

# **SUMMER 2003 Progress Report**

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER:**

We are excited to see schools and teachers and librarians guiding student learning into new dimensions, and really pleased with the advances made in schools and libraries toward educating students about the Nez Perce Trail. This past year has seen many changes in our country, and tight school budgets reflect the recession from which we now hope to be recovering. It is particularly in these times that the value of education is seen by all as being so vital to the health of a country. The use of technology in education is the thread that binds history teachers together now; our website offers resources for students and educators in "Telling the NPNHT Story."

Children continue to be a central focus of education efforts by the NPNHT in helping to develop and preserve the trail. As the designated Trail Administrator, the Region One Forest Service is directed to serve as educators, and we strive to educate our visitors about the Trail, the special history of the Trail, and those who traveled it in 1877. We also focus on ways in which visitors can help protect the significant resources, sacred sites, and sensitive areas along the Trail.

We do this in a variety of ways. Whether it is an interpretive talk, NPNHT Progress Report, our Education Guide online, our award-winning website, new brochures, videos, or interpretive kiosks, we're constantly seeking new breadth and depth for our mission of education.

Here is a summary of some ongoing youth education projects:

1. Nez Perce Cultural Camp Language Project
2. Kaya presentations
3. Kids' pages on our website (see our feature story below on winning an award from American Trails in the "Best in Kids and Families" national website competition)
4. Education Guide online
5. Kids' education trunk and display

I will continue to seek additional partners who can help provide living history in the classroom in reaching the needs of the hundreds of schools along the 1,170-mile trail -- of U.S. history. Volunteers will be very important in achieving this goal!

In 1999 the NPNHT partnered with local educators and Native Peoples Magazine to create the NPNHT education guide, a tool to provide resources for educators about the Nez Perce people, the military, and the trail. The guide serves as one tool of many that we use to make the NPNHT come alive for students of all ages.



Carolyn Steiner has made classroom presentations using the Kaya program, which has breathed life into the NPNHT story in the schools.

Our website continues to evolve. Teachers from throughout the United States use our online education guide and kids' section. In the process, they are learning problem-solving skills, improving their writing skills, learning geography, and reviewing history -- and based on the reports we receive, they're having fun, too!

As the website is expanded, we'll include more opportunities and resources for teachers. We are creating an expanded virtual tour -- with interactive maps that students can use to navigate the Trail online. Our website will continue to meet the increased educational needs for students not only along the trail, but nationwide and even beyond our country's borders -- a dream not possible just a few short years ago, but a reality today.

As the NPNHT continues to grow, education will remain a key component in all aspects of the trail as we acquire new partners to help reach more students in school and offer resources to home-schooled children.

It's been a really productive year thus far for the Nez Perce National Historic Trail; all of us together -- especially the volunteers -- with our partners have come a long way and made a lot of progress. It is such a pleasure to see such progress, and I look forward to lots more!



Trail Administrator  
Sandi McFarland

## **CURRICULUM GUIDE AND MATERIAL AVAILABLE:**

The NPNHT website includes not just an education guide for teachers, but also a kids' section with a number of interactive activities, plus coloring pages that can be downloaded. We've

included a variety of ideas and applications that may work in your classroom, and will be happy to help with more resources on request.



## **FEATURED SCHOOL PROJECT:**

Meaghan Booth is 7½ years old and is enrolled at Xavier Catholic Elementary school in Leavenworth, Kansas, in the second grade. Her teacher is Mrs. Nancy Schimoler. Meaghan did a wonderful report on

the Nez Perce for a school project, and she sent us a copy of it. Meaghan and her report are featured on the Kids' Pages. Thanks, Meaghan!

Debi Moody teaches Northwest History to 4th graders in Clarkston, Washington; she sent us photos of projects her students did for their History Fair. "These projects, along with a few others, will be in the Lewis & Clark Discovery Museum in Clarkston," says Moody. She received rave reviews from parents and tribal members on what the students learned from the projects. See more about the History Fair on our Kids' Pages.

### **NEW ITEMS ONLINE:**

We've added new pages since our Fall 2002 Progress Report. Be sure and check out our new Cavalry section, Traditional Designs, Wildlife section, and People section. Our WILDLIFE section features the wildlife of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail; check back soon for new additions! Our CAVALRY section has a new listing of all 7th Infantry officers, soldiers, and civilians present at the Battle of the Big Hole. FUN NEW RECIPE:: We're adding a collection of recipes for you to make at home (or at school), and our newest one is MAPLE SUGAR CANDY like the Indians made. It's easy and fun! Try it out and tell us what you think. FOCUS ON EMMA COWAN: We've added a new feature to focus on noteworthy people of the 1877 Conflict. Beginning with Emma Cowan, one of a group of tourists in Yellowstone kidnapped by the Nez Perce, this section will feature noteworthy but under-recognized individuals from the Nez Perce Trail. NEW ART GALLERY: The new Nez Perce art gallery page is dedicated to the art and artists of the Nez Perce... some are Nez Perce artists, some are of other ancestry, but all have a connection to the Nez Perce National Historic Trail. Much of the history and culture and tradition of the Nez Perce has been portrayed in various media over the years. We're particularly fortunate that some very fine artists have chosen to illustrate people and places and events of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail.

### **WEBSITE AWARDS:**

Two Forest Service websites have recently won awards from American Trails. There were 88 websites nominated this year; the award for best site in the "Trails on Federal Lands" category went to the Gila National Forest Trails website and the award for "Best Site for Kids and Families" went to the Nez Perce National Historic Trail site.

"We looked for sites that really make trails come alive, and provide effective information delivery, support volunteers, and engage the public," said American Trails. "In short, we want to showcase ways that advocates and agencies are making a difference for trails."

Also, the American Association for State and Local History recently awarded the Nez Perce National Historic Trail a certificate of commendation for its website. The AASLH Awards Program was initiated in 1945 to establish and encourage standards of excellence in the collection, preservation, and interpretation of state and local history throughout North America.

The NPNHT website has also been nominated for a MAESTRO Award. These awards are granted to websites that fulfill strict criteria including functionality, presentation, content, creativity, and professionalism; the Maestro competition focuses on clarity, purpose, use of language, interactive activities, resource, expression, and attention to detail.

