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

Progress Report

Summer 2018

Administrator's Corner

Summer is officially here! Who's enjoying the summer sun?! We hope you're getting out and exploring some terrific places and meeting new people along the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT). I hope your summer is as full of the same excitement and discovery that infuses everything we do at the NPNHT Administration Program.

This summer is special as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the National Trails System Act (NTSA). It is truly "A celebration of America." Enjoy a few examples of ways our partners helped us celebrate the 50th in this edition. Stay informed by visiting the [NPNHT website](#) for additional details.



Photo Courtesy of Sandra Broncheau-McFarland

A visitor pauses to enjoy a high mountain lake along the NPNHT in central Idaho

We invite you to visit and enjoy our wild and scenic beauty, unique points of interest, and engaging recreational activities. Find your adventure away from the city lights and under the stars of the Trail. Enjoy the moment. The NPNHT provides access to adventures while connecting with its colorful past. Whether you are a history buff, wildflower admirer, or an explorer, you will enjoy your time.

The NPNHT is ripe for discovery. The paths to exploration are exciting. We think you'll agree. Our Auto Tour routes provide many miles of road on which to ramble and immerse yourself in history.

Whether you are traveling by bus, car, bicycle, or motorcycle, the NPNHT Auto Tour invites you to come and enjoy its beauty. The road is filled with excellent reasons to visit. Our Auto Tour Brochures offer many scenic and historic wonders and offbeat attractions to warrant many more stops along the way. This is a special place with good people. You can obtain more information about the Auto Tours by visiting the NPNHT website and [ordering or downloading brochures](#).

Your story is our story. The NPNHT is a place to create new memories, tell old stories, and start the next chapter. This is our invitation for you to share your stories. Grab your camera and get outside. Want more inspiration? Check out the photos on our [Flickr site](#).

Thank you for making us extraordinary, and be safe as you experience our 50th Anniversary opportunities.

Sandra Broncheau-McFarland,
Administrator, NPNHT



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28th Annual Tamkaliks Celebration Lilóoynin' 'éetx páaycix - Glad You're Here



U.S. Forest Service photo, Sandra Broncheau-McFarland

The Tamkaliks Celebration is a celebration and recognition of the continuing Nez Perce presence in the Wallowa Valley. The event is held on the 320 acre Tamkaliks Pow Wow Ground on Whiskey Creek Road in Wallowa, OR.

From July 20-22, 2018, the Homeland became a place of reunion for descendants of the original inhabitants of Wal'waama, the Wallowa Country. Year after year, participants enjoy three days of dancing and drumming, culminating in a traditional Nez Perce Walasit service and Friendship feast. Descendants, locals, and visitors attend together.

The Tamkaliks Celebration continues as their biggest annual event. It is seen by outsiders as entertainment due to the singing, dancing, and colorful regalia. Tamkaliks is a time for families to be together with other family members and friends. It is a time to honor the past and celebrate the future. Families travel hundreds of miles to attend. The renewal of traditions and reinforcement of heritage is an important thing.

Friday evening set the stage for social dancing with lots of food vendors and arts and crafts. The emcees for the gathering were Thomas Morningowl and Fred Hill. Saturday began with the horse parade followed by the special presentation involving the Nez Perce Trail Foundation (NPTF) that works throughout the year gathering items for bags that are given to the women descendants of the Nez Perce War. These women introduced themselves and talked about their heritage and connection to that event. An honor song is done for the women and their family and friends to join. This year a special puppet show was performed by Cece Whitewolf and created by Cece and Angel Sobotta depicting Coyote Legends. The NPTF also announced the selection of three Nez Perce students that will receive a \$500 scholarship to continue their college educations. The NPTF has annually contributed the funds with the hope that their cause will promote cultural understanding, appreciation, pride, education, scholarly advancement, and success.



U.S. Forest Service photo, Sandra Broncheau-McFarland

The Sunday friendship feast in Wallowa enjoyed a record number of visitors this year. There is no charge for the event, so visitor count was based on the number of people fed (plates), which featured the usual spread of buffalo, elk and salmon and dozens of homemade side dishes and desserts. There were 600 plates allotted for the feast, and organizers ran out of plates!



Photo Courtesy of the Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center

This year a couple from Norway held their wedding at the site on Sunday.

