

**--- MEETING AGENDA ---**

**1. Welcome & Introductions (Ryan Cooper)**

**a. Please use the Teams chat to enter:**

- i. Your First/Last Name
- ii. Your Organization and/or National Trail Affiliation
- iii. Your Answer to: ***What should be our network focus for the upcoming meeting topics and presentations? Will you present or help locate presenters? Are there any topics you'd like to see this group discuss or cover?***

b. Meeting agendas and presentations are uploaded to the [PNTS website](#).

c. Announcements

**2. Discussion Topic**

**Presenters:**

- Kristine Komar, qa' ánin 'ískit [respect the trail], *Nonprofit stewardship partner to the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail*
- Dan Arseneau, Logan Simpson, Landscape Architect
- Jim Brewer, Logan Simpson, Travel Management / GIS Technician / FAA Drone Pilot

***GIS Summary Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail Interpretation Inventory, Monitoring, and Partner Research Tool***

The Forest Service Northern Region administrators the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT). The NPNHT was added to the National Trails System in 1986 and is 1,170 miles long, crosses four states, and was designated to commemorate the Nez Perce War and Flight of 1877. Sandra Broncheau-McFarland, Trail Administrator, is working with the Trail's nonprofit partner, qa' ánin n'ískit, to develop a comprehensive interpretation inventory along the trail.

Sandi was interested in gathering all interpretation, no matter the owner, and qa' ánin 'ískit wanted to see if there was a way the collected information could be used by partner organizations (museums, visitor centers, and the like) to conduct research, to learn, and see what interpretation was up- and downstream of their sites. We also imagine that partners will be able to upload their site information to enhance this feature. Additionally, qa' ánin 'ískit is looking for ways to engage volunteers, organizations, and communities to help monitor the interpretive installations so that they can be adequately maintained. While we are at it, we're also gathering interpretation related to the Trail. For example, the NW Passage Scenic Byway interpretation is being added so that we can more effectively partner with that effort. In future phases, we might also want to use the data to create public-facing interpretation.

qa' ánin 'ískit contracted this work with Logan Simpson, as they have become familiar with several NPNHT trail segments while conducting trail assessments with BLM Field Offices. The presentation will go over the project's case and the process/methodology to date.

**3. Future Meeting Dates & Topics**

a. **Jan 21, 2025** – TBD

b. **Apr 15, 2025** - TBD

**We always welcome suggestions for additional topics for discussion or presentations. Please contact us with your suggestions using the email address below.**

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**NTS GIS Network Mission:**

*We established the NTS GIS Network as a way to connect the diverse array of National Trails System staff and partners who use GIS systems and products in their work. One of our goals is to facilitate the sharing of information and tools that help us do our jobs more efficiently and innovatively. Because the national trails system is managed as a collaboration of agencies and partner organizations, the NTS GIS Network is open to anyone.*