



2010 ANNUAL REPORT



EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS ANNUAL REPORT

JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2010

The start of a New Year is always one of renewed hope and enthusiasm for the Foundation as it continues its work to Preserve, Protect and Commemorate the Nez Perce National Historic Trail.

January

The month that the Foundation finalizes the operational plans for the year. Our operational plans included the completion of the Cost Share Agreements for FY 2010. We proposed six projects. The first reply granted only two of our proposals. They were our General Operational Project and the Teacher Education Project in Yellowstone National Park. None of interpretive projects were approved. There are two carry over projects from FY 2009 that were not completed, Howard Springs and Riverside Park. The projects will be carried over to FY 2011.

Camas Meadows Update

The metal art silhouettes survived their first winter and hunting season without any damage.



FEBRUARY

“Hike the Hill” filled this month. As a member of the Partnership for the National Trail System, the Foundation took part in this annual event in Washington D.C. We visited all the Congressional Offices (16) that the NPNHT crosses and all the Federal Agencies that manage Trail land, we reported on our activities as reported in our FY 09 annual report. This report is found on our web site www.nezpercetrail.net. The Foundation was funded with grants totaling \$63,500.00. For this the NPTF returned 12,275 hours of volunteer time and funds equaling \$263,319.00 for 41.5% return for every tax dollar we received. The Nez Perce National Historic Trail receives \$610,000.00 for the USFS to administrate the NPNHT. Collectively the Partnership for the National Trail System, (28 National Historic & Scenic Trails) reported 907,435 volunteer hours and funds for a total of \$11,746,238.00 return to the Federal Government for work on the National Trail System.

This year’s high light was actually “Hiking the Hill”. Members of the PNTS hiked from the Lincoln Memorial to the steps of the National Capital.



Group of PNTS Members



Jim Evans NPTF Executive Director

MARCH

The Winter Board of Director Meeting was held in Nespelem, WA at the Credit Union conference room. It was a conference call meeting. The minutes of the meeting can be found on the web site www.nezperctrail.net .

The highlight of the meeting was our visit to the new Rest Area at Nespelem. It was opened on April 2, 2010. The Foundation contributed our two traditional signs on the history of the trail. Thanks to Smoker Marchand for his design of the rest stop and our sign placement.





Board of Directors Nez Perce Trail Foundation



Birch Creek Kiosk Dedication

The Foundation participated in the dedication of the kiosk at Birch Creek, south of Lone Pine, Idaho on June 26, 2010 at the BLM recreational site. This project is a partnership between the Nez Perce Trail Foundation, the NPTF Lemhi Chapter (we took the lead in construction of the site), the Nez Perce National Historic Trail, the Bureau of Land Management, the Sacajawea Byway, and the Salmon Valley Business Innovation Center

SITE CONSTRUCTION



The Start Spring 2009



Local Chapter members



BLM Crew

Announcement for 2010 Annual Meeting

The Annual Membership & Educational Meeting will be held at the Bear Paw National Battle Field October 1-3, 2010 in Chinook, Mt.

The highlight of this year's meeting will be our Keynote Speaker Jerome Greene, noted author of the *Nez Perce Summer of 1877*. He will present his new book *The Nez Perce Into Canada*. He will make his remarks and hold a book signing on Friday at the Annual Banquet. The community of Chinook and area will be our guests at the Banquet. On Saturday, the annual commemorative event will be held at the Bear Paw site. On Sunday, we are planning a trip to Fort Walsh in Canada.

Administration Updates

Our leader Sandi McFarland is on detail in Washington DC. That is a long way from the peace and quiet of Nez Perce home country. Roger Peterson is on medical leave. When Rodger returns with his newly replaced hips, he will be our bionic man, able to leap over any red tape that gets in our way. The NPNHT office is being taken care of by many people in the Missoula Office.

APRIL

Planning meetings were held with the Nez Perce National Historic Trail administration concerning the Comprehensive Management Plan schedule for the rest of year.

Worked with the National Park Service at the Big Hole on holding the Annual Meeting in Chinook at the Bear Paw. Our keynote speaker, Jerome Green, accepted the invitation to attend. Assisted the Camas Meadow project task force in getting everything completed for the kiosk. Worked with Island Park Ranger Station on the Howard Spring project.