The weather was perfect for folks to take the challenge of the rigorous 4-mile loop trail which summits Tick Hill, with an optional detour to an overlook and gazebo (*photo left*). From here one can soak up the view of the entire Wallowa Valley all the way to the moraine at Wallowa Lake, including the site of the confluence of the Wallowa & Lostine Rivers. It is worth the effort to experience the reason for the Nez Perce place name, "Tamkaliks" meaning "From where you can see the

mountains." On the hike one will pass several interpretive markers as well as an ancestral cemetery.

Sandra Broncheau-McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT



Revitalization for the Community and Tie to the Wallowa Homeland



Photo Courtesy of Shannon Bowley

A formal dedication was held on Friday, July 20, 2018, at the opening of the Annual Tamkaliks Celebration. The dedication was to officially recognize and open the pedestrian footbridge that connects the Wallowa Homeland to the community of Wallowa (*photo left*).

People gathered on a sunny afternoon as Armand Minthorn, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, gave opening remarks and a traditional blessing, and to hear comments from a number of partners committed to the project. Mary Hawkins, Office Manager Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center, (WBNPTIC)

introduced the partners and volunteers in attendance. Charlie Moses, Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland Board secretary and long-time member, spoke on the origins and intent of the Homeland project. Bud Phillips spoke about his involvement. He was a Wallowa City Councilor when the first bridges were donated. He owned the two lots south west of the river and has donated first the easement and then the lots themselves for the footbridge. Ralph Swinehart, Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland Board member and engineer, spoke about the history of the structures and the process of relocating them. Ken Patterson, Howard Postovit, and John Linder, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), spoke about the bridge as a testament to the value of public input to State projects. Sandra Broncheau-McFarland, Administrator of the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail, spoke about the importance of providing this opportunity to engage more people to get outdoors, especially in light of the 50th Anniversary of the National Trails System Act.



Photo Courtesy of Shannon Bowley

A historic steel-truss bridge now spans the Wallowa River to connect the Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland to the town of Wallowa. The footbridge is open to the public and will now carry pedestrians above the flood plain providing an easy shortcut to the town of Wallowa from the Wallowa Homeland. Truly this creates a permanent link between communities.



Photo Courtesy of Shannon Bowley

In Oregon, all historic bridges are preserved if at all possible for their historical attributes. ODOT paid for removal and relocation of the Deer Creek Bridge. They moved the green bridge to its current place in 2017 (*photo above*).

The WBNPTIC applied and received a challenge cost share agreement with the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail Administration Program and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to do the two approaches to the bridge. Giving residents and visitors alike a gift of awareness of the natural and cultural features, the bridge is adorned with 7 interpretive signs that were mounted and unveiled at the dedication (*photo left*).

Immediately the rustic, well-fortified bridge was abuzz with pedestrians of all ages, strollers, and cyclists.

Sandra Broncheau-McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT



Doug Hyde Chosen for Joseph Main Street Art Project

Artist Doug Hyde was born in Hermiston, OR, and traces Nez Perce, Assiniboiné, and Chippewa tribal ancestry. He attended the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe and the San Francisco Art Institute in the 1960s. While recuperating from serious injury after a second tour in Vietnam, Doug learned to use power tools to cut and shape stone. Sculpting in stone and bronze became the passion and focus of his life.

Plateau Indian Art on Main Street is a project of the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture, funded by a generous grant from the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF). The Josephy Center's namesake, Alvin Josephy, Jr, helped bring the Nez Perce story back to American attention with his classic history of the tribe, *The Nez Perce Indians and the Opening of the Northwest*, published in 1965.

The grant is part of OCF's "Creative Heights" initiative, which encourages non-profits, artists and citizens throughout the state to test new ideas, stretch creative capacity, and provide unique opportunities for Oregonians to experience innovative arts and culture. The initiative has thus far invested more than \$945,000 through 13 Oregon nonprofits, part of a \$4 million, four-year investment by OCF in arts and culture around Oregon.

Hyde will receive a \$25,000 artist award in three installments over a year-long period, with additional grant money available for artist travel, expenses, and artwork production. The second finalist for the project was Yakima artist Toma Villa. Each finalist had time to draft a proposal for jurors from tribal and local communities. Doug's proposal deals with Nez Perce removal and return to the Wallawas. He will visit the city and meet with local artists and Josephy Center and city officials in the near future before developing a final plan.

