

**WHILE VISITING  
THE SITE WE ASK  
YOU THAT  
VISITORS DON'T  
HANG ONTO THE  
TEEPEE POLES  
AND IF THE LIGHTS  
ARE ON, DON'T  
LOOK DIRECTLY  
INTO THEM AS  
THEY ARE  
POWERFUL LED  
LIGHTS.**

**BE AWARE AND  
CAUTIOUS OF THE  
FOLLOWING:**

**WILDLIFE: STAY AT  
LEAST 25 YARDS  
FROM ELK,  
ANTELOPE,  
BUFFALO &  
SNAKES**

**PLEASE DO NOT  
APPROACH THEM**

**THE SITE HAS  
CACTUS,  
WATCH WHERE  
YOU WALK & WEAR  
APPROPRIATE  
SHOES**

### Uniting Together

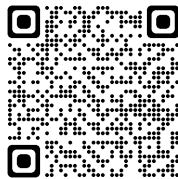
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FOREVER**

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NATIONAL  
Park**

**The community of Gardiner, MT**



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**August 1-7, 2023,  
Gardiner, MT**

**Lighting of the  
Teepees — an Era  
of Unity**

**“Lighting of the Teepees in  
Yellowstone Park are  
symbols of a legacy and  
vision of my ancestors  
which is an inclusion of  
welcoming, belonging and  
building of relationships  
where mutual respect and  
honor is practiced and  
encouraged by all nations  
and races throughout the  
world.” *William Snell, Jr.***

***President PSF***

## PRETTY SHIELD FOUNDATION



### ~Our Mission~

From the Great Grandson, President of  
Pretty Shield, William Snell, Jr.

The **Pretty Shield Foundation (PSF)** seeks to empower others through cultural awareness, teaching, education, promoting health lifestyles, encouraging self-fulfillment in the community, and thus allowing one's goodness and strength to blossom. The rich diversity of cultures makes a more interesting and beautiful world to live in.

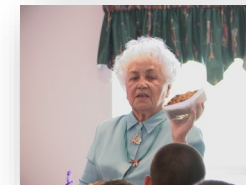
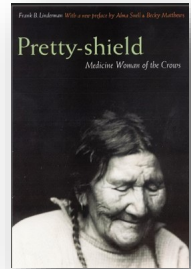
The **Pretty Shield Foundation** is using lighted lodges (teepees) as symbols to "light our pathway in our journey in life", encouraging healing and strengthening of self through purpose, meaning and hope.

### What goes into the material for Lighting the Teepees:

- The teepees are made from various gauges of canvas – Originally they were made from 4 to 6 buffalo hides.
- The poles are from 25 foot Lodgepole Pine Trees which are debarked – Some of the poles are 1 year old and some are over 20 years old – A normal teepee uses anywhere from 15 to 19 poles per teepee and most poles are usually replaced within 4 to 6 years.
- The stakes are made from cedar wood and are 12 to 18 inches long, however the stakes which are preferred are made from Chokecherry branches which are sometimes striped which represent a badger. When the wind blows the stakes grab and represent the claws of a badger to hold tight.
- The pins on the front of the teepee are various lengths but represent eagle claws holding the teepee together. Thus the strength of eagle claws.
- The streamer's on the top of the poles are not always used but in this instance they are used to keep the birds from landing on the lodges and doing their duty. However, they are colored pink and were originally requested to always remember those dealing with the traumas and health issues of Cancer.
- The lights can be in various colors and don't necessarily represent one thing but are lighted to bring hope and love into the world. At times various colors are requested to represent health workers, law enforcement, various countries, Murdered, Missing Indigenous People (MMIP), Covid issues, etc.

### Who was Pretty Shield?

Pretty Shield was fondly known by her people as Red Mother, Medicine Woman of the Crow. She was born in 1862 so she saw the change of lifestyle that the Northern Plains tribes endured as the various treaties between the U.S. Government and Tribal entities established reservations and the nomadic way of life soon became history. Pretty Shield lamented to Frank B. Linderman, author of "Pretty Shield, Medicine Woman of the Crow" in 1932 "I hope that I can save my grandchildren... times have changed so fast that they have left me behind." **Pretty Shield**



**William's Mother, Dr. Alma Hogan Snell was raised by Pretty Shield.**

Alma Hogan Snell (January 10, 1923 – May 5, 2008) was an American Crow tribal historian, educator, and herbalist. She was the granddaughter of Pretty Shield. Snell lectured throughout the United States on the healing properties and benefits of plants, as well as on the subject of health



and wellbeing. She also authored two books: **A Taste of Heritage** and **Grandmother's Grandchild: My Crow Indian Life**.

