



**2008-2009 REPORT**

The Nez Perce Trail Foundation (NPTF) is presenting this report in two phases covering FY 2008 and 2009. This is because our Cost Share Projects with the USFS are not funded until about six months into the fiscal year. This delay means project work has to be carried over into the next year. Each project is funded individually. General operational funding from other external sources provides support for initial planning of various projects. Operational Funding is the administrative backbone of the NPTF. It enables the foundation to plan, propose and implement projects in support of the Goals and Objectives of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail (NPHT).

The Nez Perce Trail foundation operates under MOUs and MOAs from the Nez Perce National Historical Trail (USFS), the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service and the US Fish and Wild Life Service.

Working partnerships are held with several museums and organizations including: the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, WY, the Appaloosa Horse Club, ID, Lolo Hot Springs Resort, MT, Lemhi County Historical Society, ID, Clark County Historical Association, ID, Lewistown Historical Preservation Organization, MT. Other non-profit groups include: Adventure Cycling Assoc., Partnership for the National Trail System, American Trail Association, Montana PBS, The Conservation Fund, Trust for Public Lands, Montana Preservation Alliance, American Prairie foundation, Idaho horse Council, and Backcountry Horsemen of Idaho, Montana and Idaho. On a project to project basis the foundation has worked with Scenic Byways that has included: Old Fort Henry, Gold Loop, Chief Joseph and Sacajawea Scenic Byways as well as the Departments of Transportation in Idaho and Montana.

The NPTF has a working relationship with State Historic Preservation Offices (ID, MT, OR, WY), the three Nez Perce Tribal Cultural Offices, and the USFS Tribal Liaison Offices.

**NEZ PERCE TRAIL FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS 2009**

*Volunteer Hours 12,275                      Value \$248,569                      Financial Contribution \$14,750*

***TOTAL \$ 263,319***

*Membership 150(worldwide)                      Individual volunteers for 2009 – 187, as of January 22, 2010*

**FY 2008 PROJECT REVIEW**

Project 1	Operational NPTF	\$39,500	Completed 2009
Project 2	Lewistown Rest Area	\$ 4,250	Completed 2009
Project 3	Clark's Fork	\$4,350	Completed 2009

Project 4	Camas Meadows Completion estimated spring 2010	\$4,500	Our Part Completed 2008
Project 5	Birch Creek	\$6,000	Completed 2009 Dedication 2010
Project 6	Appaloosa Horse Club Museum	<u>\$2,500</u>	Completed 2008 Dedicated 2009

OTHER PROJECT AND FUNDS

1. National Park Service	\$8,100
2. Idaho Department of Transportation ByWays	\$56,000
3. City of Dubois & Clark County	<u>\$6,500</u>
Total Funds	<u>\$70,600</u>

**Total Cost Share Funds from NPNHT \$61,100**

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**NEZ PERCE TRAIL FOUNDATION PARTNERS FUNDS FY 08**

10,250 HOURS & FUNDS	<u>\$222,122</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS EXPENDED FOR FY 2008</b>	<b><u>\$353,722</u></b>

RESULTS FOR FY 2008 from Nez Perce National Historical Trail Cost Share grant of \$ 61,100

**57.9% RETURN ON GRANT DOLLARS**

**FY 09 PROJECT REVIEW (April 2009 to January 2010) FY ends April 2010 87% Completed**

Project 1	Operational NPTF	\$40,450	90% Completed
Project 2	James Kipp	\$3,500	Completed
Project 3	Howard Spring estimated completion spring 2010	\$8,000	25% Completed
Project 4	Teacher In-Service	\$6,300	Completed
Project 5	Riverside Park	<u>\$2,250</u>	Scheduled Spring 2010
TOTAL		\$63,500	
As of 1 January 2010	12,275 hours and Funds	<u>\$263,319</u>	

**\*\*\*TOTAL COST SHARE FROM NPNHT \$63,500 \*\* NPTF CONTRIBUTION \$263,331**

**41.5% RETURN ON GRANT DOLLARS**

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## **NEZ PERCE TRAIL FOUNDATION PROJECT REPORT 2009**

### **The 12<sup>th</sup> Conference on National Scenic and Historic Trails**

“Gearing up for the Decade for the National Trails: Outreach, Protection and Capacity”

Missoula, Montana ~ July 12-15, 2009 Hosted the by Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, assisted by the Nez Perce Trail Foundation (NPTF) and the Continental Divide Trail Alliance

One of the Nez Perce Trail Foundation’s jobs was to organize the field trips for the conference. The three field trips included a rafting trip on the Blackfoot River, hiking along the Lolo Trail and a bus trip visiting historic trail sites in the Bitterroot Valley and the Big Hole Battlefield National Park.

