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

Progress Report

April 1996

From the NPNHT Coordinator

The years of hard work and dedication by Nez Perce National Historic Trail (NPNHT) supporters were certainly rewarded by the flurry of activity during the last year. And the stage seems set for even more in 1996 as numerous projects turn dreams into reality. Among the highlights of 1995:

NPNHT Symposium. The First Nez Perce National Historic Trail Symposium was held October 16-18, 1995 in Lewiston, Idaho. A diverse group of scholars, agency professionals and tribal members presented papers and participated in panel discussions focused on research, management and interpretation of the 1,70 mile Nez Perce Trail. Sponsors included the Nez Perce National Historic Trail Foundation, USFS, NPS and the Nez Perce Tribe.

Highway signing. All five NPNHT states (OR, WA, ID, MT, WY) have committed to install NPNHT auto route markers at key points along state and federal highways. These signs will be a visible reminder to travellers that they are retracing a historic route.

Interpretive Projects. All along the trail, excellent brochures, interpretive signs and programs are benefitting from thorough research, good graphic design and a team spirit with contributions and review by involved tribes and agencies. With more people involved the story has become richer.

These 1995 projects show that success of this trail depends upon everyone - Nez Perce Tribe, federal and state agencies, scholars, private landowners and individuals - becoming involved and working together.

Mike Beckes
NPNHT Coordinator

Nez Perce Artifact Collection Update

The Spalding-Allen Collection of Nez Perce artifacts was on loan for exhibit at Nez Perce National Historical Park from 1983 until 1995 when the Ohio Historical Society requested that the collection be returned by the end of the year. December 12, 1995, the Society and the Nez Perce Tribe reached an agreement whereby the Tribe would purchase the collection by June 1, 1996. In the meantime, the collection remains at the Spalding Visitor Center where the artifacts are being examined and documented by park staff and interested tribal members and researchers.

The tribe has hired a professional fund raiser to lead the effort to raise $608,000 needed to purchase the artifacts. As of April 4, over one half of the funds have been donated.

A special account has been set up to accept donations at:

Spalding-Allen Collection Fund
Key Bank
2250 Thain Road
P.O. Box 1208
Lewiston, ID 83501

Various fund-raising activities are being planned as part of a national effort to raise the needed money.

For more information check out the homepage:
http://www.uidaho.edu/NezPerce
NPNHT Team completes projects

The USFS and NPS created and jointly funded a three-person team to address projects of common concern for both the NPNHT and Nez Perce National Historical Park in 1995.

Mary Horstman (historian, Lolo National Forest), drove thousands of miles as Field Representative seeking agreement on designation and signing of a NPNHT auto route on existing roads paralleling the trail.

Sandi McFarland (archaeologist, Clearwater National Forest) chased thousands of details as Symposium Coordinator while organizing the first NPNHT Symposium (held October 16-18 in Lewiston, Idaho).

Dan Gard (University of Montana graduate student in historical archaeology) produced an annotated bibliography listing key resources associated with the Nez Perce Indians and the conflict of 1877, wrote last year's progress report and organized thousands of dusty files as Project Assistant based in the Regional Office.

NPNHT Resources Available:

Two copies of the NPNHT exhibit is now available for meetings, fairs, consisting of colorful maps, visitor centers and schools. To obtain more information or reserve this display, contact the Forest Service Region One office at (406)329-3226.

The NPNHT Sale Map, which has been out-of-print is once more available. Agency offices may now request supplies for transfer and interpretive associations may place purchase orders. For details contact Forest Service Region One at (406) 329-3226.

Interprettive Efforts

On the Lolo National Forest, interpretive exhibits have been installed at Fort Fizzle and Howard Creek sites (west of Lolo on Montana Hwy 12). At Fort Fizzle, three panels describe various aspects of the 1877 conflict between the U.S. Government and non-treaty Nez Perce Indians. The panels discuss the bloodless confrontation in July 1877 between Captain Rawlin's 7th Infantry and the Nez Perce Indians; the uneasy alliance developed between federal troops and citizen volunteers involved in the standoff; and a brief description of the flight of the non-treaty Nez Perce from their homeland. In addition, a replica of Rawlin's breastwork has been built adjacent to the interpretive signs.

Signs now in place at Howard Creek interpret the Lolo Trail and its use by Native Americans, the Lewis and Clark expedition, and the non-treaty Nez Perce during their flight in 1877. Access is provided to one of the most interesting segments of the trail adjacent to the Howard Creek Display.