## **IDAHO INDIAN EDUCATION YOUTH CONFERENCE:**

The Lewis Clark State College and Native American Club hosted the Sixteenth Annual Native American Awareness Week and Second Annual Idaho Indian Education Youth Conference from March 10 - 14. Sandi McFarland, NPNHT Administrator, was asked to speak on a panel called "Looking Toward the Lewis-Clark Bicentennial." The panel's objectives included reaching out to high school and college students, and campuses and communities, by playing a strong role in acknowledging theme of the conference, "Investing Together to Create a Vision." The goal of the college and the club is to increase awareness and understanding of Indian cultures.

## **PACE STUDENTS' CAMP:**



PACE students work on an archaeology project

A number of students in July attended the Clearwater National Forest PACE (Preparing for Academic Excellence) summer camp, which prepares Indian students for their first high school algebra courses.

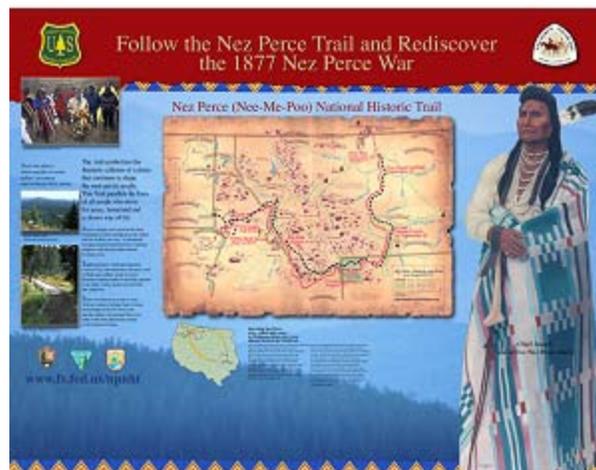
By strengthening students' math and science skills, PACE leaders work on increasing the number of Indian students who enter the math and science fields. NPNHT

Administrator Sandi McFarland teamed up with Chris Jenkins, archaeologist, and Christine Bradbury, public affairs officer, to provide fun activities for the camp.

Students worked on their math skills in measuring distance, and completed a project in stratigraphy, creating archaeological site posters layered with photos and illustrations of artifacts. Jenkins then tore into their posters with scissors, explaining that vandals do more than just steal artifacts, they also alter the cultural context of a site, destroying history that can never be replaced.

## **NEW PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS:**

The NPNHT Administration has contracted with Heritage Design, a Forest Service Enterprise Team, to produce some promotional items for the Trail.



The new display can be reserved for events

We now have two new traveling displays for use at meetings, fairs, visitor centers, schools, museums, and special events.

The displays include a large historic map of the entire trail, with photos and text and our website address.

The displays are available for loan; to reserve one, contact Sandi McFarland at (208)476-8334.

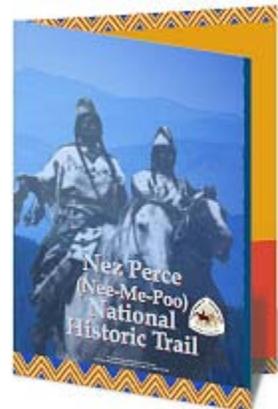
The Clearwater National Forest has just completed a new auto tour brochure with the Heritage Design team for a segment of the route from Greer, Idaho, to Lolo, Montana, along Highway 12 and up on the Lolo Motorway from Weippe Prairie to Lolo Hotsprings, then tying in with Highway 12 to Lolo, Montana. The brochure describes the 1877 Nez Perce campaign through present-day Clearwater National Forest and along the Lewis & Clark Highway (Hwy 12). Included in the brochure is a map showing modern-day highways that approximate the 1877 route with side trips to battle sites. The brochure also incorporates recent historical and archaeological research; contact us about availability.



Auto route brochures were previously produced by the Bitterroot National Forest in 1995 and the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest in 1997 and the West Yellowstone and Island Park Historical Societies in 2002. The Clearwater National Forest will be the fourth segment of the Trail covered by an auto tour brochure, and this is the first brochure with a brand new look. The Clearwater has gone to a full-color glossy saddle-stitch brochure, which more easily fits into standard-size brochure racks. The other Auto Tour Brochures will follow suit as reprints are needed.

As part of the NPNHT's efforts to provide a clearinghouse for trail items, we are pleased to announce the production of a 2-pocket presentation folder.

This full-color glossy folder was produced with the Heritage Design team and is ready for distribution as one of our efforts to provide "one-stop shopping" for various kinds of products for our trail partners. The presentation folder will serve those who are hosting NPNHT meetings, conferences, or other events where a variety of trail materials need to be kept in one folder. To place your order for your event, contact Sandi McFarland at (208)476-8334.



## NEW MONUMENT AT KOOSKIA HATCHERY:



The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, in partnership with Region One of the Forest Service and NPNHT Administration, dedicated a new stone monument to

replace the original historic 1928 L.V. McWhorter plaque that was set at the Kooskia Fish Hatchery interpretive site.

The monument marks the significance of the event at Chief Looking Glass Village during the Nez Perce War of 1877.

The NPNHT purchased the new stone monument and provided the Nez Perce design that borders the monument

The NPNHT also provided for the participation of the Nez Perce Appaloosa Horse Club riders in full regalia as part of a cooperative agreement we have with them.

The dedication took place on July 1 with a special presentation by the F&WS and NPNHT, the Nez Perce Tribe, and descendants of the Looking Glass family.



The new monument at Kooskia

July 1 marked the 126th anniversary of the U.S. Army attack on Looking Glass's village; in previous years, the Nez Perce Tribe has held a pipe and empty saddle ceremony on this important date.

The new granite monument is of a rustic design, with a traditional Nez Perce triangle geometric pattern sandblasted onto the stone's edge.

### **FOUNDATION NEWS:**

Carolyn Steiner was recently named Administrative Assistant for the Nez Perce National Historic Trail Foundation. Her office is at the Clearwater National Forest Supervisor's location in Orofino, Idaho,

where she works closely with the NPNHT administrator.

