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Camas soon to bloom at Lolo Pass

Powell, Idaho--If you're traveling U.S. Highway 12 near the Idaho-Montana line, stop by the Lolo Pass Visitor Center to view the camas coming into bloom in the next week or two in Packer Meadows behind the Visitor Center.

The purple blooms are beautiful to see and sacred to the Nez Perce and Salish Tribes. The camas meadow has provided food for their people for hundreds of years and is an important site to them today. Please keep your vehicles on the road, and do not pick or trample the flowers. Allen Pinkham from the Nez Perce Tribe will be on hand at the Visitor Center on the afternoon of June 28 and the morning of June 29 to share information about the camas flower and its traditional uses.

For daily updates on the camas bloom, call the Lolo Pass Visitor Center information line at 208-942-1234. The center is open 7 days a week from 8:00-5:30 Pacific Standard Time.

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