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

## Progress Report

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### Administrator's Corner



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Sandra Broncheau-McFarland, at Smoking Place, along the NPNHT and Lolo Trails.

I asked our partners why they felt so passionately about our work. They said that they learned more about the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) and Nez Perce culture in our interpretative and educational materials than they did in all their years in school. I totally agreed. Through our posters, desk planners, interpretive signs, brochures, website, videos, presentations, and progress reports our work is designed to give people today and future generations a broader and more holistic understanding of the history and living culture of our treasured NPNHT. Our educational outreach connects with thousands of students, teachers, longtime residents, tribal youth, visitors, and people from countries outside the United States every year.

Our work together is just beginning! We are looking forward to another year of excitement and discovery on the Trail and Auto Tour Route. This means our ambitious plans for the federal fiscal year can be a reality with your continued support. Thank you for recognizing your own legacy- “The NPNHT.” You are a part of our goal of being a part of this important generational change. By working together we will be successful when people like you take action to volunteer and become our partners.

Your feedback helps ensure that the Trail and Auto Tour Route continues to be yours. Give us a call, send an email, or stop by our offices; we would enjoy hearing from you.

*“Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value” –Albert Einstein*

*Sandra Broncheau-McFarland,*  
Administrator, NPNHT



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## New Mobile App Will Help Visitors Experience the Nez Perce National Historic Trail



the country to connect the public to historic landscapes. All the information from the NPNHT's Eight Auto Tour brochures is now available in the palm of your hands.

Next Exit uses GPS to let you search for and explore the historic sites near you!

The app is free, and interactive content provides an exciting glimpse of the Trail and the stories it shares. For additional details visit: [www.fs.fed.us/npnht](http://www.fs.fed.us/npnht)

"We are thrilled to provide information about the Trail using this mobile application," said Sandra Broncheau-McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT. "The Trail has embraced technology and is eager to offer engaging and powerful learning experiences to visitors. We are especially grateful to all of our partners who helped make this possible."

Next Exit History is made possible by support from the U.S. Forest Service—Washington Office and the NPNHT Administration. The Forest Service partnered with the Bitter Root Cultural Heritage Trust to assist with the transfer of our current printed literature to the electronic format of a mobile app.

"There are fans and advocates in communities along the Trail willing and eager to help folks access the stories along the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail" said Kristine Komar of the Bitter Root Cultural Heritage Trust. "We are grateful that the NPNHT staff is open to fostering partnerships and including partners as team mates! We enjoy our association and it allows communities to support and help steward the Trail."

With over 60,000 sites in the database, Next Exit History offers partners an opportunity to leverage their historic and cultural resources by connecting a worldwide network of sites.

Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, NPNHT

On September 28 the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) celebrated National Public Lands Day along with several partners by launching new means for visitors to access information about the Trail and experience their public lands via the mobile app Next Exit History.

Developed by a team of historians and instructional designers at the University of West Florida, the Next Exit History app is as intuitive as it is authentic. Over the years, the team has worked with organizations across



The Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historical Trail has partnered with Next Exit History, a mobile app that connects visitors to nearby historic sites.



**STEP 01** Download the FREE Next Exit History app directly from iTunes or Google Play.



**STEP 02** Launch the app and explore using the GPS-enabled map and tours.

Next Exit History's interactive content provides an exciting glimpse into the trail and the stories it shares. All eight auto tour guides are fully available on the app.

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## New NPNHT Exhibit Dedicated at Fort Missoula

On Saturday, August 24, 2019, a new Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) exhibit at Fort Missoula, MT, was unveiled.

Through a partnership Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History (RMMMH) and Challenge Cost Share Agreement (CCSA) with the NPNHT, a dedicated exhibit is now in place interpreting the events of 1877.



U.S. Forest Service photo, Roger M. Peterson

The RMMMH applied for the CCSA project funding in 2013, which covered the installation of three large

exhibit panels within the magazine. Topics covered by the exhibit include the Nez Perce leadership, a map overview of the Trail, and a depiction of the horses used by the combatants of both sides, and general information about the events of 1877.

About 30 people attended the evening presentation by Nez Perce Trail Foundation President, Jim Zimmerman. Mr. Zimmerman portrayed 1st Lt. Charles Erskine Scott (C.E.S) Wood. C.E.S. Wood who served as the Aid De Camp to U.S. Army General

Oliver Otis Howard during the 1877 war and flight and transcribed Chief Joseph's now famous speech. He was joined by a group of Frontier Army reenactors from the U.S. 1st Volunteers, including John Turner of the 1st U.S. Volunteers and RMMMH President Gary Lancaster (*photo above*)



U.S. Forest Service photo, Roger M. Peterson

Following the presentation everyone took a short stroll south of the RMMMH to visit the Powder Magazine and view the exhibit (*photo left*).

Seeking sanctuary for their people, the “non-treaty” Nez Perce led between 750-800 people across the Lolo Trail into western Montana, pursued by General Howard's troops.

We would like to thank all the volunteers and staff of the RMMMH and Nez Perce Trail Foundation who made this event possible.

The presentations were recorded by Missoula Community Access Television (MCAT) and can be viewed online at: <http://69.144.69.99/CablecastPublicSite/show/10915?channel=1>

The exhibit will be open during operating hours for the RMMMH, please [contact the museum](#) for further details.

Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, NPNHT



Photo Courtesy of Tom Bauer, The Missoulian

## Update of Auto Tour 2 Brochure Underway

The long overdue process of overhauling the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) Auto Tour brochure for the segment between Orofino, ID, and Lolo, MT, is underway.

Staff from the NPNHT spent time this past summer collecting information and fresh images along this route. The draft text and photographs were recently submitted to our graphic design team with the Center for Design and Interpretation.

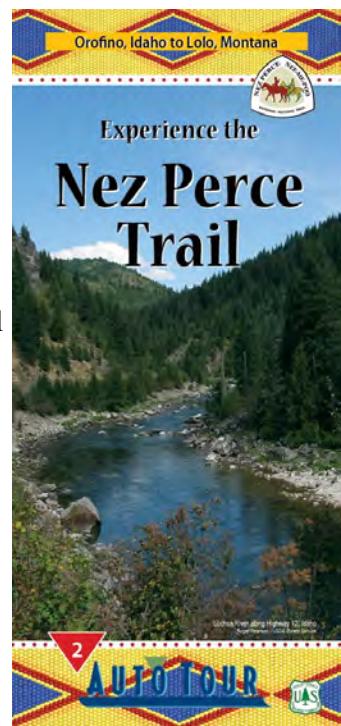
We anticipate a first draft will be available by the end of November. We will then be distributing this draft to tribal cultural programs and numerous other partners for their review and input. We'll most likely have a 2<sup>nd</sup> round of review early in 2020 before finalizing and printing this brochure prior to the 2020 summer travel season.

So, be on the look out in your mailboxes for the draft for review.

We are also doing some minor updates to the other NPNHT Auto Tour brochures and anticipate printing them in the spring of 2020. If you are aware of any significant corrections to any of the brochures, please let us know ASAP!