The nonprofit Foundation includes members from across the country, and strives to promote and protect the Trail's natural and cultural resources through education and awareness. Because Foundation leaders are spread throughout the Northwest, coordinating activities and communication has always been a challenge. Carolyn, as Administrative Assistant, is the first point of contact for the Foundation, and is responsible for coordinating Foundation activities and communication.

The Orofino native began work for the Clearwater National Forest as a volunteer in 1987. She secured her first seasonal position in 1988 and continued seasonal work through 1997 when her son Cody was born. For the next two years, Carolyn worked at the high school library, Dworshak State Park, and the Clearwater Hatchery. She returned to the Forest

Service as a wildlife technician in 2000. Carolyn has a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Resources from the University of Idaho. Her most recent work has been as an assistant in administration, communications, and website work to NPNHT Administrator Sandi McFarland.

Carolyn is excited about her new position and looks forward to the challenge of working with people from all over the country. Her recipe for success includes balancing her new career with a well-rounded home life, including quilting, camping, and -- most important -- her son Cody.

### **TRAIL DISPLAY ON THE ROAD:**



The NPNHT display at the 2003 Governor's Conference on Recreation & Tourism in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Staffers from the Nez Perce National Historic Trail are part of several state and national recreation conferences and Lewis & Clark Bicentennial events this year

The demand for and response to the NPNHT display is outstanding.

The display has been featured at the following locations since last fall, and is scheduled to be at a number of new locations in the future

- Meridian Library, November 20, 2002 - January 15, 2003, Meridian, Idaho
- Regional Trails Coordinators Meeting, January 28-30, 2003, Missoula, Montana
- PACE Camp, June 15, Orofino, Idaho
- Lewis Clark State College, March 12-15, 2003, Lewiston, Idaho
- LaCanada California Kaya Conference, March 14-21, LaCanada, California
- Montana Governor's Conference on Tourism and Recreation, March 23-25, 2003, Helena, Montana
- Montana's Archaeological Conference, April 25-26, 2003, Hamilton, Montana
- Idaho Governor's Conference on Recreation & Tourism, April 30 - May 3, 2003, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
- General Council Nez Perce Tribe, May 2-3, 2003, Kamiah, Idaho.
- East Bonner City Library, May 1-16, 2003, Sandpoint, Idaho

### **ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING:**

The Montana Archaeological Society held its annual meeting at the Holiday Inn Express in Hamilton, Montana, from April 25-27. We would like to thank Mike Beckes for representing the NPNHT and setting up our display with brochures and promotional items.

## **WEIPPE CAMAS FESTIVAL:**

The third annual Camas Festival is also the first of seven in Idaho listed in the Festival of Discovery brochure sponsored by the Governor's Trail Committee. The Festival was held May 24-25.

The family-oriented event offered something for all age groups and has been a hit the previous two years when it did a one-day stint. This year, because of the great successes and increased interest, the Festival was expanded to two days.

The history of the Nez Perce is significant in the Lewis & Clark journey and the first meetings with the white man. The Indians gathered camas bulbs on the Weippe Prairie every year, first drying them and then grinding them into a flour-like food staple. During one of these outings, the two cultures crossed paths, and members of the expedition were befriended by the Nez Perce.

In 1877, 72 years later, the Nez Perce once again met with the white man, but this time it was the U.S. Cavalry. Red Heart's band were returning from buffalo country, and were wrongly accused of being involved with the 1877 Conflict. Chief Red Heart's people were arrested and taken in handcuffs to Lewiston, Idaho, where they were shipped on ferrys to Fort Vancouver, Washington, as prisoners of war. They remained there until the end of the Nez Perce War and subsequent exile to Indian territory in what is now Oklahoma and Kansas.

The other five bands of non-treaty Nez Perce met at Weippe Prairie as they gathered their food to head across the Nez Perce Trail to escape General Oliver Otis Howard.

The NPNHT Administration participated in this year's Festival by bringing a display with brochures, and Clearwater National Forest employee Christine Bradbury represented us there.

## **FORUM IN KAMIAH:**

On June 12 at the high school in Kamiah, Idaho, a forum with a theme of "Living Together into the Future" brought different cultures together for a day of positive interaction. A discussion of treaty rights and sovereignty issues took up a good part of the day. Participants included Dr. Keith Allred, a professor from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, who was involved in the negotiations that resulted in the memorandum of understanding between the Nez Perce Tribe and the North Central Idaho Jurisdictional Alliance. Cathy Wilson, an attorney with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Phoenix, Arizona, is experienced in treaty rights and sovereignty issues, also helped build bridges between cultures at the forum.

The NPNHT was represented by Christine Bradbury, along with Carolyn Steiner, Administrative Assistant for the Foundation. Rosa Yearout, Foundation board member, led

a session on horses and the Trail. Our display was on hand along with an array of brochures and NPNHT items for public education.

Participants had an opportunity for better understanding of culture; the event provided an opportunity to overcome misunderstandings and misrepresentations between cultures. The Foundation later met with NPNHT Administration and the National Park Service to discuss the Foundation's goals and objectives for the future.

## **LEWIS & CLARK SYMPOSIUM:**



Sandi McFarland served as one of the interpreters for a tour during the symposium

The Fifth Annual Lewis & Clark Symposium was held June 19-21 at the Williams Conference Center at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho. This year's theme was "Two Centuries, Two Peoples: A Confluence of Histories."

The symposium was in cooperation with the Nez Perce Tribe and provided an opportunity to reflect on the intermingling and

perspectives of the two cultures. The focus this year was on exploring and celebrating the arts, music, language, dance, and storytelling.

