



Quarterly Report

January – March 2010

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

January is 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 Foundation has requested that these projects be carried over to FY 2010 and we are waiting to hear of the status for these projects.

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, sharing reports on our activities as reported in our annual report. This report can be found on our web site www.nezpercetrail.net. The Foundation funding with grants totaled \$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 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 2010

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.

Highlights of the meeting were 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 will be participating 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



The Start Spring 2009



Local Chapter members at work



The BLM Crew

**TO SEE THE FINISHED PROJECT PLEASE ATTEND THE DEDICATION
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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 bus trip to Fort Walsh in Canada. (60 miles). Remember you will need a passport to get into Canada and back into the USA!!!

More information will be made available on our web site www.nezperctrail.net

Trail Administration Updates

The Nez Perce Trail Foundation misses our Nez Perce National Trail Administrative people. 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. Learn a lot and hurry back.

Roger Peterson is on medical leave. When Rodger returns with his newly replaced knees he will be our bionic man; able to leap over any red tape that gets in our way. Get well quick Roger! The NPNHT office is being taken care of by many people in the Missoula Office. Thanks.

On behalf of the Nez Perce Trail Foundation, the non-profit partner for the Nez Perce National Historic Trail, let us all keep up the good work benefiting the Nez Perce Story.

Jim Evans, Executive Director