Thanks everyone for your dedication and helping to provide the best possible information to NPNHT visitors. Every year we receive rave reviews about the brochures, and that is because of everyone who contributes to the process.

Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, NPNHT



## Congressional and LWCF Update

Congress has passed a Continuing Resolution to fund the government agencies through November 21, 2019, and to give more time to complete the 12 FY 2020 appropriations bills. The Senate Appropriations Committee has also reported out the FY 2020 Interior Appropriations Bill providing \$465 million for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). This amount is only \$15 million more than was appropriated for FY 2019 and is considerably less than the \$524 million for LWCF provided in the FY 2020 Interior Appropriations Bill passed by the House in mid-June. Meanwhile, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Coalition continues to urge members of Congress to cosponsor the LWCF Permanent Funding Act, H.R.3195 and S.1081. These bills require annual appropriation of the full \$900 million authorized for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and are companion bills. The goal of the Partnership for the National Trails System is to convince 25 more Representatives and at least two more Senators to cosponsor the appropriate bill. The FY 2020 Senate Interior Appropriations Bill also provides different amounts of money to fund the operations of the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, and the Bureau of Land Management, than provided by the House Bill. The differences between the Senate and House bills will be reconciled by a Conference Committee later this fall.

Congress has only appropriated the full authorized \$900 million for the LWCF several times over the 55 year history of this most important conservation program. If these bills become law the authorized \$900 million must be appropriated annually with 40% of the money allocated for land acquisition by Federal agencies, another 40% allocated to all the States by formula, and the remaining 20% to be allocated by the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. A percentage of the Federal allocation would be directed toward increasing recreational access, such as land closing trail gaps, to public lands.

Sandra Broncheau-McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT

## Partnership for the National Trails System

The Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS) will retain the services of an interim executive director as a bridge between the retirement of long-time Executive Director Gary Werner and the hire of a permanent, full-time executive director. Werner is scheduled to retire at the PNTS Board meeting in February 2020 at Hike the Hill, the annual Washington, D.C. gathering of scenic and historic trail supporters organized by PNTS and the American Hiking Society. In addition, PNTS will move its national headquarters from Madison, WI, where it has been located for nearly three decades, to the Washington, D.C. area. The move of the PNTS headquarters to Washington, D.C., planned for late in 2020, is seen as necessary because of the importance of the Federal legislative process and Federal agency partners to PNTS scenic and historic trails. Both decisions were made by the PNTS Board of Directors following recommendations from a Board-appointed Transition Task Force), which was established earlier this year to help guide the organization through a time of change and opportunity.

Sandra Broncheau-McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT

## UPDATE Historic Routes Project

The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests' Historic Routes Project has made some substantial headway in the last few months! A total of seven Electronic Tour Sites highlighting the interesting history of the Forests and region have been installed over the summer months of 2019, with two additional sites planned for installation before the end of the year.

Locations of these Electronic Tour Sites include the Lolo Pass Visitor Center at the Idaho-Montana border along Highway 12; Lochsa Lodge, also along Highway 12 at Powell, ID; The Elk City Wagon Road Museum in Clearwater, ID; Musselshell Meadows, at the Pollinator Garden and Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) Trailhead. Finally, there are three sites along the Lolo Motorway (Lolo Trail): Beaver Dam Saddle at the junction of Forest Road #103 and #104; Saddle Camp, at the junction of Forest Road #107 and #500; and Powell Junction, at the junction of Forest Road #569 and #500.

These Electronic Tour Sites allow visitors to connect to Wi-Fi in remote locations where they can download multimedia, such as podcasts, brochures, maps, and video, to take with them on their smart device as they travel across the Lolo Motorway, or one of the Forests' two National Historic Trails: the NPNHT and the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trails.

While these sites are all currently similar in terms of the content provided, as the project develops and more multimedia is created each site will be more detailed and specific to historic events, natural history of the area, recreational information, and other interesting or informative content. These sites provide a great opportunity to interpret interesting information about the NPNHT and other local history in a new and engaging way.

Future sites will be installed in additional community locations in close proximity to the Historic Routes on the National Forests including the Lolo Motorway, and along the Elk City Wagon Road and Magruder Corridor, two routes that follow the Southern Nez Perce Trail.

For further information about the Historic Routes Project, please contact Chrysann Jaeger at: [chrysann.jaeger@usda.gov](mailto:chrysann.jaeger@usda.gov).

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U.S. Forest Service photo, Chrysann Jaeger



Interpretive signs along the Lolo Motorway, with Electronic Tour Site attached

# New Bronze Statue on Main Street in Joseph, Oregon

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Artist Doug Hyde was born in Hermiston, Oregon; grew up in Lapwai, Idaho; went to the art school in San-ta Fe, New Mexico, then later moved to Vietnam. On his return home, he learned to carve stone while working in a monument yard in Lewiston, Idaho. For the last 40 years Hyde has worked in stone and bronze. Much of his recent work has been telling tribal stories through those mediums, across the country. His bronze sculpture of Chief Joseph is at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington D.C., and at the Clearwater River Casino near Lewiston. He now has another piece on display; 'etweyé·wise ("I return from a hard journey") on Main Street in Joseph, Oregon. The Josephy Center for Arts and Culture received a generous grant from the Oregon Community Foundation, to commission a Plateau Indian artist to design something special for the city. Joseph's bronze streetscape has several sculptures depicting Native Americans, but none of them are the work of an Indian artist. The Josephy Center, with Oregon Community Foundation's support, set out to change that. Jurors from three reservations—Colville in Washington, Nez Perce in Idaho, and Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla in Oregon—sifted through several initial applications and asked two final artists to submit sketches of their 3-dimensional visions for the project.

The jurors were in awe of Hyde's work and asked him to complete the design. Hyde's conception is a granite wall with an outline of the mountains in the background, and the full-size figure of a Nez Perce woman carved out of the granite. The woman, in bronze, is walking back toward the mountains, toward the Wallowas. It truly is 'etweyé·wise. The sculpture sits in the Josephy Center's front yard, visible from Main Street (*photo above*). The unveiling an installation of Hyde's work occurred on June 22. For more information, contact Rich Wandschneider at 541-432-0505, or [rich.wandschneider@gmail.com](mailto:rich.wandschneider@gmail.com). *Note: This work is part of a Challenge Cost Share Agreement with the NPNHT.*



## Battle at Bear Paw Commemoration

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A drive from Wisdom, Montana to Chinook, Montana takes close to six hours. The distance is close to 355 miles, as you take a straight shot north toward the Canadian border. According to Google Maps, it would take an individual around 118 hours, almost five days non-stop, to walk that distance. Let's throw into the equation cold weather, and at times bitter with snow on the ground in some places. It should also be noted that the journey will be alongside a group of some 800 people, including elders and children. Following the battle at Big Hole, the Nez Perce continued on in hopes of finding refuge in Canada. They traveled 1,170 miles in a matter of 51 days. When they arrived at C'aynnim Alikinwaaspa, Place of the Ma-nure Fire, they were just 40 miles short of the Canadian Border where they decided to rest. The next five days would be a battle that would end in siege and the well-known surrender speech by Chief Joseph. When you go to the Bear Paw