In 1998, one of Hyde's sculptures was installed at the White House. In 2008, his bronze, *Little Turtle*, was purchased for the permanent collection of the Smithsonian's Cultural Resource Center. Hyde has focused most of his efforts in the past decade to help Native American tribes tell their stories.

The Josephy Center and Oregon Community Foundation are proud to give Doug Hyde the chance to tell the Nez Perce story in the town named for its most famous leader, Chief Joseph.

For more information on Plateau Art on Main Street, contact Rich Wandschneider at 541-432-0505, or rich.wandschneider@gmail.com. josephylibrary.blogspot.com/



Doug Hyde sculpting "Daybreak Star," a Nez Perce woman.

Photo Courtesy of Les Stukenberg The Prescott Courier

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Annual Chief Joseph Trail Ride

The Chief Joseph Trail ride which follows the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) is done in 100 mile increments and takes 13 years to complete. The ride first began in 1965. The riders this year came from across the nation with the farthest travelers coming from New Zealand and Germany.

The Annual Chief Joseph Trail Ride began with the evening camp on Sunday July 22, 2018, at Tolo Lake near Grangeville, ID. This year the riders were limited to 150. Past years saw numbers as high as 350. The ride was mostly on private lands and roadways, which include part of the NPNHT Auto Tour route. The Nez Perce Appaloosa Horse Club (NPAPHC), a long-time partner to the NPNHT Administration Program hosted the opening session with a traditional blessing and presentation by Wilfred Scott, Nez Perce Tribe. Emmitt Taylor, Jr., President served as emcee. Red Bird, a Nez Perce drum played for a Welcome Dance and a special Swan Dance shared by members of the Club.

The first day they travelled from Tolo Lake to the White Bird Battlefield, a 13.7 mile ride.

They made camp that evening nearby on a private ranch. That evening the NPAPHC in efforts to promote the 50th Anniversary of the National Trails System, brought in Silas Whitman, Nez Perce Tribal member, to give a presentation about the Flight of 1877. The NPAPHC also conducted an Empty Saddle ceremony with the assistance of the Red Bird Drum and members of their club. The ceremony involves riders in traditional regalia to circle the camp three times. One riderless horse carries blankets. The riderless horse represents those who did not return in 1877 from the battle. The NPAPHC honored family members with Pendleton blankets in memory of their recent losses.

Josephine Harvey Killgore was the

Wilfred "Scotty" Scott addresses the riders in camp at the White Bird Battlefield

oldest living Nez Perce and spent her lifetime in the Whitebird area. She passed away in May 2018. Doris Ferguson and Karen Williams, both lifetime members of the NPAPHC, were honored by blanket presentations to their respective families.

The NPAPHC had 17 riders this year and 13 were youth, the youngest being 12. The second day the riders rode from Whitebird to Joseph Plains and camped; a total of 28 miles. The next day they rode over to the breaks over-looking Dug Bar on the Snake River. They returned to the same camp and their last day the rode back to Tolo Lake. Next year they will ride from Grangeville, ID, to Musselshell Meadows on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests.



Abigail Whitman with the NPAPHC



L-R: Mr. Kilgore is honored with a blanket presented by Emmitt Taylor Jr. and Olivia Carter-Herrera of the NPAPHC

Sandra Broncheau-McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT



“What In The World Is A Lolo Trail? Exploring our local National Historic Trails

In his 1965 “Natural Beauty Message” to Congress, President Lyndon B. Johnson inspired a national “system of trails” for the American people. Congress passed the National Trails System Act, signed in law by President Johnson, on October 2, 1968.

Today, the National Trails System (NTS) includes 11 National Scenic Trails and 19 National Historic Trails authorized by Congress, and more than 1,200 National Recreation Trails (including 21 National Water Trails). Preservation and development of Rail Trails is also fostered in this act.

These trails provide outdoor recreation opportunities, promote resource preservation and public access, and encourage the appreciation of the great outdoors and America’s history and cultural diversity.

As part of America celebrating the 50th anniversary of our National Trails System our partners are assisting the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) by doing a variety of presentations, demonstrations, and unlimited opportunities to experience these iconic trails. This anniversary is a golden opportunity for all Americans to part take of the celebration. One of our esteemed partners, Chuck Raddon, a retired U.S. Forest Service employee and partner with the Idaho Chapter of the Lewis and Clark National Heritage Foundation, enthralled us with a presentation entitled, “What In The World Is A Lolo Trail? Exploring our local National Historic Trails.” (photo right)

The presentation was co-hosted by the Nez Perce National Historical Park (NEPE) on the morning of Saturday, July 14, 2018, at the Park Visitor Center in Spalding, ID.

