
- July—September, 2012—NPNHT Speaker Series "Voices of 1877"...see schedule on page 7
- July 25, 2012—Lt. C.E.S. Wood History Program, Rocky Mountain Museum Military History, Missoula, MT, 7 p.m.
- July 29—August 4, 2012—[Chief Joseph Trail Ride](#), Yellowstone National Park
- August 8, 2012—Family Day Nez Perce National Historical Park, Spalding, ID
- August 11, 2012 — Big Hole Memorial, 10 a.m., Wisdom, MT
- August 14, 2012 — Major Charles Rawn Living History Program, Travelers Rest State Park, Lolo, MT, 7 p.m.
- August 17-19, 2012—[Chief Looking Glass Days & Powwow](#), Kamiah, ID
- August 22, 2012 — "Blue Coats Under the Big Sky" Rocky Mountain Museum Military History, Missoula, MT, 7 p.m.
- September 25-29, 2012 — Montana, Idaho Recreation and Park Association Conference, Missoula, MT
- September 29, 2012 — [National Public Lands Day](#)
- October 6, 2012 — Bear Paw Memorial 10 a.m., Chinook, MT
- October, 12-14, 2012, Hi'item Waq'iswit Pow wow—Lewiston, ID
- November 23, 2012—Native American Heritage Day
- April 14-17, 2013—21st American Trails [International Trails Symposium](#), Scottsdale, AZ



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Bannack State Park, SW Montana



Columbine at Birch Creek, ID



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