

NEZ PERCE TRIBE GENERAL COUNCIL

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Nez Perce

TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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May 6, 2021

Dear Nez Perce Tribal Members and Guests:

On behalf of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee ("NPTEC"), I want to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending the Spring 2021 General Council. General Council is an important opportunity for us to come together to share ideas, express concerns, and develop solutions with a common purpose. Given the impacts of COVID-19 on our communities, it is wonderful to be here with you.

As Chairman of the NPTEC, I would like to let you know how much your attendance is appreciated. I understand that we have all experienced extremely difficult times over the past year. During similarly difficult times in the past, the enduring spirit of the *Nimiipuu* has persevered and shined through. I see that happening now.

Since we last met, we have witnessed many historic events, such as the election of Kamala Harris as the first female Vice-President of the United States, the confirmation of Deb Haaland as the first Native American Secretary of the Interior, and the appointment of one of our very own tribal members, Jaime Pinkham, to one of the highest-level civilian positions within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

I believe we will continue to see exciting and positive changes under the Biden Administration. As your leaders, the NPTEC is aggressively advocating for our tribal interests with the new Administration, including management of our important Treaty-reserved resources, federal funding, tribal consultation, and program support.

It is important that our People are updated on all that is happening in *Nimiipuu* Country, therefore, I encourage everyone to participate in the presentations from the NPTEC, boards and commissions, departments, and from our tribal federal partners.

I pray for safe travels to and from your homes during this time. May the Creator bless you and all that you love.

Kind Regards,

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shannon F. Wheeler".

Shannon F. Wheeler

2020-2021 Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee



BACK ROW

**Quintin
Ellenwood**
Treasurer

term: May 2023

**Arthur
Broncheau**
Chaplain

term: May 2022

**Shannon
Wheeler**
Chairman

term: May 2022

**Ferris
Paisano III**
Member

term: May 2021

**Casey
Mitchell**
Vice-Chairman

term: May 2023

FRONT ROW

**Elizabeth
Arthur-Attao**
Asst, Sec/Treasurer

term: May 2023

**Mary Jane
Miles**
Member

term: May 2021

**Rachel
Edwards**
Secretary

term: May 2023

**Shirley J.
Allman**
Member

term: May 2021



NPTEC meet with the US Army National Guard who were on the reservation to assist with the covid vaccination efforts.

Executive Direction



Incident Commander, Antone, and Public Information Office, Scott, wearing donated face masks from Tim Weber.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Jesse Leighton
208.843.7324

The Executive Director's Office manages the intergovernmental affairs of the Nez Perce Tribe. This includes a major role in the protection and management of treaty resources, providing and improving services in education, and delivering quality services to those in need. The role of the Executive Director also includes providing a safe environment for employees to work and the ability for employees to accomplish the goals set by the NPTEC.

Among many other routine tasks and special projects, this work also includes programs such as:

Limited Liability Company (LLC) Certification. Title 12-1 of the Nez Perce Tribal Code, authorizes the organization of LLC companies through the Nez Perce Tribe.

Non-Profit Corporation Certification. Title 12-2 of the Nez Perce Tribal Code, authorizes the organization of non-profit corporations through the Nez Perce Tribe.

Avista Internship Program. Enrolled Nez Perce Tribal Members, 18 years and over, enrolled full-time at an accredited college, university or vocational school who have maintained a 2.0 cumulative GPA are eligible to apply for summer internships.

Slammin' Salmon Skins Employee Incentive Program. The goal is to promote and encourage tribal employees to think and act above and beyond their class description. Items in the tribal store are also available for purchase. Store hours are by appointment to encourage social distancing.

Local Education Program Fund. Applications from local educational programs and schools on or near the reservation will be reviewed at the beginning of June.

School Supply Distribution. Distributions are tentatively scheduled on August 5 and 12 this year. Keep an eye out for more details.

COVID-19 Pandemic. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Executive Director's Office has been able to supply personal protective supplies and sanitization supplies and services for employees, tribal meetings and events including memorials and funerals.

Gel hand sanitizer refills are available every other Thursday from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. beginning April 1st at the Sweetwater Recycling Center in Lapwai and the Wa-A'Yas Community Center in Kamiah.



Nez Perce Tribal Police Department staff sewing cloth face masks.