Chuck enlightened and entertained a group of some 25 people with his deep understanding and long time commitment to the trail system. He showed the big picture of how the Lolo Trail was used in early travel and for whom it was important.



U.S. Forest Service photo, Sandra Broncheau-McFarland



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He further described the use by early travelers such as Native Americans, Lewis and Clark, fur traders and trappers, the Nez Perce War events, and the Forest Service Fire Control era.

Chuck shared on how to reach the area and where to find resources for information. He also spoke to how the National Historic Landmark and management is changing and how the National Historic Trails, the NPNHT and the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail fit into the picture.

People had an opportunity for questions and dialogue and enjoyed refreshments and the opportunity to take a “selfie” as part of the 50th celebration. They enjoyed seeing the 50th Anniversary exhibits of the NPNHT and also a special 50th Anniversary exhibit by NEPE. Later they had time to take in the educational video on the Nez Perce People and view clothing and daily objects reflecting traditional Nez Perce ways of life. This season the park is exhibiting the Year of the Bird and how it relates to Nez Perce culture. This a limited time exhibit for additional information please contact Nez Perce National Historical Park, in Spalding, ID.

L-R: Tom Eier and Sandra Broncheau-McFarland, celebrating with the Trails 50 “selfie frame.”

Sandra Broncheau-McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT



Celebrate 50 Years of National Trails



Photo Courtesy of Kristy Davenport, West Yellowstone Visitor Center

As we celebrate the Golden Anniversary of the National Trails System Act, the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) is taking advantage of this golden opportunity to celebrate.

Starting this spring two display banners highlighting the NPNHT started traveling to visitor facilities along or associated with the Trail. In the coming weeks they will be on display at the following locations: the Interagency Visitor Center in West Yellowstone, the Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History, the Mesa Falls Visitor Center, the Big Hole Battlefield Visitor Center, and Pompey's Pillar National Monument Visitor Center, to name a few (*photo left*).

Starting in June the NPNHT, along with partners like the Bitterroot Audubon Society, Bitter Root Cultural Heritage Trust, Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, Discover Your Northwest, Ice Age Floods Institute, Lewis and

Clark National Historic Trail, Lolo National Forest, Montana State Parks, Ravalli County Museum, Northern Rockies Heritage Center, Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History, and Stevensville Main Street Association has been sharing information about the National Trails System with 1000s of people around the region.

On June 9 and June 23 we hosted Trails 50 informational booths at Bitter Root Days in Hamilton, MT, the opening of the new Milltown State Park, and Western Heritage Days in Stevensville, MT, where we interacted with 100s of people, sharing the story of the National Trails.

From July 6-8, Discover Your Northwest hosted the first in our series of Native Artists at Lolo Pass. Gayle Bear and her granddaughter, Jordanna Bear, members of the Nez Perce Tribe, demonstrated creating Corn husk artwork, beading, and basket making. From August 11-13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. PDT, Jenny Williams, a member of the Nez Perce Tribe, will demonstrate traditional weaving.



U.S. Forest Service photo, Roger Peterson

L-R: Kris Komar and Tamar Stanley have fun with the Trails 50 "selfie frame" at Bitter Root Days.



U.S. Forest Service photo, Roger Peterson

Jim Sheldon from the Ice Age Floods Institute shares information about the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail at the Fort Missoula Trails 50 event.

On Thursday, July 26, the NPNHT in conjunction with the Northern Rockies Heritage Center hosted an evening celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the National Trails System Act and also the Centennial of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act at Fort Missoula. There was information available about all the National Trails with detailed information about the National Trails in the area closest to Missoula, MT. Sherry Ritter, from the Bitterroot Audubon Society, presented "Montana Birds: Tough Enough to Stay or Tough Enough to Leave."

The NPNHT website has a [list of the events](#) happening along the Trail during the rest of this summer and early fall.

For a list of all 50th Events happening nationally please visit: <https://www.trails50.org/find-an-event/>

Go ahead – wear your heart on your sleeve – or on your backpack: this is a time of celebration.

Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, NPNHT



Stay Safe Traveling the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National NHT Auto Tour Route

Summer is a busy time along the many miles of road that make up the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail Auto Tour Route.