Deb Gale, Beaverhead National Forest recreation forester, is also preparing an auto tour brochure describing the 1877 Nez Perce campaign through present-day Beaverhead National Forest and Salmon-Challis National Forests. The brochure, which will incorporate recent historical and archaeological research, will be available by the summer of 1996.

An interpretive sign pertaining to the NPNHT was recently installed at the Big Hole National Battlefield. Cooperatively produced by the Beaverhead National Forest and the NPS, this sign describes the route of the Nez Perce from Gibbons Pass to the battlefield and south to Skinner Meadows. In addition, an interpretive sign installed on the Trail Creek Road west of the Big Hole Battlefield describes a camp used by Colonel Gibbon and his men just prior to their attack on the Nez Perce on August 9, 1977.

Another interpretive sign is planned for a site along Montana Highway 43. This one will describe the story of Billy Edwards, the Bitterroot volunteer who left the Big Hole battlefield and walked over 40 miles to Deer Lodge seeking help and reinforcements for Colonel Gibbon and his men.

The Bitterroot National Forest produced an auto tour brochure that describes the route and actions of the Nez Perce and their military pursuers as they moved through the Bitterroot valley in July and August 1877. Included in the brochure is a map showing modern highways that approximate the 1877 route.
Dear Members and Friends,

As the Foundation embarks on its fifth year of existence, we are looking forward to many rewarding activities and experiences. Our first Symposium, held in Lewiston, Idaho on October 16-18, was a great success. We wish to thank the many people and organizations who attended and the people who organized it. We are especially grateful for partnership support from the Forest Service, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Nez Perce Tribe.

A special thanks goes to Sandi McFarland (Symposium coordinator), Dan Gard (Project Assistant), Mary Horstman (Field Representative), Mike Beckes (USFS Region One Archaeologist), and Keith Thrufkill (USFS Region One, Interpretive Services). Thanks also to the many people who donated prizes for our auction and provided entertainment and enjoyment for the banquet attendees. Our banquet speaker was Steve Elkinton, Program, Leader for the National Trails System, with National Park Service in Washington, D.C.

At the Symposium, we also held the annual Foundation meeting and election. The new officers are: Dan Gard (Treasurer), Sandi McFarland (Secretary), Charlie Moses Jr. (Vice President) and Steve Russell (President).

Your officers are working to increase your benefits of Foundation membership. We are planning a foundation calendar. We will be proposing that the Symposium be held in late spring every other year, alternating with a “trail meeting” held at a different trail location each year. “Trail meetings” may be held in the summer when we can have a two-day camp out, do some hiking and have informal talks. Twice a year, in May and November, we propose publishing a combined newsletter and journal for members and scholars to present their interests.

We are implementing a new membership policy. The membership year will be the calendar year. The Symposium registration will also include a complementary membership. A new dues structure has been prepared. Individual memberships are proposed at $23 per year.

The Lewis and Clark Bicentennial will be held in the years 2003-2006 and the travel route of the Corps of Discovery from Horse Prairie, Montana to Weippe Prairie, Idaho coincides closely with the NPNHT. Our Foundation will be cooperating in this celebration and participating, where appropriate. We have concerns about the impact of large numbers of people at the various sites and will be cooperating with the management agencies (NPS, USFS, BLM) in this regard.

The Partnership for the National Trails System has been formed to provide one voice for all of the nineteen National Historic and National Scenic Trails specified in the National Trails System Act. Your foundation was represented at a two-day working session held in Washington, D.C. this March.

This was a great opportunity to learn about other national trails and how their supporting organizations conduct business. We learned the elements of fund raising, volunteer leadership, and the importance of joining in a partnership. We also explored the many characteristics of the national trails system. The lessons learned at this meeting will be implemented in the coming months.