About 150 attendees took part in the three-day symposium. Sandi McFarland, NPNHT Administrator, served as one of the interpreters for a bus tour that took in a number of sites along the trail. The NPNHT also had a display with educational information available at the symposium.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

- Wolf Education Research Center, June 23 - August 31, Winchester, Idaho
- Nez Perce County Fair - September 18-21, Lewiston, Idaho
- National Historic & Scenic Trails Conference, August 21-24, Mt. Vernon, Washington

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT:**

### **FY03 INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS COMPLETED:**

Congress has approved and the President has signed the Omnibus FY03 Appropriations bill, including funding for the Interior Department and the Forest Service. Here is a synopsis of

the funding:

National Park Service:

- Funds requested by the Administration for operation of the national scenic and historic trails administered by the Park Service
- \$5 million Challenge Cost Share funds for the Lewis & Clark Trail
- \$1.98 million for Regular Challenge Cost Share program with 1/3 earmarked for the National Trails System
- \$1 million for the National Trails System GIS

Forest Service:

- \$2.5 million to administer the Continental Divide, Florida and Pacific Crest National Scenic Trails and the Nez Perce National Historic Trail
- \$750,000 for portions of 13 trails managed through agreements with the Park Service and Bureau of Land Management

Language from House Report 107-564 included in the FY03 Omnibus Appropriations bill:

- *The Committee directs the Forest Service to include a report in the fiscal year 2004 budget justification indicating the projects, activities and programs accomplished along these national scenic and historic trails with these funds and the work proposed to be done and the funding needed to support work along these trails in the subsequent three years.*
- *The Committee directs the Forest Service to maintain the full time lands team to work on the Pacific Crest Trail project and other similar projects, and focus on those trails segments where access and public service needs are greatest.*
- *The Committee expects that the national scenic and historic trails will have priority in funding allocations. Under the National Forest System account specific direction are included for national scenic and historic trails operations.*

To the USDA Forest Service:

- \$7.6 million for Appalachian National Scenic Trail acquisitions in Georgia and Tennessee
- \$3 million for Florida National Scenic Trail acquisitions
- \$3 million for Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail acquisitions
- \$4 million for acquisitions of Plum Creek land in the I-90 corridor in Washington

- \$500,000 for Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail acquisitions in Idaho and Montana

All of the amounts listed above are subject to a .65 percent across-the-board cut imposed on all departments funded by the FY03 Omnibus Bill.

**\$636 million has been provided to the Forest Service to restore funds diverted from other programs to pay for summer 2002 wildfire suppression costs. The Forest Service is directed to fully restore all construction and land acquisition money diverted to pay for 2002 fire suppression.**

## **NEED SPEAKERS?**

An updated Humanities Speakers Bureau catalog is now available. This program has been a popular Idaho Humanities Council (IHC) offering since 1992. The new catalog features 65 speakers and over 150 topics for presentations to organizations throughout the state. Presentations fall under several general humanities topics, including but not limited to Archaeology, Architecture, Ethnic Heritage, Idaho History, International Studies, Lewis and Clark, Literature, Music, Politics, Religion, September 11, and Women's Studies. Sandi McFarland is a featured speaker for two trail-related topics:

- ***A Trail of Sadness, Courage and Remembrance - One Moment in Time: The Nez Perce Trail:*** *The Nez Perce National Historic Trail traverses a landscape of history that carries understanding to those who travel it. For thousands of years, the Nez Perce followed this trail across the mountains to visit friends and relatives on the plains, to trade and to hunt buffalo. Then in 1877, it became a trail of sadness -- 750 Nez Perce men, women, and children made a heroic yet futile flight seeking freedom and peace far from their homeland. They found only bloodshed and suffering as U.S. soldiers relentlessly pursued them. Congress established the 1,170-mile Nez Perce National Historic Trail in 1986, and that ensured that the Trail's significant sites will be preserved and visited by generations to come. As you stand in the exact places the combatants stood, you may realize that what happened here in 1877 is a story as current as today's headlines.*
- ***The Nez Perce Triumph at Clarks Fork Canyon:*** *Throughout the years since the Nez Perce War of 1877, much has been written about the war. Even today, historians continue to research the archives, make field trips, and publish their conclusions. The principles and values of the non-treaty Nez Perce -- and their valiant struggles to preserve their ancestral homelands against overwhelming odds - - have captured the hearts of men and women worldwide. The Nez Perce leaders and people struggled with unimaginable difficulties during the 1800s -- difficulties that few fully appreciate. The Nez Perce story in Yellowstone has yet to be told from a variety of important perspectives, including the Nez Perce suffering and their emotional and physical losses. Historical accounts have not focused on the*

*remarkable accomplishments of the Nez Perce in Yellowstone. Until we understand the routes the Nez Perce followed, why they chose the routes they did, their strategies and the magnificent work of the Nez Perce scouts operating in Yellowstone, we cannot fully understand their suffering, their fears ... and finally their triumph in escaping the military forces sent to crush them. The Nez Perce achieved a remarkable victory in Yellowstone, they suffered greatly, and they displayed remarkable courage and stamina.*

The application procedure for the speaker's program is quick and easy. After contacting a speaker to check availability, a host organization submits a one-page application and includes a modest \$35 fee. The host provides the meeting space, publicity, and planning for each program. The IHC pays the speaker's honorarium, travel, and lodging (if necessary). To receive a catalog, please contact the IHC staff at 217 West State, Boise, Idaho, 83702 or phone (208)345-5346 or email [cindy@idahohumanities.org](mailto:cindy@idahohumanities.org)

### **GALLATIN UPDATE:**

The Gallatin National Forest is designing wayside interpretation of the NPNHT at two sites along the auto tour route. One of these is just east of Cooke City, along the Beartooth Scenic Byway. The other is at Targhee Pass, west of West Yellowstone, between Idaho and Montana. Our goal for this year is to have completed the design, fabrication, and installation of the interpretation for the Beartooth site, and to begin planning the Targhee Pass site.

Because the two sites on the Gallatin bracket Yellowstone National Park on both the east and the west sides of the Park, the goal is to have coordinated and consistent interpretation across this stretch of the NPNHT. Two field days in May were held at the sites with staff from the NPS, the Forest Service, the local communities, and the contractors who are handling the design of the interpretive installations.

Rosemary Sucec, the ethnographer and coordinator for the NPNHT in Yellowstone National Park, discussed participation with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville. Participants visited the site on the Beartooth Scenic Byway and discussed improvements to another site. Along with Jo Suderman, the wayside interpretive designer for Yellowstone National Park, participants also visited two potential waysides in Yellowstone.