MAY

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



JUNE

The Birch Creek Kiosk was dedicated on the 26 June 2010. The new kiosk features six interpretive panels that highlight the archeological and cultural history of the area. “The Birch Creek area is a fascinating site with a great deal of history” said Wendy, BLM Upper Snake Field Office Manager. It is the home to the Nez Perce Trail, Birch Creek Rock Shelter, early fur traders, charcoal kilns and used by the Shoshone tribe for more than 10,000 years.

Numerous agencies and organizations joined to provide support, input and information regarding the creation of the kiosk. The dedications of the site coincide with the 10th anniversary of the BLM’s National Landscape Conservation System.

The Nez Perce Trail Foundation was represented at the Pow Wow at Tonkawa, OK by Bob Swick, Charlie and Margret Moses, Paul and Ruth Wapto, and Myrna Tovey. Board Member Bob Swick said, “I want to thank the NPTF for allowing me to represent the Foundation at this event. I especially found the ceremony at the Cemetery to be very moving”

The Howard Spring site was prepared for installation of the silhouettes depicting the Nez Perce passing over Targhee Pass on their way to Yellowstone.

The silhouettes are in place and the rocks that the interpretative signs are going on are in place. Only problem is that the NPNHT has put a hold on the use of our standard signs that we have been placing on all the interpretive sites.

President Charlie Moses and I had a meeting with the USFS administration, Nez Perce and the National Historic Trail administrator in Missoula to discuss the problem. They were planning to coming up with a standard for interpretative messages and style. There are three (3) projects on hold until this is corrected.



The rock sign holders



one of the 4 silhouettes

JULY

July is the month of the Chief Joseph Trail Ride. Our part this year was helping lay out the route and to present the history of this portion of the route. Board Member Bob Swick presented information on the Nez Perce Trail Foundation. The route was from near the Big Hole National Battle Field to Bannock Pass. Attending was Roger Peterson, NPNHT, and from Region 1, Joni Packard. The numbers of riders were down this year. The ride traveled along the Continental Divide for over 60 miles.



Joni Packard USFS



Roger took this one of Jim Evans on the CJTR

YELLOWSTONE TEACHERS PROJECT

This year Yellowstone Teacher's Project was a great success. There were 16 teachers this year, they were from California; we had one from Idaho and one from Montana.

Out lead instructor was our own Board Member Stan Hoggett. Stan started the session off with an overview of the many routes that the Nez Perce took through Yellowstone Park. On the second day, Stan took us on a long loop via the Chief Joseph Scenic By Way and visited several of the out of way sites.

The visit to the National Park's Interpretative Center in Gardner and the instructional presentation presented by Lee Whittlesey, Historian, was one of the highlights of the visit.

We had a work project scheduled but due to road construction, we were unable to complete the project. We did visit the new and only interpretive sign at Nez Perce Creek; the NPS did a great job telling the real story.

We ended up as usual with our visit to the Plains Indian section of the Buffalo Bill Museum.

We hope to expand the program next year and include more local teachers. Our thanks to Board Member Duane Hegel, the instructor and leader from University of San Diego.

There are no pictures as I lost my camera that had all the Yellowstone pictures.

AUGUST

Finally back in the office in Salmon after 17 days on the road only to leave again to attend and staff a booth with the Nez Perce National Historic Trail in Lewiston, ID at the Lewis and Clark's Annual Membership meeting. There were 150 members present and we handed out a lot of information and sold many of our Trading Post materials.

Once again, we had another meeting with the USFS Administration and the NPNHT staff. President Charlie Moses expressed his concerns about the MOU and how it was being implemented. It was agreed that it needed to be followed and that it would be revised to make the intent more understandable. It was agreed that the Nez Perce Trail Foundation was the primary non-profit partner with the NPNHT. Again, we discussed the CMP and when the public meetings were going to take place. We have devised a work sheet that will be handed out at the Annual Meeting.

The funding looks like it will be the same for FY11 as it was this year.

SEPTEMBER

On the road again, visited Fort Benton, Lewistown, Chinook, Billings, and Laurel. At Fort Benton, we were invited to attend an educational meeting in October with them when they will present their education program to a group of Montanan educators. We will have a chance to introduce our Yellowstone Project to them.

At Lewistown, the Reed/Bowles cabin finally got National Registry approval and we will be working with our local chapter to preserve the site.

