**The Regulars Return; Fort Bridger**

**Civilian Impression Standards.**

**Men**

Head Gear:

Slouch Hat, Cap- in a period correct style

Clothing: Period correct patterns not converted modern clothing, prefer hand sown

Buttonholes.

Shirt: Period correct pattern, prefer hand sown.

Sack coat, over-shirt

Trousers please no crazy material patterns. Try not to use cotton or cowboy-action shooting clothing.

Boots, Period correct – no modern Cowboy type.

Brogans, Native style ok, just not modern mocs.

Weapons:

Anything made between the years 1800-1865.

Leather holsters – flap type, slim-jims. – No fast draw drop loop types.

Canteens- Civilian type or military

Tents: A tent, wall tent. Any period correct type – Wool blankets or animal hides preferred over sleeping bags. –save the bag for other types of camping.

Bring cooking and eating tools! Yes, the period correct type.

**Event Notes**

Try to take on a persona that would be in transit- Packer, miner, pioneer, merchant, and rancher. You know what to do! Please keep modern conversations and foods out of the historical areas, please leave coolers and modern storage in the vehicles.

**Fort Boise Garrison Female Civilian**

**Impression Standards**

1860-1866

General notes:

Though we are “Farr West” we are also, for the most, part representative of those who have recently come from the East as immigrants, miners or family of military personnel. Eastern fashions, tools and general habits are to be expected, as they are applicable to individual impressions, determined by class and scenario. Society’s rules and roles continued, to varying degrees, as the West opened up. Women will not be in men’s clothing “to accommodate the hardships of the trail” as that was not a common solution to the terrain. Reform dress, may be a possibility in the early part of this era.

Clothing:

Undergarments:

No one will be looking under your skirts, but period garments are both practical and more comfortable under period fashions. Modern leggings, sweats, tank tops and other modern “unders” are greatly discouraged.

**Stockings or socks** of wool or cotton

**Split drawers** of cotton or linen

**Chemise** of cotton or linen

**CORSET** (there were no bras so it’s a corset or no support at all)

**Cage or Hoop skirt** in proper shape (both are appropriate and were widely used) in fort, established long term camp or town scenarios only.

Two or more **cotton petticoats** (to be worn over hoop or without a hoop)

Dress:

A one piece dress of cotton or wool, or a two piece wool dress (bodice and skirt of the same fabric and basted together) is most welcome. If the dress is cotton please used gathered or pleated bodice construction with bishop or non-open coat sleeves and no trim or self-fabric trim only, as this covers the vast majority of cotton dresses during the period. Wool dresses may feature darted bodices and period type trims in keeping with the scenario (a trimmed wool dress suited for visiting may not fit well on the trial but might be lovely for church in a well-established fort). Cotton pinner aprons are very welcome. Unless we are in a well-established fort or town, high fashion items like “white bodies” and “stand alone” bodies or jacket bodices not matching the skirt are not welcome.

Head gear:

**Sun bonnets** are always welcome and will be most practical for the majority of our events. Slat or corded bonnets with long curtains made of cotton, muslin, sheer and lightweight wools are welcome. Modern versions of “prairie bonnets” do not fit the historical context of this time period. Straw hats with short crowns and moderate brims are also acceptable. Fashion bonnets and parasols only have a place in well-established forts or towns.

**Night caps** of cotton or muslin and **morning caps** of the same for work are welcome in camp.

**Wool, silk, or knit hoods** (of wool only), are encouraged in cold weather. Mornings in the desert are cold.

Shoes/Boots:

This is the place of most leniencies in our impressions. Era appropriate repro footwear is preferred; however, period looking shoes and boots are acceptable. Please no speed laces, Velcro, zippers, logger/hiker soles or athletic shoes. Historically correct moccasins may be acceptable in some scenarios and impressions.

Outerwear:

Staying warm was frequently a layering event.

**Sontag** (made of wool and knitted, as we have yet to find a crochet pattern or image for this time period)

**Pelerine** (constructed of dress fabric or crocheted from period pattern)

**Shawl** (folded wool square, or one knit or crochet of wool from period pattern or image)

**Paletot, Cape, or Cloak** (made of wool from period pattern)

**Hoods** as described above

**Muffatees, wristlets and mittens** knit of wool from period pattern