



Oregon and California National Historic Trails

Four Trails Feasibility Study Update

NTIR finished drafting the environmental consequences section of the environmental assessment in late June 2013.

NTIR continues to prepare route description packages for SHPOs, tribes, and other federal agencies for preliminary review before release of the public review draft.

The team developed two alternatives and a no action alternative for the feasibility study/environmental assessment. A preferred alternative has not been identified. For more information, please ask a planning team member or go to:

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/FourtrailFS>

Project Highlight



During the Alcove Spring charette two site plan alternatives were presented in a public meeting.



Two public meetings were held in Blue Rapids, Kansas to discuss and present recommendations for site planning at Alcove Spring Park June 2013.

Project Updates - Protection, Development, and Promotion

Exhibits:

- A draft wayside proposal was presented to Alcove Spring park, Kansas partners during the Development Concept Plan charette in June 2013.
- Site and interpretive development continue for the New Fork River Crossing Historical Park, Wyoming. The park's opening date has been moved to June 2014. Exhibit drafts, trail work, and parking lot construction continue.
- A new wayside at the Salt River crossing of the Lander Trail in Afton, Wyoming has been drafted and fabrication has been contracted.

Design/Development:

- NTIR staff held public meetings and presented site planning recommendations during the Alcove Spring charette held in Blue Rapids, Kansas June 24-28, 2013.
- The CALTRANS sign project is awaiting transfer of funds in order to begin.
- OCTA is moving forward with Original Route signing of Oregon, California, and Santa Fe trails in the Sugar Creek and Independence, MO areas. The Gateway chapter is pursuing an Original Route California Trail sign plan along the St. Joe Road in Kansas.

Tribal Liaison:

- Cooperative and task agreements for an interpretive kiosk at the Fort Hall museum, Idaho are being finalized. The kiosk will be similar in look to one designed by the Nez Perce National Historic Trail and is one of two three-panel exhibits planned for the site.

Trail Exhibit Highlights



New Fork River Crossing Historical Park Boulder, Wyoming

Phase I site planning, construction, and wayside exhibit development are underway. In May 2013 Landscape Architect Cory Kolisko visited the site to assist with revisions to the parking lot and ADA trail construction. Five wayside exhibits have been drafted and are in review.

The park's grand opening date has been moved to June 2014 with a soft opening during summer 2013. Trails will be marked and have been mowed and an updated site brochure will be provided for visitors while exhibits are being developed for summer 2014.

A trail map (left) was developed for an exhibit and brochure.



Lander Trail Salt River Crossing Afton, Wyoming

The first draft of a new wayside at the Salt River crossing of the Lander Trail has been reviewed. This draft shows a reference graphic that a professional artist will bring to life as an illustration.

Projects Near You

New Projects

The Shoshone-Bannock tribes signed an MOU with the Lander Trail Foundation to create one three-panel exhibit at the Fort Hall Museum. A new exhibit on the Salt River Crossing of the Lander Trail in Afton, Wyoming will be completed this fall.

Work continues on a mobile smartphone application version of the Utah interpretive guide to be available via a web address, phone number, and quick response (QR) code. Photos, video and GPS locations have been recorded.

National Register

Kansas State Historic Preservation Office (KSHPO) submitted the Scott Spring nomination and plans to submit the Alcove Spring nomination this month. KSHPO revised nominations for Pacha Ruts, Upper Wakarusa River Crossing, and the Green Wildlife Area Swale and plans to submit them in November.

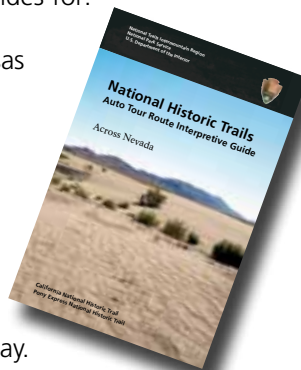
Oregon State Historic Preservation Office will submit revised Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF) for the Oregon Trail to the NPS this month and is in the process of developing three site and segment nominations for Virtue Flat/Flagstaff Hill, Blue Mountain Crossing, and the Boardman Segment in Oregon.

NTIR funded these nominations through cooperative agreements.

Auto Tour Route Interpretive Guide Series

Through congressional funding obtained by the Partnership for the National Trails System, seven of the nine interpretive guide series have been developed for the four northern national historic trails. These include guides for:

1. Northwestern Missouri and Northeastern Kansas
2. Iowa
3. Nebraska and Northeastern Colorado
4. Wyoming
5. Idaho
6. Utah
7. Nevada



The Nevada interpretive guide is now available.
Planning for the Oregon/Washington guide is underway.

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