U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) remind vehicle drivers to "share the road."

Sharing the Road is a simple but important concept. Motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians are all responsible for safety on roadways.

Some examples of good [tips for sharing the road](#) with others can be found on the Montana Department of Transportation website.



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Be Safe in Your Travels

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

Please take a few minutes to review the Trail's Safety and Ethics Website before you begin your journey:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/npnht/ethics>

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

There are links to a number of [webcams](#) 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.



State Parks Along the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail Provide Options

As you travel along the nearly 3,000 miles of the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) Auto Tour Route there are numerous of options for visitors to bed down for the night or learn more about history along the route. Some of those options include our partners at a number of state parks, from the shores of Wallowa Lake, to the streets of Bannack, or enjoying a summer evening breeze at Henry's Lake. Don't overlook state parks when looking for a place to stay and enhance your experience.

Some parks even have cabins, tipis, or yurts to rent if you don't have a tent or trailer.

Throughout the year many of the parks host a variety of programs for visitors to enjoy and learn more about local history and culture.

Some of the parks along the NPNHT include:

Idaho:

- Harriman
- Hells Gate
- Henrys Lake

Oregon:

- Iwetemlaykin State Heritage Site
- Minam
- Wallowa Lake

Montana:

- Bannack
- Travelers Rest

Washington:

- Chief Timothy
- Fields Spring

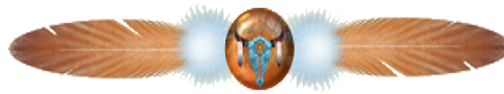
To learn more about fees for the state parks visit their websites, fee programs vary by state and location and some programs to not charge entrance fees if you are a state resident. So, the next time your traveling the NPNHT consider checking out one of the state parks.

Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, NPNHT



Top: Henrys Lake State Park, ID
Bottom: Bannack State Park, MT
U.S. Forest Service photos, Roger Peterson

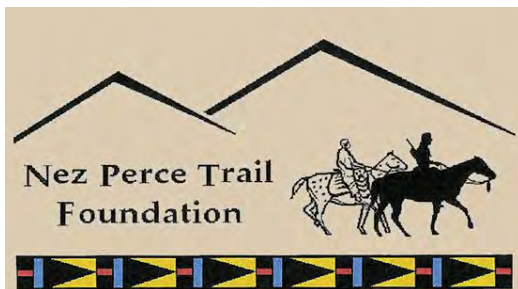
UPCOMING Events:



August 3-11, 2018—Nez Perce Trail Foundation Summer Educational Trail Tour
August 11, 2018 — Big Hole Battle Memorial, Wisdom, MT
August 11-13, 2018—Native Artist in Residence Jenny Williams, Lolo Pass Visitor Center
August 9-12, 2018 — Omak Stampede and Indian Encampment, Omak, WA
August 17 –19, 2018 —Chief Looking Glass Days, Kamiah, ID
August 25, 2018—NPNHT Presentation by Sandra Broncheau-McFarland, at Nez Perce National Historical Park, Spalding, ID
September 22, 2018 — National Public Lands Day (fees waived at National Public Lands Agencies)
October 2, 2018— 50th Anniversary of the signing of the National Trails System Act by President Lyndon B. Johnson
October 6, 2018 — Bear Paw Memorial, Chinook, MT
October 22-25, 2018 — National Trails System Conference, Vancouver, WA
November 2018— Native American Heritage Month
November 2-3, 2018 — Veterans Day Pow Wow, Nespelem, WA
November 11, 2018 — Veterans Day Weekend (fees waived at National Public Lands Agencies)



News From the Nez Perce Trail Foundation



The Nez Perce Trail Foundation's (NPTF) Annual Summer Education Tour will take place from August 3-11, 2018. The Tour will start in Yellowstone, WY, and travel to the Bear Paw Battlefield near Chinook, MT. All are welcome! Teacher Credit is available from Montana State University Northern. For additional information [contact the NPTF](#).

The NPTF awarded two \$500 scholarships during the Tamkaliks celebration in Wallowa, OR. In addition, a special award was given to a person of special distinction this year. Heewekse Wisdom of Lapwai, ID,

plans on continuing her education to become a Dental Hygienist. Jolistia Calfrobe, of Lapwai, ID, will embark on her educational journey at Lewis and Clark State College. She will major in Social Work, with a minor in Psychology. Madeline Piccolo, of Elmer City, plans to attend Big Bend Community College. She understands the importance of preserving, protecting, and maintaining her cultural significance while gaining an education. Her goal is to utilize her knowledge by working for her tribe, reservation, and archeological studies.