**SRBA INDIVIDUAL
WATER & SEWER
ASSISTANCE**

Otta Moody
208.621.4771

Individual requests for water and sewer systems are accepted year-round with awards dependent upon meeting the criteria and funding availability.

Assistance includes assessing water and sewer systems for upgrade, replacement or repair, and ensuring high quality water through updating, replacing or repairing household fixtures including hot water heater, shower/tub, toilets, sinks, and addressing matters that are directly related to domestic water.

Services provided are needs based with priority applied to severe cases. Services are governed by the SRBA Allocation Policy – NP 19-071 (November 2018).

In light of the pandemic and the demand for services, applications are being processed based on priority and urgency. Applicants are placed on a waiting list for non-urgent matters with a typical wait time of 8-10 weeks on average.

**DAY LABOR
PROGRAM**

Janice Jack-Ellenwood
208.621.3673

Since December 15, 2020, the Day Labor Program has 25 independent contractors and continues to grow every day.

As of March 29, we've had 35 projects with various tribal programs and elders that created 58 positions. Projects can range from one day to two weeks or until the project is complete.

The Day Labor Program is a win-win, both for people who need work and programs who are short-handed. It is a good way to get community members open to working and trying different jobs, allowing individuals to get their foot in the door with the Tribe as well as building good work relationships.

Aht'Wy Interchange BUILD Grant Award expected to be signed in April 2021. Construction is slated to start on or before October 2021.

Completion of guardrail project at Sundown Heights was completed with FHWA Safety grant that Tribe Received late FY2020.

The Nez Perce Tribe Appaloosa Express Transit Program has been allocated \$464,154 in FY 2021 CRRSAA Section 5311 Tribal Transit Program formula funds on January 19, 2021.

Cherry Lane Bridge construction beginning early April 2021. NPT Tribal Transportation Program funds supported this project in the amount of \$300,000 plus staff time during project development.

Aht'Wy Circulation Road environmental documents and necessary geotechnical reports have been completed. Plans, Specifications, and Estimates is near completion. Estimated cost to construct is approximately \$6 million. Will seek outside grant funding for construction of project.

Road Maintenance Crew continues to maintain seasonal schedule work plan; they also modify to ensure streamline work flow and costs efficiency due to operating on a \$45,000 budget for field work.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Mary Beth Frank Clark
208.621.3682



Newly installed electric vehicle charging stations at the Clearwater River Casino.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ann McCormack
208.621.3710

The Economic Development Administration funded a \$107,000 CARES grant to update the Nez Perce Tribe Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and expand the Nez Perce Economic Resiliency Plan project to be completed by 2023.

The Economic Development Planner (EDP) was invited by Diane Bevan, IWBC Executive Director, Idaho Women Business Center, to initiate the Idaho Native American Indian Women in Business Alliance as a partnership with Idaho Women in Business' new center in Moscow. The first women members to join are from the Nez Perce and the Coeur d'Alene Tribes.

As a member of the Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians, Economic Development Corporation Board, the EDP served on the planning committee to begin the Economic Development Corporation strategic planning process for the ATNI tribes.

Since October of 2020, the EDP co-chaired the Helping Indigenous People Thrive committee working on planning the traditional and healthy food event series for January and the 4th Annual Food Summit that was held on February 5th. Members from tribes in 13 states participated in the Food Summit. In January, a five-week educational effort began that was intended to assist the tribal community to learn new ways to make healthier and more culturally rich life choices, especially around the foods we eat. At the HIPT strategic planning meeting there was a healthy discussion on how to grow more food for the community on the reservation.



Staff preparing food and essentials for distributions in November and December 2020.

All three community centers provided sandbag stations during flood season. Sandbags were manufactured and stored at each location.

The centers continued to provide meeting space for Nez Perce Tribal Departments, Boards, and Commissions.

Pi-Nee-Waus and Wa-A'Yas provided funeral sites for Nez Perce families.

The beginning of March 2021, Pi-Nee-Waus and Wa-A'Yas reopened the gymnasiums for open gym with COVID-19 protocols prior to using the facilities.

In March 2021, Pi-Nee-Waus and Wa-A'Yas began offering youth practices. Practices were designated after Governor Little approved 40% gymnasium capacity usage for Idaho schools.