Battlefield in October, you arrive at beautiful hillsides and rolling plains, with perhaps a dusting of snow on the ground, and the beautiful mountains off to the side as the backdrop. You can walk a trail that is 1 and 1/4 mile long, to get a closer view of the battlefield. The hike loops back around to the original view point, but there is also a turn off trail that will take you to Death Rock, where a number of Chiefs had their lives taken. Along that trail you will see several dug-out pits in the ground, where people laid to take coverage. You will see a number of rocks and areas where visitors left offerings. At the top of one hillside you will see a placard marking where Chief Ollokot fell on September 30, 1877. As you near the end of the trail you will find the burial area of the fallen soldiers. The final point is marked to be near the site where Chief Joseph met with Colonel Miles to surrender his rifle. The memorial began with a crowd surrounding a circle of chairs, while the drum opened the commemoration. Wilfred "Scotty" Scott, gave opening remarks and thanked those that were able to attend. A strong wind howled as people stood on that hillside wrapped in coats, hats, gloves, and blankets. Though the sun was out, the wind chill made it feel significantly colder. Standing there, you couldn't help but think about how those warriors felt as they were exposed to the elements and therefore you withstand the cold. The ceremony continued on with heartfelt words and stories. Following the completion of the ceremony, attendees disperse to walk the trail and grab food. The Battlefield is in the midst of the Fort Belknap reservation, which has a deep appreciation for the Nez Perce and the battle they fought. Each year they host the Chief Joseph Pow Wow as a memorial to Chief Joseph and the warriors. The food is hot and fresh, prepared by Kristal Fox and her family. They have been providing food for the past ten years or so. Fox said her father was never an emotional man, however when he told the story of Chief Joseph and the battle he always cried. When she attended the memorial for the first time, she arrived and was shocked, "I got there and it was cold, and the people at Battle at Bear Paw Commemoration didn't even have coffee." She went home, and with her family, prepared sandwiches for everyone. They have been providing the meal ever since, "The Nez Perce should never come here hungry," Fox said. Though this was the final battle, it was not the end of the fight. Even today, there are still rights the Nez Perce are fighting for. Just as the warriors in the battle of Bear Paw fought for their way of life, the Nez Perce will continue to fight to maintain those rights for the next several generations. The words Chief Joseph spoke may seem to mean surrender, but in reality it was another war strategy to ensure survival of the Nez Perce people. "Tell General Howard I know his heart. What he told me before, I have in my heart. I am tired of fighting. Our Chiefs are killed. Looking Glass is dead. Too-hul-hul-sote is dead. The old men are all dead. It is the young men who say yes or no. He who leads the young men is dead. It is cold and we have no blankets. The little children are freezing to death. My people, some of them have run away to the hills and have no blankets, no food; no one knows here they are, perhaps freezing to death. I want time to look for my children and see how many I can find. Maybe I shall find them among the dead. Hear me my chiefs, I am tired; my heart is sick and sad. From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever."

## A Visitor Perspective along the NPNHT Auto Tour in Oregon, and Central Idaho

For 40 years we've looked to escape the press of humanity in a 4WD truck and along the way learn the history of the people who came before us, those who built these incredible roads. Our travels have generally brought us to warm weather in Canyonlands, Doll House, White Rim Trail, and Lockhart Basin. Montana had escaped our scrutiny until we found Steven Ambrose's writings in "*Undaunted Courage*," the account of the Lewis and Clark expedition, where we learned of the Lolo Trail, the ancient Nez Perce route that hasn't changed much since the early 1800s. We wanted to know more. Who were the Nez Perce who first traveled this trail? Kent Nerburn's book "*Chief Joseph and the Flight of the Nez Perce*" thoroughly hooked us. Now we needed local knowledge. Enter Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist for the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) whose office is located at Fort Missoula and the Northern Region Headquarters office for the U.S. Forest Service. Roger sent us, free of charge, all eight [NPNHT Auto Tour brochures](#) which provide a wealth of information. Our journey began in northeastern Oregon following the first brochures in the series.

Joseph, OR, is a pleasant town with good food and drink and stunning bronze sculptures. We camped south of town, then spent the next two days exploring, including a short drive to the town of Imnaha, which was beautiful. The road weaves through flat ranchland where the Nez Perce ran thousands of horses, climbs a bench for pastoral views then dips down into the canyon. It is well paved with fresh fog-striping; the adjacent river bottoms a gorgeous mix of fall-hues. Our adventure included lunch at the Imnaha General Store and Tavern, 29 miles from Joseph, OR. It was exceptional with homemade soup from homegrown tomatoes, and tasty burgers. Yolanda served up micro-brews and ciders with an easy smile. She is a fine source of local knowledge regarding road conditions for a trip to Dug Bar, which (alas) time and weather did not permit.



Highway 3 from Enterprise to Lewiston is an awesome feat of road engineering. It's well maintained, but the narrow switch-backing precipitous plummets and climbs out of the Grande Ronde gorge are breathtaking. Be prepared to get to know your engine-braking capabilities on Rattlesnake Grade (*photo left*). After stopping in Lewiston, ID, and Clarkston, WA, and re-stocking our supplies we spent the night at Hells Gate State Park with its ample sites and views of the Snake River. A trip to the Nez Perce National Historic Park in Spalding is a must; their fascinating, authentic collection of regalia is gorgeous. A drive to the White Bird Battlefield for a hike was enlightening as to the savvy of the Nez Perce. A stop at Tolo Lake provided a calm lunch on an excellently graded gravel road.

Onto NPNHT Auto Tour brochure #2. As we headed up U.S. Highway 12 along the sweetly curving Clearwater and Lochsa (lock-saw) rivers to Jerry Johnson Campground. As it was late in the season (September 24) we chose a sunny site; the first snow fall of the season was predicted in three days. That evening we hiked the level five-mile round trip to the excellent hot spring; the last 50' are almost vertical so be sure to take the first right-hand path to easily reach the clear, sandy bottomed pools.

Our last day we rose early, had an excellent breakfast at the Lochsa Lodge. We then crossed U.S. Highway 12 onto Forest Road 569/Parachute Hill and started climbing. We zeroed out the odometer as we left the pavement and wound our way thru thick forest and up steep slopes on a very narrow two-track. In about 5.7 miles we reached the Lolo Motorway also known as Road 500, which follows the historic pathways of the Nez Perce who for centuries used this corridor for semi-nomadic travel thru their homeland. At various points, when traversing a bald or burn-over with new growth, the views of high timbered ridges and multicolored clefts cascading down sheer slopes are spectacular. But you disregard the road at your peril! As longtime camp-buddy and

passenger Ann said, "Don't be encouraged by the first few miles!" Topographic maps are a must and the free, non-contoured road maps available from the Forest Service office located in Kamiah, ID, are nice to have as well.