Then on to Chinook, where I meet Bear Paw NPS Ranger Stephanie Martin and we put the final additions on the Annual Meeting. The reception we got from the Community was outstanding. We are looking forward to what we feel will be a super meeting.

Meeting with Old Fort Henry/Gold Loop Scenic Byway for final on Camas Meadows Project. Construction starts this month and we are working with them to place our signs and develop interpretative information with the BLM and SHPO for the site.

OCTOBER

The 2010 Annual Membership and Educational Meeting was held at Chinook, MT on October 1, 2, 3, 2010. This was one of our largest Annual Meetings with a combined audience of over 100 people attending.

MINUTES

Nez Perce Trail Foundation Annual Membership

And Board of Directors Meeting

October 1, 2010 Chinook Motor Inn Chinook, Montana

Welcome: President Charlie Moses opened the Annual Meeting with these words: "Many people call this the end of the trail but it is the end of the first phase of the trail, but it probably is the saddest part of

the trail – the exile of Joseph to Oklahoma and Whitebird’s escape to Canada. My grandfather as well as my great grandfather went into Canada. Two Moons from Nespelem also was one who went into Canada.”

Charlie noted the loss this year of elders of the tribe. He dedicated this meeting to Frank Andrews who died last week. “Frank took the obligation to go to every memorial event along the trail at Whitebird, Big Hole and here for the last 30-40 years. He had stories as told to him by a person named Robert Johnson who was a boy during the war and several members of the Yellow Wolf family. We lost a historian and a true friend.” In addition, earlier this year we lost Frank Half Moon and Carl Saxton.

Charlie related the history of the Foundation presidents and NPTF being “weaned away from the Forest Service” to get outside monies. We hired an Executive Director, Jim Evans, and we began to do projects on the ground. We set several priorities – to mark the trail on the ground – many miles through Forest Service land as well as private land. There is concern that we will lose the actual route of the trail or lose access to the trail. For the past 4 years, we have tried to work on extending the trail down into Oklahoma. To have the trail formally extended into Oklahoma requires congressional legislation, which may be impossible to get.

Members present: *Dick Seymour, *Ruth M. Wapato, *Paul Wapato, Margaret Moses, *Stan Hoggatt, Jill Eckberg, *Myrna W. Tovey, *Lynn Fleming, *Linda Fleming, *Charlie Moses, Jr., *Jim Evans, Lynda Evans and new member, Helen Keremedjiev.

*indicates Board members for quorum

Guests and Representatives: USFS NPNHT representatives Sandi McFarland, Roger Peterson, and Steve Schwartz; NPS: Scott Eckberg

Report of the Secretary:

Minutes were provided through the website and not printed. Lynn Fleming moved that the minutes of the last Annual meeting be approved. Myrna Tovey seconded. Motion passed.

Report of the Treasurer:

Lynn Fleming reported that the current quarterly report is not complete yet.

Transition was successfully negotiated so we are officially into a new fiscal year of April 1-March 31.

Current balances as of today: \$3,070 in checking, \$3,816 in savings for total of \$6,886. We have submitted a budget request for \$4,446 for operations is in progress.

Dick Seymour moved to approve the financial report with Myrna Tovey seconding. Motion passed.

*Full annual budget report can be had on request for year-end.

Report of the Executive Director:

Jim Evans presented his report:

- **Ongoing Camas Meadow project** – We need the State Land Board and State Historical Preservation Office to approve everything. Cement is being poured this week for a kiosk that is being constructed there.
- **Nespelem and Birch Creek projects were both completed and dedicated.**
- **Howard Springs** is all in place with the exception of signs.
- Yellowstone Teacher project has **new signage at Nez Perce Creek.**
- So far, **9,000 hours of in-service** have been reported.

- Comprehensive Management Plan is still in process.
- **One of our biggest obstacles is the “base signage” as the wording is under review by NPNHT.** We have three more projects in process that are being held up due to the wording. Many local people get involved with our projects; however, they do not want to join our organization.

Report by Sandi McFarland, Nez Perce National Historic Trail:

Work of the Foundation is very much appreciated by the Forest Service. Sandi voiced appreciation for the words of Charlie regarding our respected elders, our culture and about the history of the Foundation and appreciation for Frank Andrews and how he served the Trail through his words and his leadership.