### **NATIONAL TRAILS DAY:**

The theme for this year's National Trails Day on June 7 was "Healthy Trails, Healthy People." The NTD website has about 20 percent more trail events in the database compared with last year at this time. There were



National Trails Day coloring contest winners at Orofino Elementary. Photo by Marci Hengen ~ click to enlarge.

between nearly 700 trail events nationwide held this year.

The Nez Perce National Historic Trail and Foundation sponsored a coloring contest at Orofino Elementary School in Orofino, Idaho, for National Trails Day. During the week-long contest, first-graders got to color a sketch of Jackson Sundown riding a buffalo, and second-graders colored a sketch of Wottolen, a Nez Perce warrior. The students were awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes, along with an honorable mention.

"We would like to thank all the first and second grade teachers at Orofino Elementary School," says Carolyn Steiner with the Foundation. "And special thanks to Dorinda Shrupp, Kristen Victorine, and Patty Grimm."

Congratulations to the National Trails Day coloring contest winners: Trevon Galbraith, Mariah Tachell, Amanda Singleton, Makinze Gering, Daniel Duncan, Jenna Jones, and Devonee Perrin.

### **AMERICAN GIRLS CLUB:**

The American Girls Club "Kaya Meeting" was held last November in Pompano Beach, Florida, and each girl in the club did a report on an Indian tribe of her choice.

Ms. Barbara Shepard presented a class on the Nez Perce, and the girls found the history of the Nez Perce very interesting and emotional. The girls in the club enjoyed the information sent to them by the Nez Perce National Historic Trail, and they sent us a photo of themselves with their dolls.



Kaya is the latest in the "American Girl" series of dolls representing periods in American history, and the Nez Perce doll Kaya has been awarded the Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Platinum Award for 2003. The American Girl collection includes a series of multiethnic and historic dolls, each of which comes with a collection of historical accessories (such as Kaya's buckskin dress and parfleche) with books for each doll to introduce history to kids. Kaya is the first Native American doll in the collection. Her name is short for the Nez Perce name Kaya'aton'my' meaning "she who arranges rocks."

### **MINNESOTA GIRLS LEARN ABOUT NEZ PERCE:**



The girls at the library made "stick dice" for their stick games

The "Meet Kaya, An American Girl" program was a terrific success at the Great River Regional Library in St. Cloud, Minnesota -- and they sent us photos from their program!

"We had a great time," says Chris Mallo, Children's Specialist at the library. "The girls learned a lot, and I have

promised them that we will do it again real soon!" Fifty girls participated in the program, learning about Kaya and the Nez Perce. They made some traditional items and played some Nez Perce games, and even sent us a thank-you card for the information and items we sent for their program. Qe'ciyéw'yew' (thank you!) to the American Girls of St. Cloud for the great news and photos!

## KENTUCKY DERBY:

For the first time in history, the Nez Perce and Nez Perce National Historic Trail Administrator were invited to participate in the Pegasus Parade, a favorite feature of the Kentucky Derby.

Would you believe that the Kentucky Derby is a Lewis and Clark Bicentennial event? William Clark's grandson was one of the originators -- in the 1800s -- of this famous horse race.

This year marked the 129th running of the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky.

A number of tribal members made the trip to Louisville, and did a beautiful job of representing the Nimiípuu. Sandi McFarland, NPNHT Administrator, also made presentations to local Lewis & Clark Bicentennial tourism committees, city councils, and the public.

Those who made the trip walked and rode in the parade on the Thursday before the Derby race on Saturday.

This has for a long time been a dream of Phyllis Yeager, who is very active in the local Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee. qe'ciyéw'yew' (thank you!) to the people who made the trip and to the Falls of the Ohio L&C Bicentennial Committee for the invitation!

Photos from the trip are featured on our Kentucky Derby page.



Rosa Yearout at the Kentucky Derby's Pegasus Parade 2003

## **9th CONFERENCE ON NATIONAL SCENIC AND HISTORIC TRAILS:**

The Partnership for the National Trails System has announced a conference from August 21 - 25 at the Skagit Valley Casino Resort in Bow, Washington. "Vision, Strategies, Networking - Building the National Trails System Together" will be hosted by the Pacific Northwest Trail Association. The conference will feature the cultural landscape of Ebey's Landing National Park Heritage Site, with music and storytelling by the Swinomish, Lemmi, and Upper Skagit Tribes. Participants will work on a clarified vision for the National Trails System, and devise strategies for completing trails. For more information, contact The Partnership for the National Trails System at (608)249-7870.

## **9th CONFERENCE ON NATIONAL SCENIC AND HISTORIC TRAILS:**

The history of the American West has involved the broadest possible cross-section of human activity. In an ongoing effort to acknowledge previously under-recognized but noteworthy individuals in the American Western story, this section of our website is designed to help you identify with these courageous men, women, and children.

### **EMMA COWAN:**

Emma Carpenter Cowan was 24 years old when her husband George Cowan, her brother Frank Carpenter, and her sister Ida Carpenter, along with six other men, took a trip to Yellowstone National Park to celebrate George and Emma's second wedding anniversary. They left Radersburg, Montana, on August 5, 1877, and entered Yellowstone National Park via Targhee Pass and the Madison River on August 14.



*Emma Carpenter Cowan was 24 years old when she was captured by the Nez Perce on the day of her second wedding anniversary.*

They set up a camp near Fountain Geyser and enjoyed a great vacation -- until the morning of August 24. At 5 a.m. Nez Perce scouts encountered the tourists; these scouts asked for some food and other things and then left.

The Radersburg Party left camp shortly thereafter, and near Nez Perce Creek they ran into 50 to 65 warriors. George was shot off his horse. Emma was the first to reach her fallen husband, who had been shot through the thigh. Two Indians came running up, and one asked where George had been shot; when told that George had suffered only a leg wound, the Indian quickly drew a large revolver. When he held it to George's head, Emma wrapped her hands around her husband's head and shielded his face with her body. In the ensuing struggle, a second Indian was able to shoot George in the head.

Emma later commented, "The holes in those gun barrels looked as big as saucers."

Neither Emma nor her sister Ida were hurt, but Emma was extremely distraught, thinking her husband dead.