The Nez Perce Trail Foundation hosted the Big Hole Battlefield trip. Thirty-four members of the Partnership for the National Trails Systems guided by Mary Williams, USFS, assisted by Jim Evans, Executive Director and archaeologist, Carolynne Merrell, visited the Metcalf National Wildlife Reserve then passed through the Bitterroot Valley. The group stopped at Ross’s Hole in Sula, and the top of Chief Joseph Pass where all three National Trail paths cross. Continuing on to the Big Hole National Battlefield, the group participated in the dedication of the West Entrance Project, completed by the National Park Service and the Nez Perce Trail Foundation. Park Service personnel gave a special guided tour of the Park. The group then returned to Missoula.

### **THE DEDICATION AT THE BIG HOLE WEST ENTRANCE**



Ruth Wapato, Rosa Yearout, Myrna Tovey and Loretta Alexander

### **Opening the dedication with a Nez Perce prayer**

## THE PNTS FIELD TRIP GROUP AT THE METCALF WILDLIFE REFUGE



## COW ISLAND INTERPRETIVE SIGN DEDICATION AND CLEAN UP



On Saturday September 26, 2009 30 individuals gathered at the **James Kipp National Recreation Area**. The Recreation Area is located where U.S. Highway 191 crosses the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River, about 40 miles north of Grass Range, MT.





Those who participated in this National Public Lands Day event completed a number of tasks which included; installing a Nez Perce Trail interpretive sign, trimming brushes near the boat ramp and fish cleaning station, clearing trail and picking up trash within the campground. Participants in this event included; Jim Evans, Huck Hutson, Roy Zortman, Scott Haight, Sandra Padilla, Craig Flentie, Vinita Shea, Wayne Dahl, Illa Willmore, Carol Hutson, Samantha Mitchell, Vanessa Mitchell, Megant Mitchell, Tristin McCaffree, Hailey Hayden and Andrea Gremaux, Carol McCaffree, Winston Mitchell, Zortman and Warren Willmore, Nancy Dahl, Mona Driskell and a number of students from Missoula. Nationwide, thousands of people donated time to projects improving public lands.

## **TEACHER IN-SERVICE YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK AND WORK PROJECT**

### **ADVENTURES IN YELLOWSTONE**

The NPTF with the Yellowstone National Park, Kathie White, Dr. Lee Whittlesey, and the Yellowstone Association, James Garry, conducted a week of instructional activities for a group of history teachers from the University of San Diego Sacramento California Extension, Duane Helige, Instructor. The group based at the Canyon Campground in the center of Yellowstone National Park and visited major Nez Perce sites. In addition, NPTF President Charlie Moses contributed significantly to the project through his active participation.



Teacher Group



Jim Evans and Charlie Moses



Carol Austin, NPTF Instructor



Bob Richards, Historian and Guide

## CLARKS FORKS WORK PROJECT



Nez Perce Interpretive Sign Dedication Clark, WY

Nez Perce Trail Foundation, Executive Director, Jim Evans & BLM, Cody Field Office Archaeologist, Kierson Crume enjoy the newly installed interpretive sign in Clark, Wyoming. A partnership between the non-profit Nez Perce Trail Foundation, the BLM, and the Edelweiss Store resulted in a three-paneled kiosk entitled "Escape From Clark

Fork Canyon”. Volunteers assisting in the installation were from the Cody Chapter of the NPTF and the University of San Diego Extension at Sacramento, California.



The Crew: Phil Benezra, Daniel Billings, Maureen Fratis, Phyllis Goossen, Deborah Janssen, Barry Janssen, Colin Johnson, Evin Johnson, Robert Knox, Erica Scott, Lou Gearing, Brad Ward, Duane Heglie, Carol Austin, Kireson Crume (not in order)