Sandi has been in DC working with the heritage program for the Forest Service. A draft schedule for the Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) was shared. The first workshop will be held early December in Missoula. Key Contacts are agency folks who are facilitating the meetings. The Foundation’s role is as a participant and providing names for local participants. **Charlie suggested adding a Forest Service representative at Enterprise and to add Tim Nitz to the contacts for Nespelem.** The handout of CMP planning process has grown to 14 steps.

Roger Peterson explained his work pulling together a database of approximately 700 contacts including tribal media as well as national media to get a good means of communicating with folks in a timely manner when we begin these workshops. A draft website has been set up which will be launched before the first workshop so folks who cannot come to the workshop can have input. A draft timeline has been updated and will be sent out soon.

New Nez Perce Historic Trail maps are available at Forest Service, online, as well as through different sales associations along the trail. **Charlie pointed out that Nespelem was left off the map. In addition, he suggested a participant in the war should be on the front – Yellow Wolf was suggested.** Sandi will take these suggestions for revisions back to the Forest Service.

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. - break for lunch

Continuation of Report by Sandi McFarland & Roger Peterson:

There is more of the trail open to the public now. The general brochure has been revised to be the size of the auto brochures and has been sent out for review. Auto tour #7 East Yellowstone to Canyon Creek has also been sent out for review. Auto tour #6 has been sent out in hard copy for first review. The auto tour from Canyon Creek/Laurel area up to Bear Paw is in early development. By this time next year, all auto tour brochures should be available.

A draft copy of the Desk Planner was shared. Charlie asked that Joseph band folks be included in pictures in the Desk Planner.

One of the biggest challenges and concerns of the Trail is with Exxon/Mobile truckloads traveling on Highway 12. Sandi stated that the Trail needs an agreement with them for coverage of signs, which could be damaged in pullouts as well as potential harm due to accidents on the byway.

Steve Schwartz reported that the Nez Perce Trail logo has been submitted for a patent to be protected as a trademark. Charlie pointed out that the spelling of Nee-Me-Poo is incorrect. **Steve stated he would need a letter from the Foundation to change the spelling of NEE ME POO.**

Report by Scott Eckberg – National Park Service:

- New exhibits have been contracted for installment in the Visitor Center at Big Hole. Fabrication and installation will take place in May with dedication in June 2011.
- NPS is working on connecting Lapwai to the byway.

- A new film is being contracted for the Spalding Center with completion set for 2012.
- NPS is making an effort to manage invasive plant species in its park sites.
- This year's Coyote Camp, the NPS children's outreach program, had 750 kids participating.

Charlie suggested that the NPTF base signs should be included at Park Service sites.

New Business:

Stan Hoggatt reported that he has been working to develop a memorial scholarship program dedicated to Alex Cross, a Kamiah Nez Perce, to support a Nez Perce student who wished to pursue college. Jim suggested that the program could be administered through the Nez Perce Trail Foundation. **Paul Wapato moved that Stan and his group work up a plan for a scholarship program to present to the next quarterly board meeting for discussion.** Seconded by Linda Fleming. Motion passed.

Jim Evans proposed that a lifetime membership be provided and be published in our brochure. Dick Seymour moved that a \$300 fee for lifetime membership and \$250 for senior lifetime membership be offered. Lynn Fleming seconded. Motion passed.

The nominating committee presented Slate of Officers:

President – Myrna Tovey

1st Vice President – Dick Seymour,

2nd Vice President - Charlie Moses

Secretary – Stan Hoggatt

Treasurer – Ryan Allen

Paul Wapato moved that we elect the slate of officers as presented for a two-year term. Lynn Fleming seconded. Motion passed.

The following members were elected to serve on the Board for a three-year term until 2013: Lynn Fleming, Mike Seale, Bernadine Ellwood, Paul Wapato, and JD Tovey.

Paul Wapato so moved, Dick Seymour seconded. Motion passed.

The following resolution was presented by Paul Wapato.

Resolved: That the Comprehensive Management Plan revision should include:

(1) Recognition that events at Forts Lincoln, Leavenworth and Vancouver and in Kansas, Oklahoma and Canada are integral to the history of the War of 1877 and may be objects of interpretation, installations or required addition to the Trail.

(2) Recognition that increases in the Trail as defined on the ground is desirable. To accomplish this, the Administrator subject to funding availability may pursue land purchase and right-of-way agreements.