NPNHT Foundation on the World Wide Web: The NPNHT Foundation has taken the leadership role in putting the National Historic and National Scenic Trails on the World Wide Web. The Foundation will be providing web page support for the partnership until each trail system can support their own web pages. Visit us and the other trails at:

NPNHTF => http://www.ee.iastate.edu/~russell/npnhtf/npnhtf.html
NTS => http://www.ee.iastate.edu/~russell/npnhtf/nts/nts.html

We are looking for ideas for NPNHT activities in the next few years. We would like to hear from you about what you would like to do and what sites along the trail you would like to visit as a group. Also, let us know about ideas you have for accomplishing our mission. Our address is still the same: Nez Perce National Historic Trail Foundation, P.O. Box 20197, Missoula, MT 59801

New Foundation Mission Statement (Draft)

The Nez Perce National Historic Trail Foundation exists to promote public awareness and appreciation of the historic route of 1877 while maintaining respect for, and preserving, its cultural resources and values. Our Foundation does this by working individually or jointly with governmental agencies and others. The Foundation also encourages research, publication, and interpretation of the contributions to American history made by the Nez Perce peoples, especially in association with their 1877 journey, and the events of time and place before, during, and after the military campaign, which are historically important to our nation.

Steve F. Russell, President
APPALOOSA HORSE CLUB'S CHIEF JOSEPH TRAIL RIDE

Each year the Chief Joseph Trail Ride, an event of the National Appaloosa Horse Club, traverses a 100 mile section of the 1300 mile Nez Perce National Historic Trail. The club is recognized as having one of the oldest organized rides on this trail with at least 26 years of involvement. It takes 13 years to complete the route, and the group is presently on the sixth circuit. In 1995, they rode the section across Lolo Hot Springs Resort in Montana to the vicinity of Darby, Montana.

Some 400 people participated in the ride or working in camp bringing some 200 horses to complete the trip. Plans for 1996 are underway for the group to start at Darby, Montana, and travel to Wisdom, Montana. The last day of the ride will go into the Big Hole National Battlefield camping a few miles away from the site.

The ride is scheduled for July 28 through August 3rd. The cost is $250.00 per rider and $275.00 for a non-rider. Children 12-18 can ride for $250.00. Riders must be a member of the Appaloosa Horse Club and registered appaloosa’s. Applications are due July 1, 1996. For more information contact Jan Ahles at the Appaloosa Horse Club in Moscow, Idaho at (208) 882-5578.

Upcoming Pow Wows

The Chief Joseph and Warriors Memorial Pow Wow is scheduled for June 14-16, 1996, in Lapwai, Idaho. The pow wow started about 1977 to commemorate the beginning of the Nez Perce War at Whitebird. It is an annual event.

The 20th Annual Chief Lookingglass Pow Wow is scheduled for August 17-19, 1996. The Lookingglass Pow Wow is an annual celebration of Nez Perce culture and traditions. This year's Pow Wow features a parade, dance competitions, friendship dinner and queen competition. The celebration will take place at the Wa-ayas Community Building in Kamiah, Idaho.

Nez Perce Tribe, Young Horseman's Program

Last June and July the Young Horseman's Program along with volunteers worked together to clear blowdown and dig water bars and ditches to maintain a section of the Nez Perce Trail near Musselshell Meadows. The staff along with 14 students, 30 University of Idaho Upward Bound Students, and volunteers including: Allen and Lucinda Pinkham, Susie Weaskus, Rosa Yearout, Horace & Andrea Axtell, Kay Kidder and Mike and Sandi McFarland and family either donated horses and/or helped the students with a horse safety program and riding skills over the recently cleared trail. This event will be scheduled again this summer as a means to teach horse safety and riding skills to both the Young Horseman's Program and the Upward Bound Program. Dates will be announced later. Contact person is Rudy Shebala at (208) 843-7333.

The Nez Perce Trail - Lewis and Clark Trail Connection

Lewis and Clark Trail Interpretive Center building plans are complete and construction funds appear likely this year.

The proposed interpretive center in Great Falls will feature exhibits on Lewis and Clark's encounters with, and observations of the land and native people of the Northwest, with special emphasis on Montana and Idaho. Included are several exhibits on Nez Perce history and culture. Forest Service designers have contacted the Nez Perce Tribe and will soon travel to Idaho to discuss exhibit details. Plans should be complete by summer 1996.

The National Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Planning Workshop will be held at the Skamania Lodge in the Columbia River Gorge in Stevenson, Washington, April 3-5. All persons interested in the Lewis & Clark saga are eagerly awaiting the resulting plans and ideas.

Although not specific to the NNP-T, the upcoming events are related to and will affect the trail from Lewiston to Lost Trail Pass.

Some concern was expressed at the Nez Perce Trail Symposium in October that upcoming Lewis and Clark Bicentennial events may impact sensitive places on the Nez Perce Trail. Interested parties should express their concerns and work actively with the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council as they do their planning so the implications for sensitive parts of the Nez Perce Trail are considered.