Plans continue for the Nez Perce Memorial near Ft. Leavenworth, KS. The location and design will be forthcoming. Donations are welcome!

The NPTF will have a display table at the upcoming Trails Conference in Vancouver, WA, in October. Please stop by to obtain promotional materials. While at the conference you can visit with Charlie Moses Jr. in full regalia, and Jim Zimmerman as the U.S. Army's Lt. C.E.S. Wood (Gen. Howard's aide-du-Camp).

Join us on LinkedIn— with over 800+ connections, we reach thousands of people to spread the story about the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail.

We are looking for interested groups to form "Trail Towns" along the Nez Perce Trail Route. We also are interested in those communities that were on the Joseph's Band exile route to Nespelem, WA, on the Colville Reservation, such as Riparia, WA. Volunteers can inform visitors about the history of the 1877 war and flight of the Nez Perce and share the relevance about their community. History buffs are welcome!

Anyone with unpublished information regarding personal accounts of the 1877 war are welcome to share their stories in the upcoming NPTF newsletter. We have learned so many little known facts from those ancestors who were on both sides of the war.

Visit our website www.nezperctrail.net for information about all of these activities. We serve to tell the story.

You can donate to any of these great projects throughout the year, via mail or the PayPal option on the website.

Many thanks!

Karen Heagen, President, NPTF



2017 Participants of the NPTF Summer Education Tour climb Tick Hill in Wallowa, OR

Photo Courtesy of Karen Heagen NPTF





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

It has been a great start to the summer! Park staff along with vendors, demonstrators, drummers, (*photo right*) and dancers worked together to hold a Culture Day event in May at the Spalding Picnic Area. There was a crafting project, special Junior Ranger activity, and several tipis. The weather was perfect and we appreciate all those who were able to come out and participate. Although attendance was only a few hundred, we plan on making this special and meaningful experience an annual event. Be sure to keep an eye out for the 2nd Annual Culture Day in May of 2019.

There is a new face in the park this summer. A budget analyst was hired to work in the park's Administrative Division. Lora Hawksley, who previously worked at Yosemite National Park for the last 19 years, relocated to the Lewiston, ID, area this June. Lora has hit the ground running and we are excited to have her as part of our team.



Photo Courtesy of the National Park Service

Over the last few months there have been a couple of guest speakers and demonstrators at the Spalding Visitor Center. In June, Nez Perce tribal members Gayle Bear and Phill Allen presented programs for visitors. Gayle demonstrated the tradition of making woven items and the different materials used. Phill presented a program about the impacts that Lewis and Clark had on the Nez Perce. In July, Chuck Raddon talked about the Lolo Trail System in the Clearwater National Forest and tribal elder Sam Pablo provided two demonstrations on traditional and modern net making. All programs and demonstrations were well received and attended by the visitors, and we appreciate their willingness to share their knowledge and experiences with our visitors.

Continuing with our "Year of the Bird" theme in honor of the centennial of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, we held two events. This May the park participated in "Global Big Day," when birders from around the world try to count as many birds as they can in 24 hours. As a result there was a World Record set with 6,899 different species reported; 2/3rds of the world's bird species in one day. In June we helped the birds by holding a micro-trash volunteer project to remove small bits of trash, which can be harmful to birds and affect their habitat.

There are a couple of events to look forward to in the next few months. In August, tribal member Kevin Peters will provide a flute carving demonstration at the visitor center on, August 4 and 18. On August 11, the park will host programs and a viewing of the Perseid Meteor Shower from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. PDT. Sandra Broncheau-McFarland, from the U.S. Forest Service and Administrator of the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT), will present a program on the on the NPNHT on August 25. Be sure to keep an eye out for further details on these and other events!

The visitor center is open daily and all programs, events, and presentations are free. For information regarding future events please contact the park at 208-843-7009.

Brett Spaulding, Supervisory Park Ranger, Nez Perce National Historical Park





News From the National Park Service: Big Hole National Battlefield

The snow melt ushered in a busy season at the Big Hole National Battlefield in Wisdom, MT. Lead interpretive ranger Rebekkah Jones and seasonal interpretive ranger Larry Mink helped train park guide

Leslie Lula, Anna Killian (intern) and the four summer volunteers: Peter Devlin, Maria Falvo, Fred Bradshaw, and Preston Gill. Within days they were ready to help staff the visitor center, deliver thirty-minute deck talks and provide informative and interesting ninety-minute programs as trail guides.

