



# NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL

## *Progress Report*

Fall 2010



### Administrator's Corner



This past summer and fall provided a great time for travelers to experience the Nez Perce National Historic Trail (NPNHT). The Trail is a wealth of rugged, natural splendor for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages in all seasons. During summer and fall we saw a wide array of trail enthusiasts from hikers, mountain bikers, OHVers, campers, anglers, white water kayakers, canoers, rockhounds, birding, and photographers along the Trail.

Along the Trail's [Auto Tour route](#) we witnessed RV'ing, motorcycling, and bicycle riding. As we move into winter there is plenty to do when the weather turns colder, too. As snow starts to fall along the Trail, hunters will look for game to feed their families, and snowmobilers, cross country skiers and snowshoers will take to an numerous miles of winter recreation trails .

The Trail offers unique landforms from the Rocky Mountains, prairies, buttes, Missouri River breaks, canyons, an a variety of untouched landscapes. This landscape is important to many people from various backgrounds with multiple interests.

I invite you to sit down, spend some time, and remember the special places and its treasures in your mind's eye. These memories will assist us in providing a cultural atmosphere that will enable us to express our ideas, challenges and insights as we start to visit our communities with our workshop meetings in preparation of the NPNHT Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) revision.

Reflect on the words of Richard Louv, author of the bestselling book, *Last Child in the Woods*. "The real measure of our success will not be in the number of programs created or bills passed, but in the creation of a new cultural atmosphere, in everyday life, that will make such decisions second nature-in every family, every school and every neighborhood. "

*Sandi McFarland*

Administrator NPNHT

### **Public Encouraged to Participate in Workshops on Future Administration of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail**

During the next year managers along the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) will host a number of workshops and ask for public input on a variety of topics related to the administration of the Trail.

The first in this [series of workshops](#) is scheduled for Thursday, December 2, 2010, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at [Ruby's Inn](#), located at 4825 North Reserve in Missoula, MT. This meeting will be hosted by staff from the Lolo National Forest and the NPNHT.

The next workshop in the [series](#) will be January 26, 2011, at the Bitterroot National Forest office in Hamilton, MT.

On October 6, 1986, Congress amended the National Trails System Act of 1968 to include the 1,170 mile Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT). The Regional Forester of the Northern Region is delegated the responsibility from the Chief of the Forest Service for the administration of the NPNHT in cooperation with other affected Federal Agencies. *Article cont. on page 3, workshop flyer on page 16*



## Nez Perce Appaloosa Horse Club Visits Lolo Pass

This past summer the Nez Perce Appaloosa Horse Club set up camp near the historic gathering site, Packer Meadow, from August 19<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Club members took trail rides along sections of the NiMiiPuu trail and through the Packer Meadow area. This was a family event, with club members of all ages participating.

On August 21, 2010, the Lolo Pass Visitor Center was the chosen site for an Appaloosa horse parade, which featured horses and riders in full traditional Nez Perce regalia and horse trappings. The parade was followed by a presentation open to the public. The program highlighted the NiMiiPuu trail, the importance of the Appaloosa Horse to the Nez Perce, and the importance of the Lolo Pass area to the Nez Perce people.

Visitors were treated to stories and songs of the Nez Perce people presented by various club members. Presenters shared stories of great Nez Perce chiefs and talked about the War of 1877 and its effects on the Nez Perce people. Lolo Pass visitors learned about the historical use and significance of the Lolo Pass area and the NiMiiPuu trail to the Nez Perce.

The presentation concluded with the presentation of awards to several club members and the Nez Perce club members identified themselves and their Nez Perce ancestors to the Lolo Pass visitors.

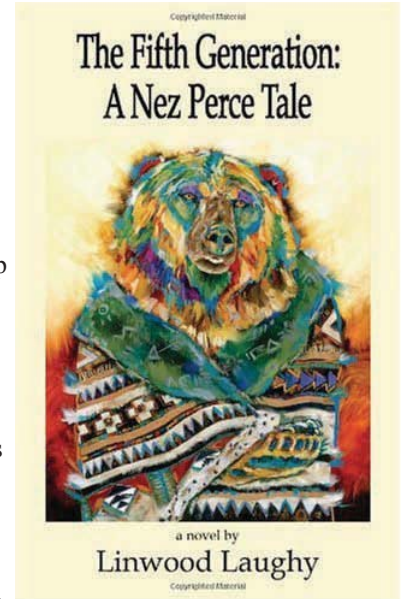
Buffie Cerutti  
Manager  
Lolo Pass Visitor Center



Angel Sobotta and Rosa Yearout at Lolo Pass

## New Historical Novel, *The Nez Perce 5th Generation*, Blends Fact and Fiction in north central Idaho

Trapped between 1950s American culture and the ancestral voices that haunt him, a 31-year-old Nez Perce man faces a choice between self-destruction or burning a rural Idaho town to the ground. A shaman, a pawnbroker, and a lover help Isaac Moses find new truths during his 12-month journey, while the lives of four generations of his ancestors provide an historical context that blends fact and fiction in an emotional and ultimately triumphant tale.