Contact the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council, P.O. Box 9550, Seattle, WA 98109-0550.
Nez Perce National Historical Park

1996 Commemorative Events

Each year the Nez Perce communities, in cooperation with the National Park Service, conducts commemorations at park sites associated with the 1877 Conflict. These remembrances are held on or near the date of the battle at White Bird Battlefield, Clearwater Battlefield, Big Hole National Battlefield, and the Bear Paw Battlefield. Contact the park, at (208)843-2261, closer to the anniversary dates in 1996 to obtain specific information.

More than Expected at Tolo Lake

The Tolo Lake site, near Grangeville, Idaho, was one of fourteen sites added to Nez Perce National Historical Park by Congress in 1992 due to its association with the Nez Perce Conflict of 1877, and its traditional use by the Nez Perce as a camping and meeting place on the Camas Prairie. The site lies along the Nez Perce Trail.

For the past two seasons, archaeologists and paleontologists from Idaho State University, University of Idaho and the Idaho State Historical Society have discovered that the site also holds important remains of prehistoric animals, most notably Mammoths! Up to ten individuals have been found, including one juvenile. While most are Columbian Mammoths, at least one appears to be the smaller Woolly Mammoth. Should analysis prove this true, it would be the southernmost find of a "Woolly" in North America.

Due to funding constraints, there will be no fieldwork performed this summer and the lake will be refilled.

Personnel Changes at Nez Perce National Historical Park

Two of the park’s Unit Managers have moved recently. Art Hathaway, the Spalding (Idaho) Unit Manager retired September 30th after assisting the park as a retired annuitant for the past three years. His long-time experience at Nez Perce and with the National Park Service greatly assisted the staff as the park experienced its recent expansion into four States. Marie Marek, whose former experience includes serving as Nez Perce National Historical Park Chief of Interpretation, has returned as the new Spalding Unit Manager. Marie will begin her position at the end of February. She will be a valuable addition to the park and community.

Sue Buchel, the Montana Unit Manager stationed at Big Hole Battlefield, left Nez Perce National Historical Park in January, 1996, for a position at Glacier National Park. Sue served at Nez Perce National Historical Park as the Museum Curator/Cultural Resource Specialist for six years before going to Big Hole for the past year and a half. Sue’s replacement at Big Hole National Battlefield is John James who comes from Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area.

Yet another addition to the Park staff is Dan Foster who assumes the Natural Resource Management Specialist job. Dan comes to the Park from Bryce Canyon National Park.

General Management Plan Update:

The full GMP team, which includes representatives from the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation; the Joseph Band, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation; and the Nez Perce Tribe, met January 29-February 1, 1996 in Lewiston, ID for a workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to develop alternative actions and management strategies for the park based on options developed by the production team.

The results of this alternatives workshop will be summarized in a newsletter and sent to all those persons on the GMP mailing list by the end of February. The production team will also begin fleshing out the information developed during the workshop for a public review of the draft general management plan/environmental impact statement (GMP/EIS).

Anyone wishing to participate in the GMP planning process and/or be placed on the GMP mailing list can contact Superintendent Frank Walker at (208)843-2261 or address requests to the park at P.O. Box 93, Spalding, ID 83551.
Historic Traveler Magazine

The May 1996 issue of Historic Traveler Magazine will carry an article on the Nez Perce National Historic Trail. The article is titled, "Trail of Battles," Traveling the Nez Perce National Historic Trail by George Everett. George is from Butte, Montana and has written more than 50 articles for regional and national magazines which include Wild West, British Heritage and Montana Magazine.

The cover of the article features a picture of Albert Moore, a Nez Perce involved in the 1877 War.

Be sure to pick up a copy of Historic Traveler which will hit the newsstands March 19th. The magazine is $3.95.

Books Reviewed

Chief Joseph and the Nez Perces by Bill and Jan Moeller. Through full-color photographs and engaging text, Chief Joseph and the Nez Perces traces the actual route the Indians followed on their 1,500-mile epic flight from the U.S. Cavalry in 1877. Each event in the journey is chronicled in the text and brought into view by color photographs of the locations where it all took place. A beautiful and fascinating book to keep on your coffee table or on your car's dash. 96 p., 8 3/8x9, 1995, paper $15.00.