The captured tourists spent the night with the Indians on the east side of Mary Lake. After a council the next day, Emma, Frank, and Ida were released near the Mud Volcano. The women were given horses to ride, and on August 26 they came upon a detachment of the 2nd Cavalry near Tower Junction. They were escorted to Mammoth Hot Spring, and on August 27 they started for Fort Ellis in Bozeman, Montana -- where Emma was eventually reunited with her husband George, who had survived his wounds.

In 1901 George and Emma revisited Yellowstone National Park and the sites where their traumatic experiences took place in 1877. More details on the Yellowstone events -- including quotes from Emma Cowan and the other Radersburg party tourists -- are featured on our Yellowstone Quotes pages.

### **HISTORY FAIR:**

Debi Moody, who teaches Northwest History to 4th graders at Heights Elementary School in Clarkston, Washington, sent us some photos of projects her students did for their History Fair.

"These projects, along with a few others, will be in the Lewis & Clark Discovery Museum in Clarkston," says Moody. She received rave reviews from parents and tribal members on what the students learned from the projects. "They were happy that we were working to stop the stereotyping," says Moody.

She adds that they plan to make more miniature tipis, and miniatures of other items inside, and they hope to make them as realistic as possible.



"I was astounded to find out that most students know absolutely nothing about our neighbors, the Nez Perce," says Moody. "I decided to go way beyond the book and do some educating. All of our field trips were cancelled this year, so I tried to bring as many visitors to the school as possible.Quote;

Congratulations to Debi Moody and to Heights Elementary School -- and especially to the 4th graders for all their wonderful work! And Qe'ciyéw'yew' (thank you!) to Debi for sharing this project with us. If you have school projects related to the Nez Perce Trail, please let us know about them.

### **RECIPE FOR KIDS -- big kids too:**

**MAPLE SUGAR CANDY:** Each year, usually in March, Indians would collect sap from maple trees and make sugar and maple syrup. Indians discovered long ago that maple trees

have a sweet sap that can be drained from the tree and boiled to make syrup and sugar. They used an adze (like an ax) to make a cut in the maple tree's bark. A short stick was pushed into the opening and the sap ran down the stick and into a bucket (usually a bark pan or wooden bowl) below.

The sap was then boiled over a fire until it became thick and grainy and could be pounded into sugar.

Mothers would make candy for their children by folding little cones of thin birch bark and filling them with sugar. They also made molded candies. First they would carve the shapes of animals, moons, and stars into wooden molds. Then they pressed soft sugar into the molds. When the sugar hardened, they wrapped it in thin pieces of birch bark.

You can make an easy maple candy. This recipe makes about 30 candies.

- **Ingredients:**
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1/3 cup maple syrup (or maple-flavored pancake syrup)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 pound powdered sugar
- **Utensils:**
- Large mixing bowl
- Large wooden spoon
- Cookie sheet (covered with aluminum foil or parchment or wax paper)
- Plastic candy molds, if you have some
- **Directions:**
- 1. Wash your hands well and get all your ingredients and utensils together.
- 2. Put the first three ingredients in the bowl and mix with the spoon.
- 3. Mix in the sugar. When it gets difficult to stir, use your hands to mix it until it is smooth. Add more sugar if the dough sticks to your hands.
- 4. Roll 1-inch balls and set them out on the cookie sheet till they get firm. If you want to make molded candies, press the mixture into the plastic candy molds. If you don't have candy molds you could try using small lids or bottle tops; butter them first so the candy won't stick. When the candy firms up, pop it out of the forms and let the candy harden on a cookie sheet. These are a fondant-type candy, which means that they won't get really hard. You can dip the balls in melted chocolate if you want, or roll them in coconut, chopped nuts, or dry cereal.

## **WILDLIFE FEATURE:**

The Nez Perce National Historic Trail ranges from the deeply incised Columbia River Plateau, across the Continental Divide and a succession of ranges, canyons, and valleys, through forests and plains, across thermal areas and major rivers. The Trail winds through some of the most rugged and spectacular scenery in western America. It traverses some of the largest undisturbed tracts of sagebrush steppe habitat, and a tremendous variety of wildlife and plant species thrive across the varied habitats of the Trail corridor.

The Nez Perce National Historic Trail supports relatively unaltered and increasingly uncommon native habitats, the quality and extent of which are unequalled in the Pacific Northwest and Great Plains. Because of the variety of terrestrial and aquatic habitats across this range, there exists a tremendous variety of plant and animal species along the Trail.

## Columbia Spotted Frog

### *Rana luteiventris*

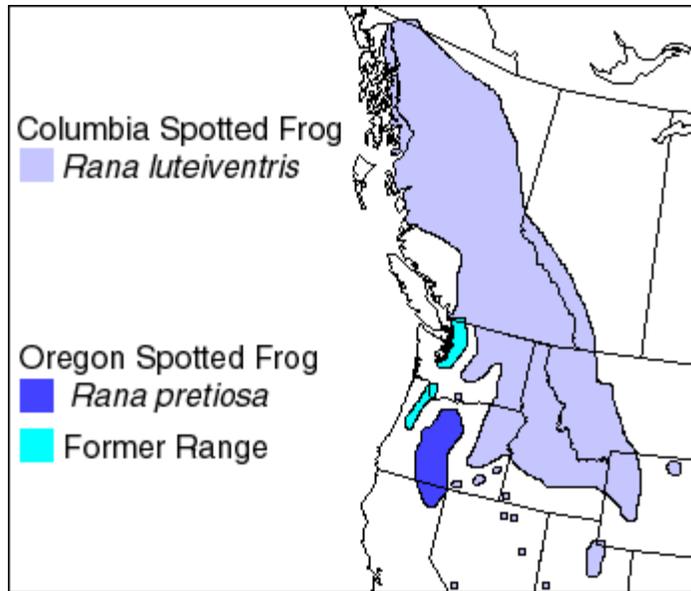


#### **Description:**

The Columbia Spotted Frog may be tan, gray, brown, reddish-brown, or red above with irregular black spots with indistinct edges and light centers. The frog has upturned eyes and relatively short hind legs with extensive webbing. There is a stripe on the lower jaw, and dorsolateral (on both the back and the sides) folds or ridges are usually present. The frog's undersides are usually cream-colored; the lower abdomen and the undersides of the hind legs are usually a reddish-orange, but can also be yellow. Females are generally about 4 inches in size; males are usually about 3 inches.