On June 9, Ranger Jones hung up her flat hat and returned to Alaska to marry the love of her life.

“Rebekah made many contributions to the park,” said Park Superintendent Mandi Wick. “Those include, but are not limited to, hiring an incredible summer seasonal interpretive staff, updating the website for both Big Hole and Nez Perce National Historical Park, and assisting with interpretive training. As we bid her farewell we wish her the best in her future personal and professional endeavor.”



The summer workers at the Big Hole National Battlefield called themselves the Dream Team. Most of the group posed during a moment of levity after a pot luck dinner. From L-R: Anna Killian (intern) and volunteers Ramona DeGeorgio, Peter Devlin, Fred Bradshaw, Preston Gill and Maria Falvo. Not pictured is seasonal interpretive ranger, Larry Mink.



Youth Conservation Corps workers Tate Raymond, Nadia Rodriguez, and Joel Gill applied a new coat of stain the visitor's center during the summer.

The annual Coyote Camp (May 21-24) was a success with nearly 600 students from schools in Anaconda, Hamilton, Dillon, Helena, Butte, Lincoln, St. Ignatius, and Kalispell, MT, and Salmon, ID.

The Youth Conservation Corps participants this year were: Nadia Rodriguez, Tate Raymond, and Joel Gill. Working under the direction of Maintenance Supervisor Jimmer Stevenson and Bryan Smith, the group, aged 15-18, did lawn work, routine repairs and maintenance, kept the housing units clean, and even applied a new coat of stain to the front of our Visitors' Center. Montana Conservation Corps youth helped clear fallen timber from the grounds. According to one of the crew leaders, Christopher Lake, his group of 16- and 17-year-old AmeriCorp volunteers moved about nine cords of wood by sled and cart from the site of the howitzer captured by the Nez Perce in on August 9, 1877.

The Upper Columbia Basin Inventory and Monitoring team headed by Tom Rodhouse began arriving on June 24 and stayed until June 30. One member of the team was from France and a number of them were from

Universities in Oregon and Idaho, according to Administrative Technician Patti Bacon.

“They were here to monitor the colonies of Lemhi Penstemon, Spotted Napweed, and Camas Lily,” Bacon said.

Below are a list of the remaining programs that are part of our summer speaker series:

- August 4-5 - Bob Brown “Major Charles Rawn, the frontier army, and the war of 1877.” Presented as a first-person account of Major Rawn, a participant in the 1877 conflict.
- August 11 – Annual Commemoration, Mike Penny and Nez Perce Nation Drum and song will follow the 141st Commemoration of the 1877 event which begins at 10 a.m., and at 2:30 p.m. Another presentation of the Nez Perce Drum will be held at the May Creek Campground at 7 p.m. and again on Sunday at noon at the Big Hole National Battlefield visitor center.

Preston Gill, Big Hole National Battlefield





News From the National Park Service: Bear Paw National Battlefield

We have had a very productive spring, thanks in large part to volunteer Steve Kickert (*photo right*). Steve joined us for spring interpretive training and helped out around the battlefield through the month of June. With his help we gave a few more tours than would have been possible and got ahead on site maintenance tasks. I'd like to offer a BIG thanks to Steve and all the volunteers out there supporting our public lands.

School groups are down this year and it sounds like cuts to school transportation budgets is the reason. We were already planning on finding a way to develop new educational material and approaches and hopefully we can find a way to bring the Nez Perce Flight to more classrooms.



Photo Courtesy of the National Park Service

With our partners, the Blaine County Museum hosting, and support from the Glacier National Park Conservancy, we also had a guest speaker June 30 and July 1. Don Safford from Hot Springs, MT, came up for two full days of flint knapping demonstrations. Everyone who attended was held in rapt attention watching Don make a big hunk of rock turn into a fine point with ease.