*The Fifth Generation: A Nez Perce Tale* is “an unforgettable novel filled with complex characters, fine history and exquisite writing,” according to Idaho State Historian Keith Petersen. But the greatest strength of this book, according to Petersen, is its treading too-often ignored territory—the complexities of Indian life in post World War II America.

According to publisher Mountain Meadow Press, *The Fifth Generation: A Nez Perce Tale* is a story of the American West with its layers peeled back—raw and real, begging of hope, finding eventual triumph in the lives of an individual and of a people.

Author Linwood Laughy is an Idaho historical guide and storyteller with long ties to the Clearwater Valley. A graduate of Lewiston High School and Harvard College, he interspersed two graduate degrees and a professional career in Alaska with numerous stints at his long-time home on the Middlefork of the Clearwater River. For the past 8 years he has provided historical tours to over four thousand heritage travelers with Lindblad/National Geographic, Elderhostel and other travel organizations, including six years as an outfitter on the Clearwater National Forest doing trips over the Lolo Trail. Laughy is co-author, with his wife Borg Hendrickson, of *Clearwater Country: The Traveler's Guide* and compiler/editor of the book *In Pursuit of the Nez Perces*.

The novel will be available locally in bookstores and other book outlets and nationally through regular book channels.

—Mountain Meadow Press Publishing





## CMP Workshops, cont.

The 1990 CMP successfully established the start-up of the Trail which was the major focus for the Plan at that time. Action is needed now to revise the current Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) for the NPNHT because the CMP is more than 20 years old. The CMP needs to be revised to meet future management challenges, address changed conditions, and embrace new opportunities to lead the management of the Trail into the 21st Century. Information gathered at these [workshops](#), as well as written public comment, will be used to help managers develop the purpose and need for action for the CMP revision.



The Trail commemorates the 1877 Flight of the non-treaty Nez Perce from their homelands while being pursued by the U.S. Army under the command of General Oliver Otis Howard. The journey of the Nez Perce from their homelands is one of the most fascinating and sorrowful events in U.S. history. The Nez Perce Chiefs saw flight to Canada as their last hope for peace. Their desperate and circuitous route is today called the [Nez Perce National Historic Trail](#). It stretches from Wallowa Lake, OR, to the Bear Paw Battlefield near Chinook, MT.

The Trail was also a prehistoric travel corridor for a number of tribes traveling from the Pacific Northwest to the buffalo hunting grounds on the Great Plains.

For additional information please visit the NPNHT CMP Revision website at: [www.fs.fed.us/npnht/cmp/](http://www.fs.fed.us/npnht/cmp/). This website provides more information about the NPNHT, the process for the revision of the CMP, a schedule of upcoming workshops, and an additional means to provide written comment if people are unable to attend one of the scheduled workshops.

## Traveler's Rest State Park Features Nez Perce Storytellers in Winter Series

Traveler's Rest State Park in Lolo, MT, will once again host its Winter Storyteller's series starting in January of 2011. The first presenter in the series will be Josiah Pinkham on Saturday, January 8, 2011. Mr. Pinkham will discuss Nez Perce Oral History. On Saturday February 19, 2011, Allan Pinkham will be the featured speaker and will present several Nez Perce stories. Both presentations are from 11 a.m. - noon at the Holt Museum and Visitor Center at the Park in Lolo, MT. Admission to each program is \$3 per adult; youth under 18 and all 2011 Travelers' Rest Preservation and Heritage Association (TRPHA) members are admitted free. The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Travelers' Rest Winter Storytelling Series is made possible in part by a grant from Humanities Montana, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Co-sponsors include Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks; Blue Mountain Bed and Breakfast; and the Travelers' Rest Preservation and Heritage Association, a non-profit, 501(c) (3) organization protecting Travelers' Rest State Park and National Historic Monument through place-based educational and interpretive programming. For more information about [Traveler's Rest](#) and a complete list of all the presenters in this year's Storyteller's series contact the Park at 406-273-4253 or visit them online at: [www.travelersrest.org](http://www.travelersrest.org).



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## Annual Commemoration Remembers Nez Perce People at Bear Paw

On Saturday, October 2, 2010, members of the Nez Perce Tribe gathered at the Bear Paw Battlefield near Chinook in north central Montana.

The Ceremony commemorates the battle fought there in the early Fall of 1877.

Following the commemoration a Powwow was hosted by members of the Assiniboine and Gros Ventre Nations in Ft. Belknap, MT.

This annual Commemoration is open to all members of the public and is held annually in early October.



Joni Packard, US Forest Service Image



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Nez Perce Trail Foundation 1st Vice President/board member Charlie Moses Jr., speaks at the commemoration.