The community centers provided daily Spring Break activities for youth ages 8 to 18 years old. The activities were: Jungle Gym & Game in Grangeville, Trip to the Movies in Orofino, Bowling in Kamiah & Lewiston, Planet 3 Jumping Site in Moscow, Bingo at the Wa-A'Yas, Ghost Tours in Lewiston, and Palouse Discovery Science Center in Pullman.

COMMUNITY CENTERS

PNW 208.843.7360

WYS 208.935.5261

TWP 208.476.7407



Staff and volunteers at a Kamiah mass COVID testing event.



MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Richard Ramsey, Sr.
208.621.3511

- Completion of fire alarm and sprinkler system inspections.
- Completion of annual fire extinguisher inspections.
- Completion of quarterly HVAC unit inspections and filter changes.
- Assist with COVID-19 distributions.
- Installation of social distancing protocols, signs, sneeze guards, shields.
- Add new HVAC system at Fire Management and Boys and Girls Club.
- Duct and vent cleaning of all HVAC systems.
- Assist with moving of three departments to new facilities.
- Install new electrical panel at the Fire Management Warehouse.
- Installation of energy efficient LED lights in the Pi-Nee-Waus Gym.

Education



School supply distribution preparation.

EDUCATION ADMIN

With assistance from Education Department and tribal Enrollment staff, we coordinated the CARES Act Laptop or Chromebook project to provide devices to 601 tribal youth, age 5-18 (grades K-12). Distribution started in November 2020.

Planning for 21st annual Nez Perce Cultural Camp at a new site this year, i.e. Cascade Lake 4-H Camp. It was uncertain if the Wallowa Lake Camp could fully accommodate our camp this year since they are still reviewing their reopening criteria. The dates of camp will be: July 27-29 (entering grades 8-12) and August 17-19 (entering grades 4-7).

Education Manager put in extra time with the Idaho Indian Education Committee to finalize the committee's Strategic Plan.

CAREER STATION *(formerly Adult Education)*

The CAREER CENTER focus is a connecting opportunity for American Indians and Alaskan Natives to the in-demand occupations and training programs available to a regional economy on or near the Nez Perce Tribe. The regional focus is with the following industries: manufacturing, health care, hospitality & tourism, technology, natural resources, transportation, construction, skilled trades, engineering, and business & finance.

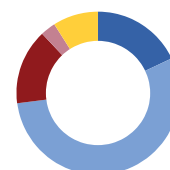
Through 3/25/2021, we awarded scholarships to 125 tribal members for the 2020/21 school year. For the past three school years, we have averaged 154 scholarship recipients so our overall number is down (-29). Some students may not have attended this year due to increased distance learning for higher education due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Taking classes online can be a challenge for students.

In 2020-21 SY, so far, we have awarded \$324,211 from Tribal Scholarship and \$246,878 from BIA Higher Education Scholarship. Total: \$571,089.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Degree Types

- Associates=22
- Bachelors= 70
- Masters= 19
- Doctorate= 4
- Vo-Tech= 11



- Provided on-site training for 28 staff in order to obtain a CDA (Child Development Associate) certificate which is good for 3 years.
- Lead Teachers attended staff training regarding CLASS; Lead Teaching staff and Administrative, Food Service, and custodial staff attended Conflict Management & Communication and Cultural training.
- Received CCDF funds to assist families, essential workers, and child care providers through CARES Act.
- Staff received COVID-19 vaccine through NMPH.
- Home Visits (P/T conferences) completed – majority were virtual.
- Staff participated in Idaho HS Association virtual conference.
- Participated in weekly school/COVID-19 virtual meetings with NMPH and local school districts.
- CDC conducted on-site observation (drop off procedures) and toured facilities in Lapwai and Kamiah.
- Temperature screener stands were installed in classroom building entryways and offices at both centers.
- Enrollment and attendance have been impacted by pandemic.

MAMÁY'ASNIM HITÉEMENWEES

STATE TRIBAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

(STEP)

Three Lapwai and three Kamiah teachers and admin completed 2-credit “Introduction to Indigenous Pedagogy” class in Fall term. Focusing on effective instructional strategies for tribal children. Follow-up by STEP Technical Assistance Coach and school administrators for cognitive coaching for teachers utilizing culturally-responsive classroom instruction principles.