Casey Overturf, Lead Park Ranger, Bear Paw Battlefield



News From the Forest Service Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest Lolo Pass Visitor Center

The Lolo Pass Visitor Center kicked off their Artist in Residence Program, highlighting the 50th Anniversary of the National Trails System. In early July we were fortunate to be visited by Nez Perce Artist Gayle Bear and her daughter, Jordene (*photo right*). The pair demonstrated traditional corn husk artwork and beading. The Artists set up in the interpretive room and provided demonstrations and interpretive talks while they worked. Visitors had the opportunity to interact with the artists and purchase their artwork. Gayle is a Nez Perce tribal elder who has acted as a cultural ambassador for many years. She is well known in the area for her beautiful artwork and dedicated to passing on these traditional skills to the next generation. In August, we will be featuring Nez Perce artist, Jenny Williams. Jenny will be demonstrating traditional weaving skills at the Lolo Pass Visitor Center from August 11-13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. PDT. Be sure to stop by for a visit!



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Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest



New Faces Along the Trail :

Back in 2000, Seth Carbonari's first jump as a smokejumper landed him in the West Fork Ranger District near Nez Perce Pass.

"We were able to catch that fire and put it out," he said. "The rest of that season became much more difficult for the Bitterroot."

Today, Carbonari is returning to the Bitterroot, this time as lead ranger.

Carbonari recently took over the reins of the Bitterroot National Forest's West Fork Ranger District in his first career move out the Flathead area. "I grew up in the Flathead, graduated from Flathead High School, and spent most of my career there," he said.

His career began in 1993 with the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation's fire crew. "It pretty much rained all summer that year," he said. "Most of my career has been spent in fire, but there wasn't much to be had that first summer."

For the past 11 years, Carbonari has served as the fire management officer of the beautiful backcountry ranger district called Spotted Bear. It was a job that sent him often into the sprawling Bob Marshall Wilderness. "It was a great place to work and a hard place to leave," he said.

The Spotted Bear Ranger station is located at the end of 55 miles of gravel road that can be navigated in a little less than two hours from Hungry Horse. The district office is only open seven months of the year.

"They don't plow the roads," Carbonari said. "You move in in the spring and move out in the fall. It's a very historic district with a long tradition...There were a lot of good folks who worked there. You learned to depend on them. It wasn't like you could get in your car and go to the nearest Tasty Freeze. "I worked a lot in wilderness and recreation," he said. "Pretty much everyone who worked there did a little bit of everything."

That included interacting with the growing number of partners who provided a good deal of volunteer labor in and out of the wilderness, which is something that he plans to draw on in his new position at a district with its own long history of working alongside a variety of partners.

"There are a lot of similarities between the two districts," Carbonari said. "The West Fork manages a lot of wilderness and recreation. It also has a good deal of interesting history."

That history includes the first efforts to allow fire to play its natural role in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness and Frank Church-River of No Return. The efforts trace back to 1972 when a fire in the White Cap area was allowed to burn.

The lessons learned in those two wilderness areas have helped shape fire management in places like the Bob Marshall.

"We had some huge successes over the decade in the Bob Marshall, but there were struggles as well," Carbonari said. "The work that was done here helped create a huge paradigm shift that I think has been for the better."

Carbonari said his decision to move south was driven in part by the similarities to the two districts. The West Fork also provides a wider range of forest management opportunities that include areas with higher recreational use, a timber program, and more interaction with the community on a variety of resource issues.

"I'm looking forward to having a role in more aspects of forest management and community involvement," he said. "I suspect fire will also continue to play an important role; it's who I am and where I came from. But I am looking forward to working with all of our partners and the community."

"The Bitterroot has a long and strong history of community involvement on forest management issues," Carbonari said. "I want to get out in the community to listen to what folks have to say."

And when winter returns, Carbonari will bring another skill to the valley that could help save lives. In the Flathead, he worked as an avalanche forecaster for more than a decade.

"I would really like to be of help on the education side of that," he said.

(information provided by Perry Backus Ravalli Republic)



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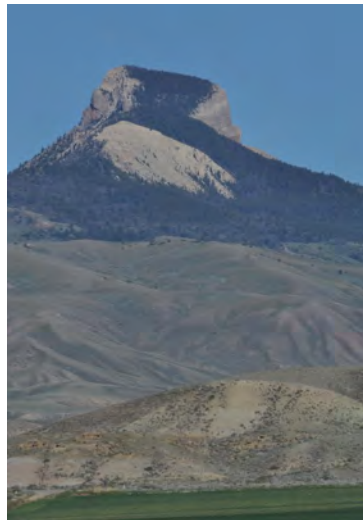
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