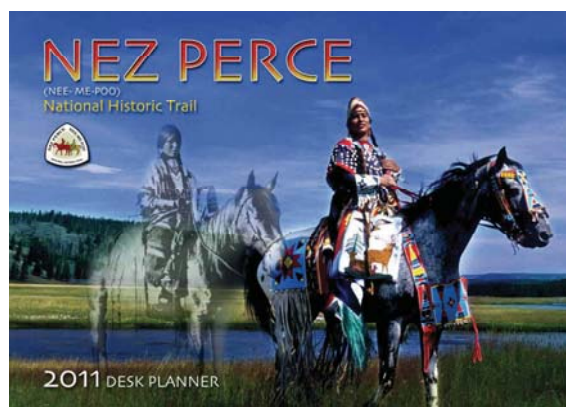
Roger M. Peterson, US Forest Service Image

## 2011 Nez Perce National Historic Trail Desk Planners Available in December

The annual desk planner has been sent to the printer and we anticipate delivery before the end of December. Trail staff will begin distribution to partners and visitor centers along the NPNHT as soon as they arrive.

The popular planner features images taken along the Trail by Harold Pfeiffer and a number of other agency photographers, along with historic quotes connected to the Nez Perce, U.S. Army, and the Nez Perce National Historic Trail.

Special thanks to Jason Blake of *Recreation Solutions* who helped with layout and design, Angel Sobotta of the Nez Perce Language Program who provided Nez Perce names for inclusion in the Planner, and Wilfred “Scotty” Scott from the [Nez Perce Tribe](#) who provided information on the annual commemorations.



## Copies of *Enough Good People* Still Available

The publication *Enough Good People* was created by the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Circle of Tribal Advisors, a national advisory committee representing forty modern Native Nations whose homelands were traversed by the 1803-1806 Lewis and Clark Expedition. The book's purpose is to express appreciation to all the good people who built a bridge to one another, making tribal involvement in the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial possible and successful. The authors also hope that it will contribute further to a more comprehensive and honest telling of American history.

If you would like a copy of *Enough Good People* some are still available by contacting:

Enough Good People  
223 South Boulevard St.  
Gunnison, CO 81230  
Phone: 970-64-1355

## Public Encouraged to Submit Challenge Cost Share Applications For Nez Perce National Historic Trail Projects

The public is encouraged to propose projects designed to improve and enhance the visitor's experience along the Nez Perce National Historic Trail (NPNHT). The submitted projects will be considered for the 2011 project year funding. Project funding was made available through funds designated to administer the Nez Perce National Historic Trail. Completed applications must be post marked by **November 30, 2010**. The Forest Service and partners work together on CCSP projects with mutually beneficial and shared outcomes.

The CCSP is a matching fund program. An equal amount of eligible and matching share (minimum 50%) of cash, goods, or services from non-federal sources is required. Currently, the maximum CCSP award is \$30,000. Projects selected should generally be able to be completed within one year.

Project application forms and instructions for completing the application are available at the Nez Perce National Historic Trail website at [www.fs.fed.us/npnht/partners/](http://www.fs.fed.us/npnht/partners/) or from the Nez Perce National Historic Trail Administrator, located at the Clearwater National Forest Supervisor's Office in Orofino, Idaho.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their forms electronically. E-mail applications to Sandi McFarland at [npnht@fs.fed.us](mailto:npnht@fs.fed.us). Proposals may also be mailed to: NPNHT Administrator, 12730 Highway 12, Orofino, Idaho 83544.

For additional information applicants may also contact Sandi McFarland, Trial Administrator at (208) 476-8334.



### UPCOMING Events:

- December 2, 2010 — Nez Perce NHT [CMP Revision Public Workshop](#), Ruby's Inn, Missoula, MT
- January 8, 2011 — Nez Perce Oral History presentation, Traverler's Rest State Park, Lolo, MT
- January 26, 2011—Nez Perce NHT [CMP Revision Public Workshop](#), Bitterroot NF, Hamilton, MT
- February 19, 20100 — Nez Perce Stories, presentation, Traverler's Rest State Park, Lolo, MT







## News From the Nez Perce Trail Foundation

Since our last report I attended the National Historic Trails workshop on Economic Tourism sponsored by the Partnership for the National Trails System in San Antonio, TX. Our President Charlie Moses attended with me. It was a very good workshop and we came back with many good ideas.

This past June the Nez Perce Trail Foundation was represented at the Tonkawa Powwow in Oklahoma by Bob Swick, Charlie and Margret Moses, Paul and Ruth Wapto, and Myrna Tovey. Board Member Bob Swick said, "I want to thank the NPTF for allowing me to represent the Foundation at this event. I especially found the ceremony at the Cemetery to be very moving"

July is the month of the Chief Joseph Trail Ride. This year our part was helping lay out the route and to present the history of this portion of the route. Board Member Bob Swick presented information on the Nez Perce Trail Foundation. The route started near the Big Hole National Battle Field and continued south to Bannock Pass. Also attending this year's Trail Ride were Roger Peterson from the NPNHT staff, and Joni Packard from the Forest Service's Northern Region's Recreation, Minerals, Lands, Heritage, and Wilderness staff group. The number of riders were down this year. The ride traveled along the Continental Divide for over 60 miles.



