

# Oregon and California National Historic Trails

# Four Trails Feasibility Study Update

The planning team, along with retired NTIR employee Kay Threlkeld, drafted additional route descriptions and historical summaries, updated the GIS database, and prepared regional maps. Route descriptions and summaries have undergone preliminary review by trails subject matter experts and have been revised.

NTIR is preparing 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



Members of OCTA's Mapping and Marking Committee, National Trails Intermountain Region, the Bureau of Land Management, and University of Utah met for a workshop in Salt Lake City, Utah.



Partners and NTIR staff attended a dedication on August 11, 2012 for five new waysides installed at McCoy Park in Independence, Missouri.

# Project Updates - Protection, Development, and Promotion

#### Exhibits:

- A dedication was held on August 11, 2012 for five new waysides installed at McCoy Park in Independence, Missouri. Over 100 people celebrated the three trails that passed through Independence in the 1800s.
- Site and interpretive planning continue for the New Fork River Crossing Historical Park. The park is scheduled for opening in September 2013.
- Four wayside exhibits on Red Bridge in Kansas City, Missouri have been installed and were dedicated on July 27, 2012.

Design/Development:

- Sign plan standards and tools are available online for the Oregon and California national historic trails (NHTs). Go to: www.nps.gov/cali/ parkmgmt/how-to-create-your-sign-plan.htm and www.nps.gov/oreg/ parkmgmt/how-to-create-your-sign-plan.htm
- We reached a verbal agreement with CALTRANS regarding methodology to start planning for signing NHT routes in California. We are still working to transfer funds from CALTRANS to the NPS. Once the funding is in place, we will schedule a project scoping meeting and then a sign planning workshop.

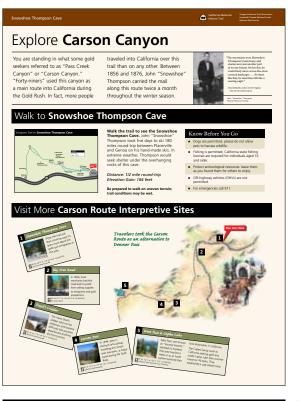
Tribal Liaison:

- NTIR hosted a trail association Leadership and Tribal Outreach workshop in December 2012 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- NTIR in partnership with OCTA and the Shoshone-Bannock tribes presented a tribal listening session at Fort Hall, Idaho on March 5-6, 2013.

GIS/Mapping:

• Thirty-eight mapping enthusiasts participated in a three-day workshop led by Dave Welch (OCTA), Dr. Phoebe McNeally (U. of Utah, DIGIT Lab) and John Cannella (NPS); held at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City from October 30-November 1, 2012.

# Trail Exhibit Highlights



#### Snowshoe Thompson Cave Orientation Wayside Carson Canyon, California

The project includes six wayside exhibits located at five stops along the Carson Route. Five exhibits have been installed to date.

The final exhibit in the series has been fabricated and delivered. OCTA member Frank Tortorich will coordinate installation of the panel in late spring 2013.

NTIR partnered with the California-Nevada Chapter of OCTA, and the Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest.

### Westport Landing Kansas City, Missouri

Nine wayside exhibits were installed at Westport Landing, also known as Town of Kansas, in Kansas City, Missouri. A dedication ceremony was held in September 2012.

# Auto Tour Route Interpretive Guide Series

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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. lowa

Three Trails

from Westport Landing

- 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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# Projects Near You

#### **New Projects**

NTIR has partnered with the Lander Trail Foundation to create one threepanel exhibit at the Fort Hall Museum with the Shoshone-Bannock tribes, and one exhibit on the Salt River Crossing of the Lander Trail.

We are currently working 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.

#### **National Register**

Kansas State Historic Preservation Office (KSHPO) submitted15 draft site and segment nominations to NPS for the Oregon and California trails across Kansas. NPS has reviewed these nominations, now in revision, and KSHPO continues to work with landowners for permission to list.

Oregon State Historic Preservation Office submitted a draft Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF) for the Oregon Trail in Oregon and is in the process of developing three site and segment nominations. The MPDF has been reviewed by NPS and is currently in revision.

NTIR funded these nominations through cooperative agreements.



#### National Trails Intermountain Region

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