One of Joseph Oregon's newest bronze statues: L-R: Sandra Broncheau-McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT, and Rich Wandschneider Director of The Josephy Center for Art and Culture.

The road-bed is ungraded, crossed often by twin-board “checks” that divert spring runoff. While side roads are well marked this is not a trip to be taken cavalierly. The path is extremely narrow with only a handful of realistic pull-outs; jagged rock form a wall on one side and the other is nothin’ but air over scantily supported cliff edges. Note: Age-old passing etiquette dictates the down-hill traveler backs up to find a pullout for the up-hill driver to pass clear. Think about that for a moment... Be cautious, be courteous, be careful especially around blind, hairpin curves.

This road is neither difficult nor technical; it is absolutely high clearance. Travel speeds spanned 2 to 20 mph, ‘gnarly’ to ‘not so bad’, but keep a sharp lookout for the 8” wide, 10” deep ruts or large oil-pan-sniffing rocks. On a Wednesday, late in the season, we met one parked truck (the drivers having blown two tires, thankfully they had a spare) and were passed by two quads and a motorcycle traveling together. The press of humanity this is not, translation, “:you are on your own” cell service is non-existent even on high ridges. Let folks know your plan and pack essentials just in case.

Our absolute favorite spot was Indian Post Office, the highest point on the drive. The panorama made us appreciate the undaunted courage of the Corps of Discovery as well as the hospitality of the Nez Perce who brought them safely thru this maze of mountains to western waterways and back again. It was a crystalline moment we’ll never forget. As time was short and snow predicted we exited the Motorway via Road 107 (Saddle Camp), and stopped for a soak at Weir Creek Hotspring, the parking lot for which is located on the north side of a hairpin curve on U.S. Highway 12 between Milepost 142 and 143. It’s an easy hike with some vertical along the way and brings you to a lovely though not as clear 105 degree pool that will ease any body-part in need, including your head.

Driving south the next day, feeling the pending storm buffet our rig, we decided we’d found plenty of unhurried, unoccupied places. We’d stretched our legs but mostly we’d stretched our brains. We’d learned something about our history and we appreciate those who have gone before us a little more.

Submitted by Jennifer and Harvey Portz

## Update: Conserving the East Moraine of Wallowa Lake

The East Moraine of the Wallowa Lake is on its way to being conserved! Lou Deyette Perry, working with Wallowa Land Trust, have established a 482-acre conservation easement that permanently protects working lands, habitat, and scenic values on their property.

“I am happy to leave this as a legacy to the County and future generations,” Lou Perry said.

The Perry conservation easement extends from the base of Wallowa Lake’s lateral moraine complex up over the crest of the East Moraine. Located at the southernmost tip of the Zumwalt Prairie, the property contains critical winter range for mule deer, and a concentration of the federal and state-listed wildflower, Spalding’s catchfly. It is also part of the Chief Joseph Band homeland and today part of the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic (NPNHT). The property will remain a working farm and is adjacent to the 175-acre Quint and 52-acre Ham Family conservation easements.

The Wallowa Lake Moraines Partnership is still fundraising to secure another 1,791 acres of the East Moraine. Once completed, a corridor of 2,500 acres connecting the national forest and the Wallowa Valley will be conserved in perpetuity.

Special thanks to many partners who made this project possible including: The Perry Family, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Nez Perce Tribe, Bergstrom Foundation, The Nature Conservancy, Cycle Oregon, Wallowa Land Trust Members and Supporters, and NPNHT Administration.

Learn more at [www.morainecampaign.org](http://www.morainecampaign.org)

## Travelers' Rest State Park

From November 23 to March 23, Travelers' Rest Preservation & Heritage Association hosts Journey Stories - an educational poster exhibition that explores how movement has shaped the nation. It takes a broad look at American expansion and migration, from the earliest European settlers and Native American displacement, to the effects of transportation advancements on modern mobility. Journey Stories is organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. The exhibit will be on display in the Travelers' Rest State Park Visitors Center during regular hours. See the Travelers' Rest website for hours and holiday closures: [www.travelersrest.org](http://www.travelersrest.org)

Winter Storytelling at Travelers' Rest will also highlight the theme of Journey Stories from diverse speakers including Ednor Thierrault (aka Bob Wire), Phil Burgess, Sneed Collard, Ellen Baumler, Stephenie Ambrose Tubbs and others. Winter Storytelling takes place each Saturday in January and February at 11 a.m. Come early for coffee and treats. Cost is \$5 per person; free to members of TRPHA.

A special edition of Winter Storytelling takes place in Missoula for First Night. Mariah Gladstone, founder of Indigikitchen, will speak about cultural cuisine and food sovereignty at 4:30 p.m. MST, on December 31 in the Union Club Ballroom.

Molly Stockdale, Executive Director, Travelers' Rest Preservation & Heritage Association

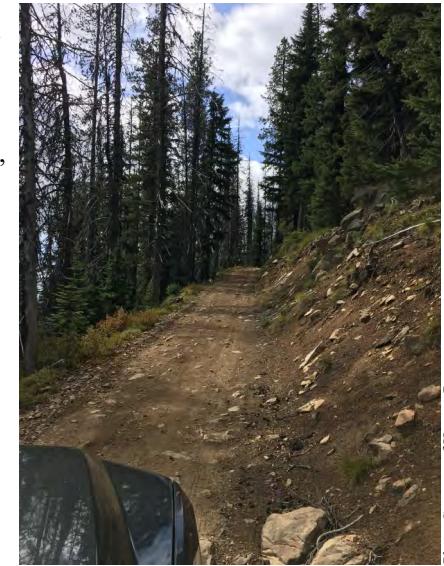


Photo Courtesy of Harvey Portz

Along the Lolo Motorway,  
September 2019



# National Native American Heritage Month

"Honoring Our Nations: Building Strength Through Understanding."

November is National Native American Heritage Month, or as it is commonly referred to, American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month, is an annual designation observed in November. President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 "National American Indian Heritage Month."

During this time, we celebrate the diverse and rich culture, history, and traditions of Native people. Heritage Month is also an opportune time to educate the general public about tribes, to raise a general awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced both historically and in the present, and the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges.

It's also a time to educate anyone and everyone about the different tribes. American Indian pictures, words, names, and stories are a crucial part of American history, and help mold our life today. Check your local offices, museums, and interpretive centers for events or ways to engage in this endeavor and see what is available below on a national scale.

## Rock Your Mocs

First established in 2011, the worldwide [Rock Your Mocs](#) events calls for American Indians and Alaska Natives to wear their moccasins on November 15 as part of Native American Heritage Month. Watch the tag #RockYourMocs on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook to see how people celebrate across the country.

## Find Travel Inspiration

If you're looking to #DiscoverNativeAmerica, check out AIANTA's Ten Native American Experiences for 2020. Or head over to NativeAmerica.travel to view even more Tribal Tourism experiences.