#### **Range:**

The spotted frog can be found from extreme southeastern Alaska, south through western Alberta to coastal Oregon and Washington, and east to northern Wyoming, northern Utah, and central Nevada.



**Habitat:**

Spotted frogs can be found in areas up to 9850 feet in elevation. They prefer hilly areas near cool, permanent, quiet water in streams, rivers, lakes, pools, springs, and marshes. The frog is highly aquatic, but may disperse into forests, grasslands, and brushlands. In the Northwest, the Columbia spotted frog prefers areas with thick algae and emergent vegetation, but may use sunken, dead, or decaying vegetation as escape cover.

**Diet:**

Spotted frogs eat a wide variety of insects, along with mollusks, crustaceans, and arachnids. The larvae eat algae, organic debris, plant tissue, and tiny water-borne organisms.

**Ecology:**

Spotted frogs hibernate depending on range, and are mostly inactive in winter. They may move overland in spring after breeding. This species is in decline across some of its range, but seems to be widespread and abundant in Idaho. Bullfrogs are predators.

**Reproduction:**

Spotted frogs are not sexually mature until 4 years for males and 6 years for females. They usually breed from mid-March through June, depending on elevation. A Wyoming study found that females breed yearly at low elevations, but only every two or three years at higher elevations. Females may lay egg masses in communal clusters.

**PARTNERSHIP WITH PARKS CANADA:**

In the immediate aftermath of the battle at Bear Paw in October 1877, Chief White Bird's band eluded capture and settled in Canada around Fort Walsh in Saskatchewan.



Kevin Peters and Parks Canada staff at Fort Walsh

Today, Parks Canada has restored and preserved the fort as a National Historical Site, to commemorate the role that Northwest Mounted Police played in the region.

To tell the story of the Nez Perce at Fort Walsh, Bear Paw Battlefield, Big Hole National Battlefield, and Fort Walsh National Historic Site are working on an initiative to exchange staff and develop exhibits about the Nez Perce who came to Canada.

This sister park relationship with Parks Canada is taking three employees from Big Hole National Battlefield to Fort Walsh, along the Alberta/Saskatchewan border. The NPS staff are helping Parks Canada staff on the interpretation in their museum, which features the Sioux War story, and will include that of the Nez Perce.

NPS Park Ranger Kevin Peters is a member of the Nez Perce Tribe and employee of Nez Perce National Historical Park in Idaho; he will spend several weeks interpreting the tie between the Nez Perce and Fort Walsh. Ranger Tim Fisher also will spend several weeks this summer in Canada addressing the relationship between Fort Walsh and the Big Hole Battlefield. Robert West, University of Idaho grad student, will be in Canada interpreting the Nez Perce Bear Paw Battlefield and its relationship to Fort Walsh.

The exchange program, with funding assistance from the Nez Perce National Historic Trail, is headed up by Jon James, Superintendent of Big Hole National Battlefield. "These exchanges will allow us to learn more about each other, share resources, and help educate the American and Canadian public about the Nez Perce War of 1877 and related educational themes."



For more information on Fort Walsh or the program, contact Jon James at the Big Hole National Battlefield or Royce Pettyjohn with Parks Canada or [Sandi McFarland](#) with the Nez Perce National Historic Trail.

## **651 MOVES FORWARD:**

**June 26 -- S. 651 MOVES FORWARD:** On Tuesday the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee approved an amendment for S. 651 by a 13-1 vote; the amendment helped progress on the National Trails System Willing Seller Bill (S. 651). The legislation would allow federal trail authorities to acquire land from willing sellers, to help with completion of our national trails system. Various forms of this bill have been introduced by both House and Senate members for nearly a decade, and Sen. Wayne Allard of Colorado introduced the most recent version in March. This is the first time in nearly ten years that the bill has passed out of Committee and moved to the floor. "This is common-sense legislation that is long overdue," said Allard, "and it will bring equity to the National Trails System."

## **LOLO PASS VISITOR CENTER:**

To celebrate the past, the present, and the future of the longest-used, never-easily-negotiated path over the Bitterroot Mountains, the new Lolo Pass visitor center was dedicated on June 27 with a memorial to the late Stephen Ambrose, the historian known for his account of the Lewis & Clark Expedition.



The visitor center was dedicated June 27 with a memorial to Stephen Ambrose.

The day also celebrated the culture and history of the tribes that camped and collected camas there for thousands of years before Lewis and Clark struggled across the Bitterroots in September 1805.

Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, U.S. Forest Service Deputy Chief Joel Holtrop, and Regional Forester Brad Powell attended, along with a number of other guests. Traditional blessings and lessons were offered by tribal

leaders including Charlie Moses of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Nation and Anthony Johnson, chairman of the Nez Perce Tribe.

The formal dedication ran from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Music was provided by the Quequesah Drummers of the Salish and Kootenai Tribes and by the Lewis and Clark Fife and Drum Corps.



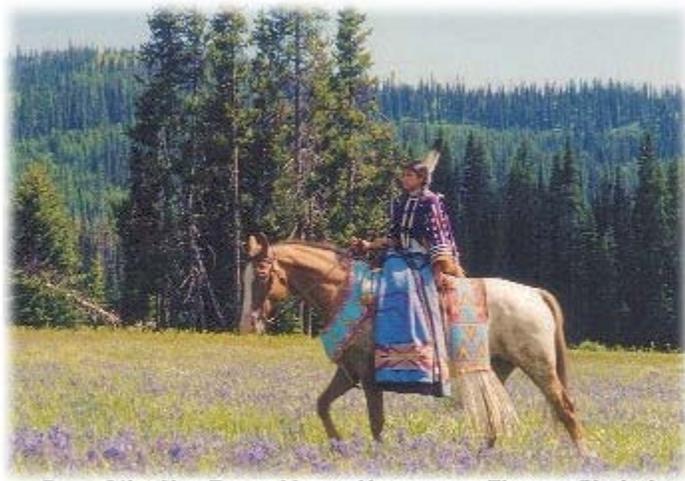
The Nez Perce Young Horsemen at Packer Meadows, June 2003

The Nez Perce Young Horsemen rode across Packer Meadows in full regalia on Nez Perce Horses -- a cross of the Akhal-Teke and Appaloosa breeds.