Roger M. Peterson, US Forest Service Image



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This year's Yellowstone Teacher's Project was a great success. There were 16 teachers, most from California, 1 from Idaho, and 1 from Montana. Our lead instructor was NPTF Board Member Stan Hoggett. Stan started the session off with an overview of the many routes that the Nez Perce took through Yellowstone Park. On the second day Stan took us on a long loop via the Chief Joseph Scenic Byway and visited several of the out of way sites. The visit to the National Park's Interpretative Center in Gardner and the instructional presentation presented by Lee Whittlesey, Historian, was one of the highlights of the visit. We had a work project scheduled but due to road construction we were unable to complete the project. We visited the new and only interpretive sign at Nez Perce Creek. The NPS did a great job telling the real story. We ended up as usual with our visit to the Plains Indian section of the Buffalo Bill Museum. We hope to expand the program next year to include more local

teachers. Special thanks to Board Member Duane Hegel, the instructor and leader from University of San Diego.

In early August I attended and staffed a booth with the Nez Perce National Historic Trail in Lewiston, ID, at the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation's Annual Membership meeting. There were 150 members present. We handed out a lot of information and sold many of our Trading Post materials.



Roger M. Peterson, US Forest Service Image



## News From the Nez Perce Trail Foundation

The Howard Spring site near West Yellowstone, MT, was prepared for installation of the silhouettes depicting the Nez Perce passing over Targhee Pass on their way to Yellowstone. The silhouettes are in place and the rocks for the interpretative signs are in place.

In August President Charlie Moses and I had a meeting with the USFS administration, and the Nez Perce National Historic Trail administrator in Missoula to discuss problems with current interpretive signs. They are planning to come up with a standard for interpretative messages and style. There are three projects on hold until this is established.

On the road again in September I visited Fort Benton, Lewistown, Chinook, Billings, and Laurel, MT. At Fort Benton we were invited to attend an educational meeting in October where they presented their education program to a group of Montanan educators. We will have a chance to introduce our Yellowstone Project to them. At Lewistown, MT, the Reed/Bowles cabin finally got National Registry approval (see story on pg. 9) and we will be working with our local chapter to preserve the site. It was then on to Chinook, MT, where I meet Bear Paw NPS Ranger Stephanie Martin and we put the final additions on the Annual Meeting. The reception we got from the Community was outstanding.

In summary this past year we have contributed over 9,000 hours of in-kind services and I have traveled 10,647 miles and 8,760 air miles on NPTF business.

Thanks to Charlie Moses Jr. for your outstanding service as President of the Nez Perce Trail Foundation over the past several years. We welcome Myrna Tovey as our new president. The newly elected executive committee includes Charlie Moses Jr. 1st Vice President, Richard Seymour 2nd Vice President, Stan Hoggatt Secretary, and Ryan W. Allen Treasurer.

Jim Evans  
Executive Director  
Nez Perce Trail Foundation



Roger M. Peterson, US Forest Service Image

L-R: Jim Evans and Charlie Moses Jr. at the annual meeting in Chinook, MT.



Roger M. Peterson, US Forest Service Image

New Foundation President Myrna Tovey speaks at the Bear Paw battle commemoration on October 2, 2010.





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

Turner Exhibits of Lynnwood, WA, was awarded the contract for the new exhibits at the Big Hole Battlefield Visitor Center. Work on these exhibits started in October and should be finished by May, 2011.



National Park Service Image

Visitation was down (about 16%) at the Battlefield this summer. We believe it was due to people not seeing our temporary Visitor Center. However, the number of programs and people attending programs was way up. Thanks to Nez Perce National Historical Park we got one extra park guide this year and were able to do two programs a day and more roving on the site. The number of ranger guided programs went up 121% and the number of people attending those programs went up 163%.

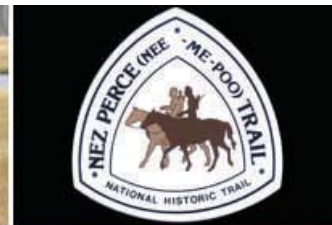
Construction is progressing well on the Visitor Center. These long-needed renovations will continue

until early next year. We hope to hold a grand dedication in the late spring of 2011.

Steve Black  
Superintendent  
Big Hole National Battlefield

## Yellowstone National Park Launches Nez Perce Website

Only a small part of the route taken by the Nez Perce who fled from the U.S. Army in 1877 took them through Yellowstone, where the tribal members largely eluded their pursuers. However, the two weeks that the Nez Perce spent in the park became part of the tragic story they continue to pass down to their children. Today the route is also part of the 1,170-mile Nez Perce National Historic Trail, which extends from Wallowa Lake, Oregon, to the Bear Paw Battlefield in Montana. The Nez Perce experience is part of Yellowstone's history, and the Greater Yellowstone Science Learning Center recently added information about the [Nez Perce in Yellowstone](#) to their website.