That All People May Be One People, Send Rain To Wash the Face of the Earth Chief Joseph, 1879. With great dignity, clarity and eloquence, Chief Joseph speaks of his life, of the 1877 Nez Perce War, of promises made and broken, of humankind's relationship to the earth, and of the oneness of all peoples. 60p., 1995, Paper, $12.95.

"The words of Chief Joseph...come alive...This is an important contribution to Native American Literature."-Reviewer's Bookwatch.

...much of what...[Chief Joseph] said about political conflicts, the environment, and injustice applies to today's situations." - The Book Report.

Children of Grace. The Nez Perce War of 1877 by Bruce Hampton. Drawing upon original documents, letters, diaries, and previously overlooked oral histories-author Bruce Hampton has created a richly detailed narrative history in this enthralling account, a triumph of research, passion, and fine writing.

"Children of Grace is a harrowing picture of bravery and horror, perfidy and pathos- a dramatic page of American history no reader will soon forget. 337 p., $27.50 Hardcover.

"A compelling narrative that skillfully re-creates one of the most dramatic and tragic episodes in the history of Indian-white relations," Robert M. Utley, Historian and Author.


In Pursuit of the Nez Perces. First you'll observe the 1,300-mile panorama of the war from the viewpoint of the commander of the pursuing U.S. troops, Gen. O.O. Howard, who published his account in 1881 in an attempt to justify what many at that time and since have called an indefensible lack of military vigor.

Then, through the 1878 news articles of Montana reporter Duncan McDonald, you'll hear the voices of those Nez Perces who fled during the last hours of the war to the safety of Canada and who for years afterwards bitterly, sadly, defined the war as a friendship forgotten, a trust betrayed.

Finally, through the voice of the famed Chief Joseph, whose surrender at the Bear Paws drew a conclusion to the four-month long saga, you'll witness the personal and cultural pride, struggles, and sufferings of the pursued. 320p., 1993, $12.95.

From The Pages Of History

Orofino Tribune
Feb. 4, 1921
Grangeville-Mrs. Mary Easton, aged pioneer has been granted a pension of $12 a month and a $600 back pay due her late husband for services in the Nez Perce War of 1877.

Orofino Tribune
March 18, 1921
The captives (from the Nez Perce War) were taken to Indian Territory. Archie Lawyer, James Reuben and Mark Williams went to them to preach and teach. They started a church and school there. Mark Williams and Archie Lawyer did not stay there long. It was unhealthy for the Indians. All the children born there died, and after eight years of captivity they were allowed to return.

Lewiston Morning Tribune
1965
Samuel Tilden, a nephew of the famous young Joseph and one of the last survivors of the Nez Perce Indian War, died at the orchards Nursing Home of infirmities of age. He was either 97 or 98.

Tilden whose Nez Perce name was Sham-Keen (Shirt On), was about 10 when he accompanied the tribe on its 1,800 mile running battle with the U.S. Cavalry in Montana which ended with Joseph's famous surrender speech at Col. Nelson A. Miles in 1877.

He and his parents escaped from the battlefield near the Bear Paw Mountains in northeastern Montana, thus avoiding banishment to Oklahoma which Joseph and the rest of his band suffered following the surrender. They lived with the Sioux Indians in Canada until the following year. One of Tilden's most vivid memories was of a trip to Washington D.C., with Chief Joseph in 1903. He went there as a check on an interpreter.

Lewiston Morning Tribune
1974
Record snow packs have delayed the opening of the many higher areas of the Lochsa River. The Lolo Motorway in particular is still packed with drifts up to 100 feet, and probably will not be open to vehicle traffic until the first part of August.
1996 EVENTS IN NEZ PERCE COUNTRY

NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK
208/843-2261

April 21-28
IDAHO ARCHEOLOGY WEEK

April 27 10 am-8pm & April 28 10 am-3pm Two Day Field Seminar Lecture, discussion, activities and field trips to explore the complexity of the natural world and the human use of and "connections" to this area.
Nez Perce National Historical Park, White Bird Battlefield & Village Site
Contact: Mark O'Neil, White Bird Unit 983-4096 or Alyse Cadez 843-2261 ext. 138 to receive registration information

April 21-28 throughout the day VIDEO PRESENTATIONS
"Assault On Time", "Mystery of the Cliffs & Solving The Mystery", & "Silent Witness"
Nez Perce National Historical Park, Spalding Visitor Center, also available for loan to schools.
Contact Alyse Cadez 843-2261 ext. 138

April 21-28 EARTH DAY - WEEK
Multigency school programs celebrating EARTH DAY

May
META-LYMA (ROOT FEAST) POW WOW (middle weekend) Memorials, name giving, drumming/dancing, & food Kamiah Community Building, Kamiah, Idaho

May 19 BIG HOLE VALLEY DAY
Demonstrations & presentations of activities in the Big Hole Valley, Montana in 1910.
Contact Big Hole National Battlefield 406-689-3155

June 14-16
CHIEF JOSEPH & WARRIORS MEMORIAL POW WOW
Memorials, name giving, drumming/dancing, food Lapwai, Idaho Community Center
Contact Chloe Halfmoon at (208)843-5901.