Nez Perce National Historical Park rangers discussed the history and culture of the Nez Perce tribe, and NPNHT Administrator Sandi McFarland talked about the trail and its use by Indians, miners, trappers, herdsman, and modern-day travelers. Lewis and Clark Bitterroot Corps of Discovery attended in period costumes, providing living history lessons.

At the dedication, we were pleased to launch a new partnership with sculptor Meera Censor, who donated a bust of Chief Joseph for the new visitor center. She also donated shelf-size sculptures to Anthony Johnson, Chairman of the Nez Perce Tribe, to Charlie Moses, Jr. for their Long House, and to Horace Axtell, Nez Perce spiritual leader, and to Trail Administrator Sandi McFarland.

Meera Censor made the trip from California for the dedication; the



**One of the Nez Perce Young Horsemen, Timena Shebala, riding at Packer Meadows, June 2003**

mounting and casting of the sculpture were underwritten by the NPNHT, along with a pedestal and marble base for display of the Chief Joseph bronze.

**ABOUT THE ARTIST:** Meera Censor says her sculptures are "inspired by individuals who have used the power of spiritual



Horace Axtell and Meera Censor at the dedication with the Chief Joseph sculptures she donated. Thanks, Meera!

insight and nonviolence for the upliftment of others." She started her sculpture series in 1993, with a bust of Mahatma Gandhi, and has named the series "In Service of Love." More photos of Meera's bronze are available from our art gallery.

### **CHIEF JOSEPH TRAIL RIDE:**

The Appaloosa Horse Club's annual Chief Joseph Trail Ride (CJTR) for 2003 will leave from the Breaks of the Missouri on July 28 and conclude at the Bears Paw Battlefield near Chinook, Montana on August 1. The five-day trail ride will include special events. The first CJTR was held in 1965. Each year the trail ride covers about 100 miles of the approximately 1300-mile trail in five days, averaging 20 miles per day. It takes 13 years to complete the whole cycle from the Wallawas in Oregon (new cycle to start there in 2004) to the Bears Paw Battlefield. The 2003 ride marks the conclusion of the third time through the entire trail. Only two riders have been on all 38 rides! Nez Perce riders have participated in the trail ride since 1991, but this will be the first time on the Bears Paw segment of the ride. There have typically been 300 riders from around the world participating in the annual rides, and over 300 are already signed up for this year's ride. More information on the five-day trail ride can be found on the ApHC's website.

### **CHIEF REDHEART'S BAND HONORED:**

The first time the Nez Perce visited Vancouver, Washington, it was under armed guard. But 125 years later, dozens of tribal members returned to honor 33 members of the Redheart band. Troops from the Vancouver Barracks imprisoned Chief Redheart and his unarmed followers in 1877 after they refused to relocate to a scaled-down reservation in Idaho. The sixth annual reconciliation ceremony, according to a report by the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, featured an "honor circle" including Katherine Redheart Powaukee, a direct descendant of Chief Redheart. Four of the tribe's registered Appaloosa horses -- two without riders -- circled the crowd three times. Wilfred Scott, a Nez Perce council member, served as master of ceremonies. The three-hour gathering ended with a traditional pipe ceremony, led by tribal elder Horace Axtell. In 1998, the Nez Perce agreed to attend an initial ceremony of reconciliation. The parties settled on the Saturday closest to April 22, the 1878 date when Chief Redheart and his people were released. The gathering is part of a tribal effort, begun in 1977 -- the centennial of the Nez Perce war -- to revisit battlefields and other sites important to the tribe.

### **NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK NEWS:**

The Park website includes a new feature called Forlorn Hope, a study of the Battle of White Bird Canyon. This battle prompted the beginning of the Nez Perce War. The online version of the study is unabridged and includes appendices, illustrations, and endnotes. This 1968 study was conducted by the NPS Division of History, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.



### **NEW VISITOR GUIDE:**

The Nez Perce National Historical Park has published a new Visitor Guide in newspaper format to introduce people to all 38 park sites, including Big Hole and Bear Paw Battlefields. The park is spread across four states and covers over 1,000 miles. The guides are free and are available in quantity to any chamber of commerce, visitor center, business, library, or other outlet who may wish to distribute them. Copies can be obtained by emailing Marc Blackburn at 208.843.2261 x126 or stopping by the Spalding Visitor Center to pick them up.

## **GOLDEN PASSPORTS:**



On April 18, the Forest Service began honoring the Interagency Golden Eagle Passport at more sites charging fees for entrance into federal recreation areas, use of high-impact recreation areas and developed day-use recreation sites (which may include picnic sites, low-development boat ramps, trailheads, visitor centers and parking). The National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Fish & Wildlife Service will continue to honor the Golden Passports as they have previously.

Golden Age/Access Passports have the same benefits as the Golden Eagle Passport and will continue to receive a 50 percent discount at campgrounds, developed boat launches, and swimming sites, and for specialized interpretive services (Golden Eagle Passports do not provide this discount). Golden Passports are not valid for fees related to facility or equipment rental (cabins, lookouts, day/overnight group sites), special conservation programs, managed OHV areas, transportation systems, reservation services, or permits of any kind.

What does this mean locally/regionally? A visitor who frequents multiple federally administered units each year will now be able to purchase one pass, the Golden Eagle Passport, and can then visit both national forests and national parks across the country. The good news: 80 percent of the revenue is retained at the point of sale!

The Golden Eagle Passport can be purchased online or by calling toll-free (877)465-2727.

## **TREAD LIGHTLY:**

- **T - Travel with minimum impact.**
- **R - Respect the environment and rights of others.**
- **E - Educate yourself. Plan and prepare before you go.**
- **A - Allow for future use of the outdoors. "Leave it better than you found it."**
- **D - Discover the rewards of responsible recreation.**

Come out and enjoy your Nez Perce National Historic Trail! The Trail is your special place!

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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