## PBS Commemorates Native American Heritage Month

PBS celebrates the history, culture and traditions of American Indians and Alaska Natives in a special month-long collection of films, short stories and resources. [www.pbs.org](http://www.pbs.org)

## National Park Service

The National Park Service maintains a year-long website of American Indian and Native American heritage, history, and culture in National Parks across the country. For more information, visit [nps.gov/americanindian](http://nps.gov/americanindian)

## National Register of Historic Places

The official list of the nation's historic places worthy of preservation, the National Register of Historic Places honors National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month on its website. The dedicated page showcases American Indian properties in travel itineraries, American Indian properties featured in Historic Places lesson plans and American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage in National Parks. Information can be found at [nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/national-american-indian-and-alaska-native-heritage-month.htm](http://nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/national-american-indian-and-alaska-native-heritage-month.htm)

## Read a Good Book

Need something to read during Native American Heritage Month? Work your way through these reading lists by the First Nations Development Institute, a great Children's Reading List at Medium.com, a list of Native American Heritage Month Books for Teens at the Chicago Public Library, as well as lists at Publishers Weekly, Goodreads, and Scholastic.





## Be Safe in Your Travels

**The Staff of the NPNHT want your experience along the Trail this Fall to be a safe one.**

Please take a few minutes to review the Trail's Safety and Ethics Website before you begin your journey:  
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/npnht/ethics>

Also check weather reports and call ahead for road conditions at 511.

There are links to a number of [websites](#) from the NPNHT website.

**The NPNHT Auto Tour Route includes a variety of road surfaces (paved, gravel, and dirt). Please be sure to consult a map before embarking on your NPNHT trip.**

**Many locations along all Auto Tour routes may not have cell phone coverage.**

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

### Autumn Safety Reminders

Fall is here. The days are cooler, the bugs fewer, and the views are spectacularly framed by a multicolored canvas of forests. As beautiful as it is, though, fall can be a dangerous and challenging season for hiking.

From slippery leaves and unexpected weather to potentially being mistaken for a deer, one must take care when hitting the trails in autumn.

These four fall dangers lurk on trails for unsuspecting hikers:

- Slippery conditions
- Rapidly changing weather
- Dress for the weather.
- Wear bright clothing. Make yourself more visible.
- Active hunting areas
- Shorter days

For more safety times visit the [U.S. Forest Service website](#).

Sandra Broncheau-McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT



### UPCOMING Events:



November 2019 — National Native American Heritage Month

November 11, 2019 — Veterans Day Weekend (fees waived at National Public Lands Agencies)

December 7, 2019 — Annual Bead Bazaar, Nez Perce National Historical Park, Spalding, ID, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. PST

December 30-31, 2019 — Renegades Celebration and Pow Wow, Lapwai, ID

January-March, 2020 — Winter Storyteller Series at Travelers Rest State Park

February 9-12, 2020 — The Corps Network National Conference 35th Annual Event, Washington, DC

February 8-13, 2020 — Hike the Hill: Trails Advocacy Week, Washington, DC

March 15-21, 2020 — Professional Trail Builders Association Sustainable Trails Conference, Bentonville, AR

May 18-21, 2020 — 2020 National Trails Workshops Ghost Ranch, NM

# News From the Nez Perce Trail Foundation



This has been a busy summer for the Nez Perce Trail Foundation (NPTF). The foundation has several ongoing projects that when accomplished will have taken several years to fulfill. The members of the NPTF continue to move forward with efforts for a commemorative monument honoring the Nez Perce who were incarcerated at Ft. Leavenworth in Kansas following the Bear Paw Battle in Montana. This project has been spearheaded by NPTF Membership Chairman Matt Nowak. Plans have been made for an important meeting to be held on November 13 in Leavenworth, KS, with City officials, the local tourism office, staff members from two of the Kansas area U.S.

Congressional offices, a state representative, and a staff member from the Haskell Indian Nations University. This meeting will also focus on the strategy and legal requirements that are required to complete the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) by way of including all exile, escape, and return routes surrounding the 1877 war and flight of the Nez Perce. This meeting will be an opportunity to sit down with congressional staff so that we can coordinate with those members of Congress whose congressional districts will be impacted by the addition of the above mentioned routes. The prospect of both the Leavenworth monument and the NPNHT route extension is of particular interest to the local tourism office. With the extension of the NPNHT, there will be additional historic interest generated for the area and it is anticipated that there will be economic benefit to those communities who are part of the exile routes.

As in the past Jim Zimmerman, President NPTF, embarked on another historic Nez Perce site journey, this time traveling to Fort Walsh, Canada. Jim's travels have now reached the Northern most location and the most Southern location (Quapaw and Tonkawa, Oklahoma) that are extremely important locations that played a major role in the story of the war and flight of the Nez Perce. There is an obvious lack of attention relative to the presence of the Nez Perce at Ft. Walsh, SK, following the defeat at Bear Paw. However, there was one staff member who was very familiar with the negotiations that took place between White Bird and the U.S. Military envoy. Jim was given a personal tour of the building where the negotiations took place (*photos right*). The military made every attempt to trick White Bird into returning to the United States, however White Bird was clever enough to see through the lies and refused to return South.

It was another busy and exciting summer for Karen Heagen and the NPTF. Once again students and teachers gathered for the Annual NPTF Summer Educational Trail Tour that began in the Nez Perce Homelands at Wallowa. Starting with three days of native dancing, ceremonies, and the infamous friendship feast, it was once again conducted in spectacular fashion at the Tamkaliks Celebration and Pow Wow. A mild summer provided pleasant temperatures throughout the entire trip to the Big Hole National Battlefield near Wisdom, MT. As an unexpected detour, the NPTF joined the Appaloosa Horse Club's (ApHC) annual Chief Joseph Trail Ride gathering along the Selway River in central Idaho, where more than 100 riders and horses followed the NPNHT over the route between Grangeville, ID, and Musselshell Meadows, near Weippe, ID. The ApHC hospitality was unbelievable, and a great time was had by all. Charlie Moses, Jr. was the guest speaker, and his colorful and eloquent speech was so informative and greatly appreciated. The great introduction was given the night before the group's ride up that segment of the Nez Perce Trail. Other official stops of the Trail Tour included the Nez Perce National Historical Park at Spalding, ID; Cottonwood; Tolo Lake; Mt. Idaho; White Bird Battlefield; then across the Camas prairie to Stites, Weippe Prairie, Lolo Pass, Bitterroot Valley, and finally, the Big Hole. It was a fast but fun-filled car camping journey filled with history, culture, and points of interest. Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist for the NPNHT, joined us for a portion of the Trail Tour this year.

The NPTF awarded four scholarships this year during the Tamkaliks Celebration. The deserving students on admirable career paths were Gabreal Humphries of Kennewick, WA; Heewekse Wisdom of Lapwai, ID (a second time winner); Kalela Reuben of Lapwai, ID; and Mollie Allen of Adams, OR. All made the grade, and each received \$500 for their educational goals. Scholarship program founder Duane Heglie (friends and family) has funded the program now for over 15 years. A great deal of thanks is extended to the Heglie family.