During week of June 17
WHITE BIRD BATTLE ANNIVERSARY
Commemorates the first battle of 1877 War, Speakers and VFW ceremonies
White Bird Battlefield Site, White Bird, Idaho.

June 19-July 5 TALMAKS CAMP
Century-old encampment of six Nez Perce Presbyterian churches with worship services and social activities
Mason Butte near Craigmont, Idaho

July 5-11 JULY 4TH CELEBRATION
Memorials, name giving, drumming/dancing, parade
Nespelem, Washington

July 12-14 NESPELEM POW WOW
Nespelem, Washington

July 19-21 WALLA-BAND POW WOW & FRIENDSHIP FEAST
Memorials, name giving, drumming/dancing, food
Walla Walla, Oregon 503/886-2422

July 26-28 CHIEF JOSEPH DAYS
Parades, rodeo, Nez Perce encampment, food
Joseph, Oregon

August 11 BIG HOLE NAT'L BATTLEFIELD COMMEMORATION
Commemorates fallen Nez Perce warriors and U.S. Cavalry & Infantry of the War of 1877
Big Hole National Battlefield, near Wisdom, Montana

August 18-20
CHIEF LOOKING GLASS POW-WOW
Memorials, name giving, drumming/dancing, food
Kamiah Community Building, Kamiah, Idaho contact Angela Bronchateau at (208)935-0716.

August 31 NEE-MEE-POOM SAPAOTAYN
Horse Parade, cultural demonstrations & collections, speakers, drumming/dancing, & food
Nez Perce NHP Spalding, Idaho

October
BEAR PAW COMMEMORATION AT THE BEAR PAW BATTLEFIELD held on Sunday

Chief Joseph Memorial Pow Wow at Ft. Belknap
Chinook, Montana 406/357-3130

October
FOUR NATIONS POW-WOW
Memorials, name giving, drumming/dancing, food

CLEARWATER NATIONAL FOREST
IDAHO ARCHEOLOGY WEEK

Clearwater National Forest, Supervisor’s Office,
12730 Hwy. 12
Cotopaxi, Idaho 83544
Contact: Sandi McFarland (208)476-4541.

April 22
*Big George and the Allotment Era Connection,* Slide Presentation by Sandi McFarland. Shown in the Clearwater National Forest Supervisor’s Office at 12:00 Noon.

April 23
*Video - Silent Witness, Protecting American Indian Archaeological Sites.* Narrated by Robert Redford. Shown in the Clearwater National Forest Supervisor’s Office at 12:00 Noon by Linnea Keating.

April 24
*The Lolo Trail: Values in Harmony and in Conflict.* Slide presentation by JeffFree. Shown in the Clearwater National Forest Supervisor’s Office at 12:00 Noon.

April 25
*“Tsoop-Nit-Pa-Lu and a Corridor of Change. Evolution of an Ancient Travel Route. Nee-Mee-Poo Trail” Slide presentation by Sandi McFarland. Shown in Clearwater National Forest Supervisor’s Office at 12:00 Noon.

April 26
*Video - Silent Witness...* Shown in the Clearwater National Forest Supervisor’s Office at 12:00 Noon.


NPNHT Official Logo Revised

The original NPNHT Logo has been slightly revised in response to numerous suggestions during the last few years.

The revised logo symbolizes the long history of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail both in peace and war. It portrays a Nez Perce man, woman and child riding. The man leads the way in his traditional role as protector of the family. The woman rides proudly at his side with baby bundled in cradleboard hung from saddle pommel where she can give care while riding. The words “Nez Perce” and “Nee-me-poo” are evenly balanced on either side.

Special thanks to all who offered their thoughts on the logo. We received over thirty comments after we announced the logo review process last spring. As in any design process, the final result is a compromise between historic accuracy and artistic necessity.

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