Tami Blackford  
Editor, Yellowstone Science  
Yellowstone Center for Resources  
Yellowstone National Park







## News From the National Park Service:

### **Bear Paw Battlefield** *NPS Volunteers Ride the Rails*

Bear Paw Battlefield hosted 18 volunteers, four days a week, in the Amtrak Trails and Rails interpretive program this summer. Over 15,000 train travelers were reached with information about Nez Perce National Historical Park and the Nez Perce National Historic Trail.

Bear Paw Battlefield volunteers traveled onboard Amtrak's "Empire Builder" this summer with interpretive programs for train travelers. In cooperation with Amtrak's Trails and Rails program, National Park Service volunteers hosted the train trip four days a week from Havre, Montana, to Minot, North Dakota. As part of this nationwide partnership between Amtrak and the National Park Service, the 18 Bear Paw volunteers contacted 450 people a day.



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The volunteers ranged in age from 19 to 66 years old and included students, teachers, ranchers, and business owners. National Park Service interpretive training required for all volunteers to participate, volunteers not only interpreted local history and Native American culture, but also the modern day ranching and oil and gas development that are seen along the way. Exciting points along the route are Fort Union National Historic Site and Exeter Creek Bridge, where Kid Curry and his gang robbed the Great Northern Railroad Flyer of \$40,000 in cash. Bear Paw Battlefield is featured as the train passes Chinook, Montana, site of the last battle of the four-month Nez Perce War of 1877. Bear Paw is part of Nez Perce National Historical Park and Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail. The Nez Perce story is continued at Fort Buford State Historic Site in North Dakota, a three-day stop for the Nez Perce people on their way to exile in Oklahoma Indian Territory.

Stephanie Martin  
Park Ranger  
Bear Paw Battlefield

## News From the BLM:



### **Reed and Bowles Trading Post Recently Named to the National Register of Historic Places**

The Reed and Bowles Trading Post located along the Nez Perce National Historic Trail near Lewistown, MT, was recently named as a National Historic Place.

Staff from the BLM office in Lewistown have been working on this designation for several years and are excited to make this announcement. Reed and Bowles Trading Post is a single room cabin, built of square hewn logs, with a gable roof. The building is set in a grove of trees, near Big Spring Creek, a major tributary in this area. The trading post was established in 1875 and situated near the Carroll Crossing, the place where the Carroll Trail crossed Big Spring Creek. "The post, from the best description, consisted of two log cabins built with the ax and auger and with no nails but pegs to hold it together, and a dirt floor."

The post is located along the Nez Perce National Historic Trail. During the Nez Perce War and Flight of 1877 members of the tribe sought provisions from this Trading Post as they traveled north through Central Montana, as they tried to escape the U.S. Army and find refuge in Canada.

Zane Fulbright, Archeologist, BLM, Lewistown, MT



Roger M. Peterson, US Forest Service Image





## News From the National Forests:

### Bitterroot National Forest

In 2010, The Forest used American Recovery and Reinvestment Act dollars to finance a trail maintenance contract in Ravalli County. It



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included non-wilderness trails, namely Nez Perce NHT #406. The contractor cleared the trail to a pack and saddle standard by August 1, 2010. It passes through an area which was burned in 2000. Downed trees were more frequent and numerous in the burn. The trail has reassurance markers and trailhead signs at each end and so the contractor had no trouble finding and following the trail. It ties in with the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail #9, which was cleared by volunteers just before the Nee-Mee-Poo trail was cleared by the contractor. In the past years one of our Back

Selway-Pintler BCH, have volunteered to clear this trail on an annual basis and will continue to do so in the future.

Debra Gale

Wilderness, Trails, Outfitter and Guides, Wild and Scenic Rivers - Program Manager  
Bitterroot National Forest

### Clearwater National Forest

The Nez Perce National Historic Trail was awarded \$240,000 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds to accomplish much needed projects located on the Clearwater National Forest. These funds will serve to address deferred trail maintenance, relocate the Musselshell Bridge which is at the trailhead, and the replacement of segments of the Weitas puncheon boardwalk which provides access across a fragile meadow along the Trail.

The Clearwater National Forest entered into an agreement with the Nez Perce Tribe to accomplish the work. This afforded young Nez Perce Tribal members an opportunity to learn critical trail maintenance and bridge building skills including training in First Aid, Defensive Driving, ATV, and chainsaw use.

The four-person trail crew and their supervisor completed the entire 18 miles of maintenance. They spent long hours clearing windfall, removing debris, naturalizing sawed logs to maintain visual integrity, cleaned waterbars, and working to maintain a historic feel.