Jim Zimmerman, NPTF President and Karen Heagen, NPTF Historic Research Coordinator



Photos Courtesy of Jim Zimmerman NPTF



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

Nez Perce National Historical Park would like to welcome Deputy Superintendent Ashley Adams and Chief of Interpretation Laura Law to our Park staff. Ashley, was on a temporary assignment to the park this summer from the Bureau of Land

Management, where she served as the monument manager for Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument near Palm Springs, California. (more information on page 17). Laura Law comes to us from Glacier National Park where she works as an education specialist. She will start her new position as Chief of Interpretation in early 2020.

To celebrate National Public Lands Day on September 28, 15 volunteers at Nez Perce National Historical Park helped restore habitat around the Spalding Visitor Center. Volunteers and Park staff planted 200 native plants and spread 13,000 square feet of seeds through the course of the rainy day (*photo right*). Coordinated by the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF), National Public Lands Day brings together volunteers from coast to coast to improve and restore the lands and facilities that people across America use and enjoy every day.



Photo Courtesy of the National Park Service



Photo Courtesy of the National Park Service

This past summer Park maintenance workers and Idaho Conservation Corps interns replaced and repointed stones to restore the Old Chief Joseph's Gravesite and Cemetery rock wall, located outside Joseph, OR. The month-long masonry project, led by members of the National Park Service Historic Preservation Training Center (HPTC), was completed on September 20, 2019. "The project was unique because we had to match three different colors of historic mortar in the wall," said Trent Martinez, Acting Chief of Facilities. The work on the wall will stabilize the historic structure and preserve it for future generations. Funding for the project was provided by the Federal Highway Administration and Oregon Department of Transportation in partnership with the National Park Service, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, and the Nez Perce Tribe (*photo left*).

The Park's museum curator and archivist will share tips, tricks, and best practices to care for your keepsakes during a presentation on Saturday, November 23, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. PST. After the talk, items from the Park collection will be brought up for visitors to see. "These are items that are not normally on display or visible to the public. This is a special opportunity to learn about and see more of the Park collection," says Museum Curator Kristine Leier.

Each year the Spalding Visitor Center fills with dozens of local Nez Perce artisans who demonstrate and sell their art. This year the event will be held Saturday, December 7, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. PST. Artwork ranges from traditional to contemporary. Intricate beadwork as well as weavings, paintings, and sculptures can all be bought from local Nez Perce artists. "Beadwork Bazaar is a special event," Park Ranger Jared Wicks, says. "Not only do visitors help support Nez Perce artists, they also have a chance to ask them questions and learn about their crafts and culture."

Kelly Kincaid. Administrative Assistant, Nez Perce National Historical Park



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

As the days grow shorter and the nights become colder, the Battlefield will move into its winter time schedule. Beginning Sunday, November 10, 2019, the Visitor Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. MST. This will allow staff time to plow roads, shovel sidewalks, and get the place ready for all to enjoy. The Visitor Center will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Summer was a whirlwind of activity, with tours and presentations on the visitor deck adjacent to the visitor center, and other various programs offered up by an amazing seasonal staff consisting of two seasonal Park Rangers (Suzy Avey and Joey Wohl), a short-term Student Conservation Association intern (George Gehrig), and a long-term Student Conservation Association intern (Colin Thompson).

The Summer Speaker Series ran for eight weeks this year with an additional presentation held at the Bear Paw Battlefield. A huge thank you goes out to our presenters this year: Austin Haney, Bob Brown, Darrell Wheeler, Leroy Seth, Silas Whitman, Don Safford, Gwen Carter, Jessica Anthony, and Mike Penny with Nez Perce Nation Drum. In addition we would like to thank our cooperating association Glacier National Park Conservancy and our generous visitors for sponsoring our Summer Speaker Series.

The 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Commemoration was held on Saturday, August 10 (*photo right*). The weather was very cooperative and there was a larger than average turnout for it. The Bear Paw Commemoration was held on Saturday, October 5.

This seasons Big Hole National Battlefield maintenance staff consisted of the Maintenance Lead, two Maintenance Workers, and a Youth Conservation Corps Crew. The Park also had a Montana Conservation Corps (MCC) crew assist with maintenance of the Nez Perce replica tipi memorial in the camp area at Big Hole. The MCC also assisted with removing beetle killed Lodge Pole Pine trees from the Howitzer area.

BIHO maintenance had a busy summer season. 38 Energy efficient windows were installed in Park housing replacing windows that had been installed in 1968.

Water shut off valves to housing units and all Park fire hydrants were replaced. Dry fire suppression systems were also installed in 5 housing units along with hard wired dual carbon monoxide and smoke detectors.

Our awesome maintenance seasonal staff kept the Park looking good performing grounds, trails, and custodial tasks. Maintenance will continue into the fall replacing a screen fence at the visitor center. Staff are replacing a 6 foot tall metal siding fence with stained cedar boards.

Big Hole National Battlefield and Nez Perce National Historical Park employees assisted Bear Paw Battlefield staff by traveling to the Bear Paw Battlefield site to perform much need maintenance on the picnic shelter. The sinking building was stabilized and the shingle roof was covered with a metal roof that should better withstand the winds in that area. Also while at Bear Paw staff assisted with the commemoration events.

Park staff is in full swing preparing the Park for the long winter ahead. They are preparing the Park's waste water and water system for winter usage, and ensuring that housing and heating systems to perform their very important functions. Another critical important task is making sure our fleet for snow removal equipment is ready for the season.

Leslie Lula, Park Guide and Jimmer Stevenson, Maintenance Lead Big Hole National Battlefield



Photo Courtesy of the National Park Service



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

Often the best news to share about the battlefield is that nothing has changed, which makes these updates kind of tricky. We did see a healthy ground squirrel population in the spring slowly give way to piles of coyote scat in the fall. A cool wet summer meant plenty of time with the mower. The nice weather and minimal impacts from wildfires kept visitation robust through July and August, months that normally see a drop in visitation.

Perhaps the most noticeable change at the battlefield this year was a project with our picnic shelter.

Maintenance staff from both Big Hole National Battlefield and the Nez Perce National Historical Park in Idaho came out to help stabilize the structure and put a new roof on. Collaboration is the only way we can do the important work of preserving these important places.



Photo Courtesy of the National Park Service

Visitor reading interpretive signs at the battlefield.

