

Spring meeting focuses on Weippe Prairie

As part of their Spring meeting, members of the Idaho Chapter were treated to a field trip on the Weippe Prairie with personal commentary provided by author and Lewis & Clark Trail authority Ralph Space. Long-forgotten Indian camps and a close estimate of the trail location were among the features pointed out by Space.

Retired state historical officer Merle Wells and former Forest Service recreation specialist Andy Arvish also accompanied the group and provided valuable insights.

Arvish and Space were the featured speakers at the chapter's dinner meeting, reminiscing about their experiences in the U.S. Forest Service. Both men are well known



Author Ralph Space (left) and retired state historical officer Merle Wells point out little-known sites on the Weippe Prairie at the Idaho Chapter's spring meeting. (Photo by J.R. Fazio)

for having re-established much of the trail route across the Bitterroot Mountains and for developing some of its first interpretive materials.

1990 FOUNDATION MEETING SITE DETERMINED

At the chapter's business meeting, it was decided that Lewiston, Idaho, will be headquarters for the 1990 national meeting, with day trips to Weippe Prairie and points along the lower end of the Lolo Trail and Clearwater River. A post-meeting trip to Salmon and vicinity will also be organized along with other attractive activities that take advantage of Idaho's wild rivers and mountain wilderness areas.