Sandi McFarland, US Forest Service Image



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The crew started to tear out old segments of the puncheon bridge. They are rebuilding the structure utilizing shovels, picmatics, pulaksis, and a trail cat. This work will create a wider access. The crew will also install hand rails, making this portion of the Trail more accessible. The crew wrapped up work the first 120 feet of the puncheon bridge this fall, and will finish the 390 foot bridge in the spring of 2011.





## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual PACE Camp

The Nez Perce National Historic Trail once again continued its support of this program during the summer of 2010. The following is an article by Nez Perce Tribe Education Specialist, Solo Greene.

The Nez Perce Tribe's ERWM Program successfully completed their 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Preparing for Academic Excellence (PACE) Two Week Math & Science Camp on Friday, July 30, 2010, at the Spaulding National Historical Park.

This year the PACE Program collaborated services with the University of Idaho's Chemistry Department. Dr. Aaron Thomas, a chemistry professor at the university, applied for a grant with NASA and received it. Being a former presenter for PACE and having a good relationship with Solo Greene, the PACE Coordinator, the PACE Program was included in the proposal.



For the first week of PACE (July 19-23, 2010), Dr. Thomas and three of his chemistry students provided science activities and projects for the PACE students at the University of Idaho Campus, as well as, at the Lewis-Clark State College Campus. On the first day, the students built rockets. The second day, they learned about robots and built robotic hand and brush bots. Next, they had a presentation and a tour on kites and built Health & Nutrition, Food Pods. The last day with Dr. Thomas the students learned about planets, nebulae, black holes, constellations and traditional stories.

To complete the first week of camp, the students loaded the bus after lunch on Thursday, July 22, 2010, and headed for Richland, Washington. It was the first overnight stay and only the second scheduled Hanford Tour since 2001. We stayed at the Shilo Inn Suites Hotel, got to go swimming and ate at the Old Country Buffet.

For the Hanford Tour on Friday, July 23, 2010, we met at the Environmental Molecular Science Laboratory (EMSL) to get our badge, see the biggest computer in the world, and receive poster presentations from four EMSL Interns. Then we went to the Bio-products, Sciences & Engineering Laboratory (BSEL) for a tour where we received different presentations from the WSU and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) Divisions. To complete the tour of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, we visited the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory (LIGO).

The second week of camp was just as busy and enjoyable. In addition to their regularly scheduled math and science curriculums, the students visited the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute (PCEI) in Moscow, Idaho, received a presentation from Solo Greene concerning the Hanford Nuclear Reservation ("Closing the Circle" video), culture of the Nez Perce and the importance of "Vision", attended two presentations (Nez Perce Tribe Air Quality Program and ERWM Program) at the Spaulding National Historical Park, went to the Asotin County Aquatic Center, and completed the final week at the PACE 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Lunch & Awards Assembly at Spaulding Park.

Solo Greene, the PACE Coordinator, had this to say, "It was a busy two weeks. The days and weeks went by fast. With collaborating services with the University of Idaho and scheduling the Hanford Tour, it took a lot of work and time, but in the end, it is always worth it. I would like to thank all the sponsors, presenters and volunteers. Without your help and support, none of this would be possible. Thank You!"





## **2010 Tri-State Parks and Recreation Conference West Yellowstone, Montana October 6-9, 2010**

The NPNHT Administration staff recently attended the Tri-State, Parks & Trails Conference held at the Holiday Inn in West Yellowstone, MT. We served as exhibitors and had a wonderful opportunity to learn more at an exciting workshop about Connecting Youth to the Outdoors which portrayed unique statewide (ID, MT, WY) and local programs, initiatives, and projects.

Jack Shea a member of the National Forum on Children and Nature has served as the Executive Director of Teton Science School since 1988. Jack's 25 years of experience in environmental outdoor and science education at all levels, from pre-school to seniors, has made him an expert in the movement to reconnect children and families with the outdoors. In his keynote presentation on the opening day of the conference Jack discussed the need for youth to have more "free play" time outdoors to experience natural. This was the experience of many youth of the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century and he believes we need to let today's kids have a similar experience, "let kids be kids," with more unstructured play time.

The Missoula Children's Theatre (MTC), [Where is the Great Outdoors](#), Troup delighted a lunch audience with their latest program "Water Water Everywhere." The MTC is a partner with the U.S. Forest Service, bringing outdoor programs to schools across America. This interactive, engaging school assembly helps kids reconnect with their emotions and senses pertaining to outdoor activities.

Concurrent sessions covered educational topics including topics such as Cooperative Law Enforcement & Vandalism Prevention Programs, Historical Interpretation through Story and Song, Opportunity Maps for the Future, The Mastery of Leadership and Community livability.

Trail staff participated in a field trip to the Quake Lake Visitor Center along the Madison River Canyon. This facility is located just a few miles north of the NPNHT in southwestern Montana. We had an opportunity to meet with Visitor Center staff and work with them to help provide information about the NPNHT to their visitors.

The conference was successful and enabled a wealth of opportunity to network with Recreation professionals from the Tri-State area.





