

Boa Ogoi Cultural Interpretive Center

Preston, Idaho



Interwoven Worldviews

The Bear River Massacre was a pivotal moment for the Northwest Band of the Shoshone Nation (NWB Shoshone). Surviving members converted to Mormonism, weaving it into their own traditions. Today, the band is creating a cultural center to commemorate this complex history while providing resources for the future of their community.

APA worked with band elders to explore the relationship between their traditional worldview and newer ways of knowing. Visitors are taken on a journey through the seasons to discover timeless NWB Shoshone activities tied to the land. Tensions rise as settlements encroach, culminating in a senseless tragedy memorialized with a field of stones representing each life lost. Then, in their own words, Elders tell their stories of recovery, reconciliation and resilience to help future generations connect with their traditional ways.