Paul Wapato moved that the resolution be approved with Ruth Wapato seconding. Motion passed.

It was decided that our Board meeting had melded into our General meeting and therefore all business had been completed.

Myrna Tovey moved that Minutes of the last Board meeting be accepted. Dick Seymour seconded. Motion passed.

At 1:45 p.m., Paul Wapato moved that we adjourn; Lynn Fleming seconded.

An Open Public Meeting regarding the future of the Bear Paw National Battlefield followed the Annual Meeting. The evening of October 1, A **Community Appreciation Banquet** was hosted by NPTF, Keynote Speaker Jerome Greene.

Linda Fleming, Secretary

Retiring Officers



Linda Fleming, Secretary, Charlie Moses, Jr, President, Lynn Fleming, Treasurer



Our New President
Myrna Tovey



Keynote Speaker
Author Jerome Green



Bears Paw Panel

Appreciation Banquet





The Fort Walsh Crew
Ruth, Charlie, Helen, Margret, Jim, Myrna, Lynda, Paul, Stephanie & son



Memorial at Bears Paw

NOVEMBER

This month, filled with meetings with ongoing projects that were in various stages of completion. The Camas Meadows had some last minutes problems with the interpretive signs and it was agreed to hold the sign over until spring.

The signs for Birch Creek arrived and those too were held over until spring. We also got another grant to finish the landscaping, gravel and picnic tables, which will be put in place in the spring.

Had another meeting with the NPNHT administration concerning the planning and Comprehensive Management Plan. Progress is being made in meeting these goals.

DECEMBER

Winter was upon us in Nez Perce Land when we had the first public meeting for input for the Comprehensive Management Plan. Held in Missoula on a stormy night and there were only 15 people who braved the night to participate. The program hosted by the Missoula Ranger District and presented by the NPNHT administration.

The organization of the event was well designed and will be an example for the rest of the meetings. With this format, we should get outstanding results. Thank to Sandi, Roger and crew for the good job. There is a schedule for the rest of the meetings and the complete process on the NPNHT web site www.fs.fed.us/npnht or our web site at www.nezperctrail.net.

The Winter Board of Directors was cancelled due to the weather. It was to be held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho as a conference call meeting. We hope to hold as many of the Board Meeting as possible this way so all the Board Members can participate. We will need more participation from the membership and Board of Directors to complete the many tasks that the Foundation has undertaken. The work plan for 2011 will be presented to the membership and Board of Directors in the March meeting (date to be announced.)

You are encouraged to send us any suggestions or ideas that you might have for projects or concerns that you want the Foundation work on.

Thanks to all who have worked so hard this year which enables the Nez Perce Trail Foundation live up to our vision statement.



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SUMMARY

Nine (9) months into our Project year, (ends March 31,2011) we are well within our budget as indicated in the Treasures report. There have been problems, the interpretative signs, and the need to have planning for future years. The Nez Perce Trail Foundation has adopted the following resolution to help us reach our goals:

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OUR FIRST TWO LIFETIME MEMBERS



Candy Moulton
Encampment, WY



Jim Zimmerman
La Grange, KY

You can add your Picture to the list. Become a Life Time Member



The volunteer hours and finances that the Nez Perce Trail Foundation has contributed:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>VOL HOURS</u>	<u>\$VALUE</u>	<u>\$\$ CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>NPNHT COST SHARE</u>
2005	3,140	\$55,390.00	\$3,250.00	\$58,640.00	\$40,985.00
2006	6,830	\$120,550.00	\$4,500.00	\$125,050.00	\$37,050.00
2007	8,250	\$165,875.00	\$6,500.00	\$172,375.00	\$44,180.00
2008	10,250	\$205,000.00	\$6,850.00	\$211,850.00	\$61,100.00
2009	12,275	\$245,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$253,000.00	\$40,450.00
2010	12,960	\$259,200.00	\$7,400.00	\$266,600.00	\$47,080.00
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TOTAL	53,705	\$1,051,515.00	\$36,000.00	\$1,087,515.00	\$270,845.00



Wallowa Home Land Site

Vision Statement

The Nez Perce National Historic Trail will incorporate all the routes of historic significance to the Nez Perce War of 1877 and these routes will be marked for all users and respectful interpretation will be in place at all historic sites.