## New Faces Along the Trail:

### Jamie Connell Takes the Helm as State BLM Director



Bureau of Land Management Director Bob Abbey has named Jamie Connell as the agency's new state director for Montana and the Dakotas. In naming Connell and two other new state directors, Abbey said, "These three outstanding land managers bring decades of experience, including proven management skills, to their new positions. I'm delighted that they have accepted new professional opportunities."

Connell was born in Butte and received her B.S. in Petroleum Engineering from Montana Tech in 1985. She began her BLM career in 1985 as a petroleum engineer in Miles City. For the past 18 years, Jamie has been a public land manager for the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service in locations across the West, including Great Falls and Malta; Boise, ID; and Montrose, Silverthorne, Glenwood Springs, and Grand Junction, all in Colorado. Since February, 2009, Connell has served as

the BLM's Northwest Colorado District Manager. She and her husband John enjoy hiking, skiing, canoeing, upland bird hunting, and fly fishing.

Connell will report for her new duties before this fall. She replaces Gene Terland, who retired in May 2010.

### Liz Davy Named Ashton/Island Park District Ranger

Forest Supervisor Brent Larson of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest welcomes Elizabeth Davy as the new Ashton/Island Park District Ranger (RD). "I am really excited to have Liz join us on the Caribou Targhee National Forest (NF). Her passion and enthusiasm for involving communities and working with stakeholders to address management issues and concerns will make her a good fit on the Ashton Island Park District and the Caribou-Targhee National Forest." Davy comes to Idaho from the Bridger-Teton NF in Wyoming where she was the Forest Timber Staff Officer/Silviculturist, managing the Forest's timber and reforestation program.



She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Management from University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point. She has been a Forester and Silviculturist all of her career. Davy started with the Forest Service in 1983 on the Bridger-Teton in Big Piney, WY, as a seasonal timber technician. She worked as a seasonal sale prep forester on the Targhee NF in Island Park in 1987, moved to Teton Basin RD in 1990 and worked in reforestation. She became a certified Silviculturist in 2001. In 2002 she moved to Salmon, Idaho and worked on North Fork RD as the Fuels specialist for 3 ranger districts. In 2004 she moved back to the Tetons as the Forest Silviculturist on the Bridger-Teton NF. She has worked extensively in whitebark pine restoration and aspen restoration.

Davy is looking forward to meeting lots of new people in the community. "I am looking forward to coming "back home" as the District Ranger for Ashton and Island Park where I started my Forest Service career," said Davy.

Davy and her husband Michael Whitfield will continue to live in Driggs, ID, for awhile and hope to eventually move to Ashton. Michael is a native of Driggs and works for Heart of the Rockies, a collaboration of Land Trusts in the northern Rocky Mountains. Both enjoy the outdoors and plan on extending their playground to Ashton/Island Park area.



## New Faces Along the Trail:, Cont.:

### Rich Torquemada Selected as Missoula BLM Field Office Manager



The field manager for the Bureau of Land Management's Missoula Field Office is settling into his new job after being officially inducted to the post in a ceremony on September 17. Rich Torquemada took the oath of office, administered by Mike Nedd, Acting State Director for the Montana/Dakotas BLM, during the brief induction ceremony at the field office.

Torquemada thanked the staffs of the field office, the Western Montana BLM District, and the Montana State Office for their support and said he looks forward to a challenging and rewarding future guiding the Missoula office as it begins working on its

Resource Management Plan. Torquemada replaces Nancy Anderson, who retired from her position earlier this summer. Torquemada comes to the BLM from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service where he was the Northern Idaho Field Office supervisor. Prior to that, he worked for the U.S. Forest Service at the District, Forest and Regional levels as a fish biologist and a supervisory fish and wildlife program manager. He began his career in the research branch of the Forest Service, in Boise, ID, and obtained B.S. and M.S. degrees in Aquatic Science from Humboldt State University.

"I'm extremely honored to have this opportunity to return to Montana and work for the BLM," Torquemada said. "In my first month on the job, I've had a chance to get out in the field with staff, and learn about the issues, projects, and partnerships that the Missoula Field Office has been involved with. This is truly a special place."

The Missoula Field Office manages nearly 150,000 acres of public lands and more than 200,000 acres of mineral estate within Granite, Missoula, and Powell Counties in western Montana.

### Fitzsimmons Chosen to Lead Hebgen Lake Ranger District

The Gallatin National Forest recently announced that Cavan Fitzsimmons will be the new District Ranger at the Hebgen Lake Ranger District stationed in West Yellowstone, MT. Cavan is replacing Lauren Turner who retired last month.

Cavan and his family are moving to West Yellowstone from the Superior National Forest, Kawishiwi Ranger District in Ely, MN, where he manages one of the busiest recreation programs in the Forest Service. Prior to moving to Minnesota, Cavan was the Forest Trails Coordinator for the Salmon-Challis National Forest located in Salmon, ID. He brings a wealth of knowledge particularly in recreation management, but also has experience in timber, minerals, fire and fuels management.