### **LEWISTOWN REST AREA MONTANA**



**REED & BOWLES TRADING POST DEDICATION**



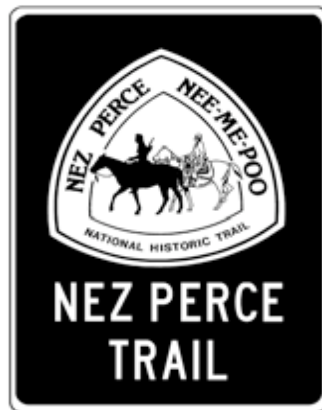
Duane Ferdinand City Planner

Zane Fulbright BLM

A series of interpretive panels, which provide information about the Reed-Bower Trading Post, the 1877 War, and the Exile and Return of the Nez Perce people, were installed on May 28, 2009 near Lewiston, MT. The Lewiston Historical Society and members of the Lewistown Chapter of the NPTF constructed the interpretative signs which were placed at the Kiowa's Rest Area; located a mile west of Lewistown on Montana Highway 3. These displays will educate travelers about the the flight of the Nez Perce in 1877. Thanks to everyone involved in this effort.

### **TRAIL MARKERS PLACEMENT**

#### **GIBBONS PASS TO BIG HOLE**



#### **Markers Placed Along the Trail in SW Montana**

##### *Gibbons Pass to Big Hole*

The Salmon Chapter of the Nez Perce Trail Foundation and personnel from Wisdom Ranger District of the US Forest Service, placed trail markers on newly constructed section of the Nez Perce Trail. This section of trail was constructed by a Nez Perce Youth Trail Crew Team.

## THE SIGN CREW



## BIRCH CREEK



The Birch Creek Project has benefited from the combined interests and active participation of several private, city, state, and federal entities. The project was initiated through the planning committee of the Sacajawea Scenic Byway as they looked for a gateway site for the Byway. The Nez Perce Trail Foundation already had a small interpretive and trail marking project underway for the area. As part of the planning committee, the Foundation, with BLM support, proposed a much larger combined project. With Byway funding, a six-sided kiosk was planned. The City of Leadore, NPTF, with the help of the Salmon Valley Business and Innovation Center obtained a grant from the Idaho Department of Transportation for the Kiosk. A&D Specialties, Leadore provided equipment and the shop area to manufacture the kiosk. The Salmon and Idaho Falls BLM crews along with the Leadore NPTF Chapter members provided the labor in the construction of the kiosk, which is nearing completion.

The kiosk will hold six interpretive panels. Two NPTF panels will describe an overview of the Nez Perce Conflict and the events that occurred at this location. Other panels will provide BLM information on area attractions, the route of the Sacajawea Scenic Byway and the story of the Agai Dika Lemhi Shoshone homeland.



Construction progress



This project will be dedicated in Spring 2010

### HOWARD SPRING PROJECT

The Howard Spring Project at Targhee Pass outside of West Yellowstone, MT has been place on hold, due to winter weather. The Interpretive side will feature a full size silhouettes like those at the Home Land Site in Wallowa, OR. The interpretive signs will be place on rocks at the site.



## APPALOOSA HORSE CLUB MUSEUM



Dick Seymour, NPTF Vice President , Steve Taylor, ApHC CEO, Iola and George Hatley

In June 2009, Interpretive signs were placed in partnership with the Appaloosa Horse Club Museum on the museum grounds. The three panels tell the story of the 1877 War Trail and the Exile along with the history of the Chief Joseph Trail Ride sponsored annually by the Appaloosa Horse Club. Present at the dedication of the signs was NPTF vice-president, Dick Seymour, Appaloosa Club CEO, Steve Taylor, and Lola and George Hatley, one of the original Chief Joseph Trail Ride founders.

## REST STOP NESPELEM, WASHINGTON, OPEN SPRING 2010

A project of the Joseph Band with signs provided by the Nez Perce Trail Foundation



## RIVERSIDE PARK INTERPRETIVE SIGNS LAUREL, MONTANA

Work on this project will begin in Spring of 2010

# IIWETEMLAYKIN STATE HERITAGE SITE

Dedication of Oregon State Park near the Old Joseph Grave Site

October 2009



Charlie, Margaret Moses Lynda Evans

## NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL



THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR WORK IN PRESERVING THE STORY OF NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORICAL TRAIL.

THE FOUNDATION APPRECIATES AND THANKS OUR GOVERNMENT AGENCY PARTNERS, BOTH LOCAL AND FEDERAL, WHO ENABLE THE FOUNDATION TO CARRY OUT IT'S MISSION.

WE ENCOURAGE NEW MEMBERS AND INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN OUR WORK TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND COMMEMORATE THE STORY OF THE 1877 WAR TRAIL WHICH INCLUDES THE EXILE AND RETURN OF THE NEZ PERCE PEOPLE.

CHARLIE MOSES, JR PRESIDENT

JIM EVANS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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