The majority of the work we do is talking with visitors, which is harder to measure or demonstrate. Over the last year we talked to nearly 1,000 students and walked the battlefield with more than 500 other visitors, and had shorter talks with hundreds more. We got to talk with almost 2,000 people this year. For those people we do not get to talk to we tried something new this year, leaving a journal along the trail for visitors to leave their thoughts and feelings. Two examples of what people took the time to share are below:

*I had to visit this site. Some of my kinsman were here. Some probably are buried here. Sad to think that the people who left the Wallowa Valley would have gotten so close to the perceived freedom of Canada. Just want all who visit this place to understand that the spirit of those brave people lives on in us, their descendants. We are still here, the dreams didn't die here. We live!*

*I would've never learned this story if I didn't move here. They never taught it to me in*

*school, never saw anything in the media about it but it's a story everyone should know. This place is so quiet, subdued and beautiful and it hurts thinking about the pain inflicted here. We should learn from this place. We need to come together and not pull ourselves apart. Need to stand up for what we believe in like Chief Joseph and many other brave Nez Perce did at this site.*

In June we had a visit from Silas Whitman, a Nez Perce elder and descendant of those who fought at Bear Paw. Our partner, the Blaine County Museum, hosted the location and over two days he shared his knowledge, perspective and ancestors story with dozens of people. This was our second year bringing in a speaker and we hope to continue this in the future.

More good words were shared in person at commemoration again this year. Winter came days before much like it did 142 years ago; a few hours in the cold biting wind helped all present appreciate what those people went through for days in the snow fighting for their lives. Now it's time to hunker down, stay warm, and start preparing for next year.

Casey Overturf, Lead Park Ranger, Bear Paw Battlefield



# News From the Forest Service

## Lolo National Forest

The staff of the Missoula Ranger District and the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) Ranger had a successful 2019 field season completing projects that directly improved the user experience along the NPNHT corridor. A major project completed was the construction of eight new highway signs, two each for the campgrounds and day-use areas associated with the NPNHT along Highway 12 (*photo right*). Other projects included trail clearing, weed spraying, and a comprehensive campground and day use area infrastructure rehabilitation. Collateral duties included: conducting visitor compliance checks, dispersed campsite maintenance, travel plan management and monitoring, and dumpsite cleanup. The NPNHT Ranger, Alex Romanko, made many public contacts throughout the season. The majority of contacts related to the NPNHT occurred at Fort Fizzle and Howard Creek Day Use Areas. The NPNHT Ranger frequently provided trail brochures and historical information to people travelling through the area. Most of the visitors to the NPNHT sites were traveling by car but there were also many people both local and from across the country touring the area on bicycle. The NPNHT Ranger worked throughout the field season to ensure optimal patrol coverage while providing the best service to the public, particularly during peak visitation periods on weekends and holidays.

Approximately 15.5 miles of the NPNHT located within the Lolo Creek/Highway 12 corridor is managed by the Missoula Ranger District, Lolo National Forest. Eight trail access points are located along this section of the NPNHT. During the 2019 field season, 200 NPNHT funded employee days were used to patrol, treat weed infestations, and maintain the NPNHT corridor.

A total of 64 trees were cleared from the Trail. The heaviest section of fallen trees was at higher elevations near Wagon Mountain and from the Fish Creek trailhead West to Highway 12. Where practical, trees that could easily be stepped over were left on site in order to meet trail maintenance standards to maintain the feel of a historic trail. The NPNHT Ranger also worked closely with the trail crew to ensure clearing limit standards did not exceed 4' wide and 6' high. Light brushing was completed along select portions of the NPNHT as needed. Rocks, and woody debris were cleared from the trail and areas of trail sloughing were repaired. Dumpsites and litter at trail access points were removed. The trail was concurrently monitored for illegal motorized use throughout the season. No motorized trespass was observed.



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The Missoula Ranger District Trail Crew replaced the aging bridge across Lee Creek along the Lee Creek Interpretive/ Lee Ridge Trail. This trail sees extensive use by recreationists camping in the Lee Creek Campground and exploring the Lolo Trail corridor. (*photo right*)

During the 2019 field season two wildland fires impacted the NPNHT, the West Fork Lolo 2 Fire located directly across Highway 12 from Lee Creek Campground and the Wagon Mountain Fire (*photo left*) located above Lee Creek Campground near Wagon Mountain. These fires necessitated closing the trail and Lee Creek Campground for public safety. While closed, Lee Creek Campground was used for the staging of fire personnel and equipment.

The Missoula Ranger District's Heritage Program Manager and Recreation Program Manager assessed the condition of the NPNHT during firefighting operations to ensure the historic integrity of the trail was maintained. The trail was minimally impacted by firefighting operations. Mainly it was used for firefighter access and the placement of hoses and other firefighting equipment. In some areas the trail was used as a control line. In areas where trees cleared in previous years crowded the trail and caused a hindrance to fire suppression operations the trees were cleared to a width outside of the guidelines for maintaining the trail to historic character. A very small portion of the trail near Wagon Mountain was burned over. No fire suppression repair activities were needed for the NPNHT affected by these fires.

During the field season four damaged Trail markers were replaced and new trail markers installed along the trail. 204 trail markers were maintained (aluminum nails attaching markers to trees loosened to accommodate tree growth), and 14 trail restriction travel management signs and trail placards were inspected.

Noxious weed monitoring and treatment was led by the NPNHT Ranger and the Missoula Ranger District Botany/Noxious Weed Program. In addition, a Montana Conservation Corps Intern was hired to assist with noxious weed work along the NPNHT.

Katie Knotek, Recreation Staff, Lolo National Forest



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## News From the Forest Service

### Wallowa Whitman National Forest

This year the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest (WWNF) received \$15,000 for trail and site maintenance. A total of \$10,000 was received from the Nez Perce National Historic Trail administration, and \$5,000 from the Pacific NW Regional Office.

In Fiscal Year 2019 the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest used those funds to maintain 19.3 miles of the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) and associated feeder trails.



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Accomplishments included logging out, brushing, drainage maintenance and construction and tread maintenance. The following trails were maintained to standard with funding from the NPNHT.

- Nez Perce National Historic Trail #1727: 3.9 miles
- Corral Creek Trail #1698: 4.4 miles. (*photo right*)
- Tulley Creek Trail #1724: 4.0 miles
- Eureka Creek Trail #1732: 2.0 miles
- Imnaha Trail #1713: 5.0 miles (*photo right*)
- Indian Grove Village Trail and Interpretive Site

Sweyn Wall, Recreation, Trails, Wilderness & Special Uses & Sam Wiswell Recreation Specialist



## News From the Forest Service

### Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest

A Montana Conservation Corps crew began work on July 24, 2019, on the west end of the Nez Perce (Nee-Ne-Moo) National Historic Trail near Forest Road #557. They cut wind felled trees, brush, limbs, and reconstructed waterbars, replacing rotten and burned-out logs with rock. Most of the wind felled trees had already been cut so the main work consisted of naturalizing the cut ends of the logs and dragging the cut rounds out of sight. They also replaced missing signs and posts along this section of trail.

The crew of 5 – 6 people worked until August 14 covering a 5.2 mile stretch of Trail into Deep Saddle. The Pierce Trail Crew worked from August 7-14, 2019, starting near Liz Butte and working towards Deep Saddle.

The crew of 5 people also naturalized the cut ends and dragged the debris out of sight. The crew completed 4.6 miles of work.

The Idaho Conservation crew worked in the Deep Saddle area from August 18-22, 2019, completing about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile.

There remains 1.6 mile stretch of Trail in the Deep Saddle area that needs work.

Also the sign installation was not up to specification and some will need to be redone.