In his previous positions, Cavan focused on working with communities, other agencies and interested parties on different partnerships that result in positive management objectives for both the public's natural resources and partners and anticipates doing much of the same as the Hebgen Lake District Ranger. "I am excited to return to one of the most unique areas in the National Forest Service System," stated Fitzsimmons.

"I was born, raised, and have always lived in small towns like West Yellowstone and am looking forward to working with and volunteering in the community."

"The skills Cavan brings to this District Ranger position will be a valuable asset to both the West Yellowstone community and the Gallatin National Forest," said Mary Erickson, Forest Supervisor for the Custer and Gallatin Forests.





## **Tod McKay Joins the Bitterroot National Forest as Public Affairs Officer**

Bitterroot National Forest Supervisor Julie King announced recently the addition of a new talent to the Forest, Public Affairs Officer, Tod G. McKay.

“I am very pleased that Tod joined us and will work to enhance our resource communication efforts on the forest,” said Supervisor King. “We are really fortunate to have recruited someone like Tod and are very excited about the new perspective and fresh eyes he will bring to the Bitterroot.”

McKay has a varied background including 18+ years experience in journalism working with various media and broadcasting. After graduating from Oregon State University in 1992 with a degree in Broadcast Media Communications and Political Science, he was selected as the recipient of the National Fellow award for CBS news where he researched international issues and events to assist CBS news correspondent icons such as Mike Wallace, Dan Rather, and Charles Kuralt.

In 1994 Tod was as a reporter/news anchor for KBCI TV in Boise, ID, covering the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan. While in Nagano, Japan, he wrote, produced and anchored a documentary that won many prestigious local awards and was nominated for two Emmy awards for news reporting by the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

Since then Tod has worked as an aide in the Boise Mayor’s office in 2002, in Public Relations for Blue Cross of Idaho as well as several non-profit organizations in marketing, grant writing and fund raising with great success in recent years. His most recent work was in the private sector where he was the Vice President of the Treasure Valley United Way in Boise, ID.

In his spare time Tod enjoys golf, fly fishing, hiking, and playing the bagpipes. He was recently invited to join the Forest Service Bagpipe Honor Guard.

“This is beautiful country and I’m very excited to be part of the Forest Service and the great work they do. At the same time I know I have a lot of learning to do about the resource programs on the Bitterroot and look forward to meeting all my coworkers,” said McKay.

Tod, his wife Angie, and son Michael make their home in the Bitterroot Valley.





# Nez Perce National Historic Trail

*Comprehensive Management Plan Revision*

## Public Workshop

**Thursday December 2, 2010**

**6:30 p.m.—9 p.m.**

**Ruby's Inn**

**4825 North Reserve in Missoula, MT**

Learn more about the Nez Perce National Historic Trail and provide Trail administrators with your comments about the future administration of this National Trail.

**The Workshop will begin with a 20 min. video on the history of the Trail.**

- Congress passed the National Trails System Act in 1968, establishing a framework for a nationwide system of scenic, recreational, and historic trails.
- The Nez Perce (Nimípuu or Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) was added to this system by Congress as a National Historic Trail in 1986.
- The NPNHT stretches 1,170 miles from Wallowa Lake, Oregon, to the Bear Paw Battlefield near Chinook, Montana.
- The NPNHT follows the 1877 flight of the non-treaty Nez Perce from their homelands.
- This route was used in its entirety only once; however, component trails and roads that made up the route bore generations of use prior to and after the 1877 flight of the non-treaty Nez Perce.
- The NPNHT website ([www.fs.fed.us/npnht](http://www.fs.fed.us/npnht)) provides current information about the Trail. Information on the website includes: Trail publications, news, a kids corner, wildlife, historical and cultural information.

**If you are unable to attend this or future workshops you may also provide written comment.**

**For additional information please visit: [www.fs.fed.us/npnht/cmp/](http://www.fs.fed.us/npnht/cmp/)**

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# Comment Form

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This comment form is a means for you to provide your input regarding specific issues and opportunities along the Trail as well as a way to provide additional information that will be helpful for the USDA Forest Service to consider as we prepare the long range Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) for the Trail.

For your comments to be considered, we require that you include your name and address. Please note that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, maybe made public. You may request that we withhold your personal information from public view. Though we can not guarantee that we will be able to do so, we will make every effort to honor your request.

\*If you would like to receive future updates about the Trail CMP revision please check this box: ☐

**Comments From Public Workshops are due on or before October 31, 2011**

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**Comments can also be e-mailed to: [npnht-CMP-rev@fs.fed.us](mailto:npnht-CMP-rev@fs.fed.us)**

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## Fall Color Along the Nez Perce National Historic Trail



Along the Chief Joseph Scenic Byway., Wyoming



Near Henry's Lake Idaho



Careless Creek near Ryegate, MT

Along the banks of the Missouri at the Upper Missouri River Interpretive Center, Fort Benton, MT.