The posts had been notched too wide and too deep. (*photos above*)



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Tim Lewis Trails Technician





# News From the Forest Service

## Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest Lolo Pass Visitor Center

Late Summer and early Fall have been busy at Lolo Pass Visitor Center with a variety of events and Interpretive Programs.

The Artist in Residence Program has continued strong with appearances from four local artists. Lolo Pass was lucky to host Artist Roger Amerman (*photo below*) who provided visitors with oral stories and history of the local native tribes. He also had a variety of traditional Nez Perce artwork available for sale. Karen Savory (*photo right*, local Montana artist, and Pearl Maxner, local Idaho artist, graced us with a variety of beautiful watercolor paintings. They entertained visitors with personal stories of how their artwork is connected to nature and our public lands while simultaneously creating new watercolor paintings for the public to view. Our final Artist in Residence was Stacia Morfin, accompanied by her mentors Solo Greene and "Pistol Pete" Wilson. Stacia, Solo, and Pete demonstrated traditional Nez Perce drumming and dancing. They also had a variety of Nez Perce artwork available for sale.



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### Lolo Pass's own Forest Service Volunteer, David

Kay, kicked off a new interpretive event at Lolo Pass this Fall. Dressed in traditional Blacksmith attire, David demonstrated basic Blacksmithing skills to a very captive audience. Visitors learned to hammer, bend, and pull heated steel using a forge and a variety of traditional hand tools.

Finally, Lolo Pass Visitor Center was excited to host the Smokey Bear Portrait Tour. The two-week event included a display of sixteen replicas of Smokey Bear paintings created by the artist Rudolph Wendelin. During the tour we celebrated Smokey Bear's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. Birthday celebration activities included Forest Service engines, local Smoke Jumpers, a Fire Ecology presentation, games and

prizes, and a visit from Smokey Bear himself!

The Visitor Center is gearing up for a snowy winter, so dust off your skis and snowshoes and we hope to see you soon!



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Smokey Bear shares artwork from his favorite artist, Rudy Wendelin, during a stop of a traveling exhibit to celebrate his 75th Birthday.

Anna Sivill, Acting Manager  
Lolo Pass Visitor Center  
Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest

## New Faces Along the Trail:

### Adams Named Deputy Superintendent for Nez Perce National Historical Park, Whitman Mission National Historic Site and Big Hole National Battlefield



Photo Courtesy of the National Park Service

The National Park Service (NPS) recently selected Ashley Adams as the new deputy superintendent for Nez Perce National Historical Park, Whitman Mission National Historic Site and Big Hole National Battlefield.

Adams has been on a temporary assignment to the three Parks since June from the Bureau of Land Management, where she serves as the monument manager for Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument near Palm Springs, CA.

“Ashley has strong leadership skills and a unique range of experience working successfully with external partners and tribes,” said Mike Gauthier, Superintendent of Nez Perce NHP. “We are delighted to welcome her into the Department of the Interior’s Columbia Pacific Northwest Region and superintendent ranks.”

Prior to her time at Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, Ashley managed signature partnerships for Yosemite National Park as the liaison to the City of San Francisco for the Hetch Hetchy Program, and also as the liaison to the Yosemite Conservancy, the Park’s primary friends’ group. She has worked as a wilderness coordinator for the NPS Wilderness Stewardship national office, served as an NPS national office liaison to the University of California, Merced for the National

Parks Institute, worked as a backcountry ranger and trail crew laborer for Glacier National Park, and conducted research on lemurs in Madagascar.

Ashley grew up in Montana and is excited to return to the National Park Service and northwest. “I am honored to take on this new role and have the opportunity to work with the diversity of communities in Idaho, Washington, Montana, and Oregon,” Adams said. “It is a privilege to serve as a steward of these significant places and histories, and to promote cultural knowledge and understanding of the Nez Perce people.”

She will assume the new assignment permanently in November.

Ashley has a master’s degree in environmental management from Duke University and a bachelor’s degree in human biology from Stanford University.

### Kincaid New Addition to Nez Perce National Historical Park staff

Kelly Kincaid joined Nez Perce National Historical Park staff in August, 2018, as the Park’s Administrative Support Assistant. Prior to her time at Nez Perce NHP, she worked seasonally at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Kelly interned with the Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology her senior year of college and graduated with a degree in Biological Anthropology from the University of Arizona. It was her love for through-hiking which sparked her desire to work for the National Park Service.



Photo Courtesy of the National Park Service

### Special Recognition

The National Appaloosa Horse Club  
Recognized Jim Evans  
For 35 years of Service  
*Chief Joseph Trail Ride 2019*



## Averbeck Serves Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland



Photo Courtesy of the Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland

Sara Averbeck recently assumed her duties as Administrative Assistant at Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland in Wallowa, OR. Her role here is to help improve and develop administrative systems, support program communications, and help with grounds maintenance, social media up-keep, and volunteer management (among other things).

Sara was born and raised in Enterprise, OR. After high school, she moved to Ashland, OR, to attend Southern Oregon University where she attained a Bachelor of Science in Sociology. She then moved to Portland, OR, where she worked in customer service for several years. Eventually, Sara felt the need to "broaden her lens" and spent six months volunteering in the Caribbean where she worked on a tree planting and climate change education project. This experience was her inspiration for becoming more engaged in the nonprofit world. Upon returning to the U.S., she went back to school to achieve a Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management from the University of Oregon. After being away for 12 years, Sara is excited to be home and to join the local nonprofit community. Like most people who grew up here, she has always felt deeply connected to Wallowa County. This personal sense of place helps her understand how vital it is that the Wallowa Band of Nez Perce have a presence in the Wallowa Valley. She is eager to develop her knowledge about the Nez Perce people and local history, and to share that knowledge with others.

Sara is passionate about environmental stewardship and climate justice. A few of her favorite activities include spending time with her family, hiking and camping, attending rallies and community events, and reading books."

## Frazer Named Recreation Program Manager



Photo Courtesy of Teresa Fraser

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest has a new Recreation Program Manager. Teresa Fraser started in the position in September, 2018. Teresa came to the Wallowa-Whitman from California where she has worked on the Eldorado National Forest and the Sequoia National Forest. She started her career in timber sale preparation and then switched to recreation, where she has managed wilderness areas, motorized and non-motorized trails, and developed and dispersed recreation opportunities. In the early 2000's Teresa joined a Forest Service Enterprise team, Recreation Solutions, where she supported recreation programs across the western US.

In the years prior to taking her new position on the Wallowa-Whitman NF, she was a lands special uses officer on the Eldorado NF. Teresa has worked for the Forest Service for over 30 years and brings a vast array of experience to the Wallowa-Whitman.



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The confluence of the Snake and Salmon Rivers, in the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area

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## Fall Along the Nez Perce National Historic Trail



Pileated Woodpeckers, Big Hole NB.

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Chief Joseph Scenic Byway, WY

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Artist, in the Bitterroot Valley of Montana

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The Roosevelt Arch Yellowstone NP, Gardner, MT.

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