STEP teams in full swing, including Family Engagement (FE), Native Culture and Language (NCL), and Leadership. The FE and NCL Teams include the elementary and MS/HS staff at Kamiah and Lapwai. Mamáy’asnim Hitéemenwees also has a Kamiah and Lapwai FE Team. Leadership team includes representatives from the school, tribal community (elder, parent, student), State Department of Education, and tribal Education Department. All efforts focused on improving whole childhood development for tribal students in the areas of academics, cognition, social emotional learning, and identity.

STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS

- Provided 300 Halloween Trick or Treat bags to Head Start. We also provided treat bags to youth in quarantine.
- Participated in the homecoming events in Lapwai and Kamiah, distributed suicide prevention information.
- Delivered frybread making, salsa making and cookie making kits to over 100 youth/families throughout the reservation. The kits also had information about suicide prevention/substance abuse prevention and mental wellness.
- Collaborated with several sponsors to hold the Coach Brian Agler’s Holiday Hoops Camp. 5 sessions with 8 youth each attended the in-person basketball portion. On the first day there was a virtual training regarding mental health and wellness.

- In February local youth took over the social media posts for SFS social media sites, many of their posts were extremely insightful!
- Held a Culture and Drugs Don't Mix Curriculum session in February.
- Distributed suicide prevention awareness treat bags at local basketball games.
- SFS completed an informational video about the program with the Communications Department.
- SFS also donated to the Dyami Thomas event and distributed suicide prevention awareness items to attendees.

We have 59 participants working on an Individual Plan of Employment (IPE). Ten not eligible due to noncompliance with their medical provider(s), NPTVRS Specialists and their IPE. Three pending while waiting for medical and or behavioral health reports to determine disability eligibility. Seven closed successfully due to meeting their 90 days of work and are considered permanent employees. (Flagging is considered seasonal permanent. Meaning they are re-hired every year for the same job). One transition student.

Services provided: Training- Flagging, Opportunities Unlimited Inc. On-the-Job Training, Computer literacy and Carpentry Apprenticeship. Medical-Eyeglasses, WSU Disability Assessment. Maintenance: work clothes, boots and tools, Transportation- bus passes, Vehicle repairs, bike(s), gas card, Driver's Licenses, and DMV Reports. Spent \$10,189.56 on these services.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Boys & Girls Club

Our Mission



The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Nez Perce Tribe is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Our organization has a Board of Directors consisting of five members and they serve as the policy making body of the Club and ensures the

success of the organization by providing personal & professional knowledge, support, fundraising, advocating and participation in meetings, functions and special events.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Nez Perce Tribe is managed and operated by Boys & Girls Club professionals, that are full-time employed Administrative Staff & part-time employed Youth Development Professionals. Administrative Staff provide the direction of programming and professional leadership.

Club Membership Requirements:

- Youth ages 5-18 that are in Kindergarten-12th grade may join the Boys & Girls Club.
- Club membership status needs to be updated & activated annually.
- All youth participating in Clubhouse summer programming will need to fill out and submit a Summer Program Registration Form.

Annual Membership & Summer Program registration forms can be obtained at the Clubhouse & on the Nez Perce Tribe website. Annual Membership & Summer Program Registration fees are FREE of charge thanks to the Nez Perce Tribe.

Clubhouse programming & activity areas include the Games Room, Arts & Crafts, Education Center, Gymnasium, and Teen Center. There are 218 registered members with an average daily attendance of 67.

Special Initiatives or Projects

CARES Act Fund-was utilized for the following projects:

- Kitchen: construction of a kitchen facility within an existing space of the Clubhouse. Kitchen build will help our Clubhouse to provide snacks & meals to serve, distribute & deliver to our Club members and their families during the Covid-19 pandemic. Kitchen includes the following; 2 stoves with flat iron grill to cook food, 2 refrigerators & freezers to store needed food at designated temperature, 1 Dishwasher, 1 ½ sinks for clean-up, 1 kitchen island & monitor for class setting for implementing health & nutrition programs for Club members.
- Technology Upgrade: Purchased 10 Computer/Desktop cameras with built in microphones, 10 iPads, 10 iPad Screen Protectors & cases to be utilized for virtual meetings & conferencing for Club members & staff to implement grant funded programs pertaining to distance learning & virtual programming during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Snacks: Purchased pre-packaged snacks to be handed out with Covid-19 supply packages for Club members.

Boys & Girls Club programming will be provided to youth in the communities of Orofino & Kamiah and will be a collaboration with both Nez Perce Tribal community centers in both communities to provide Clubhouse Summer Programming.

The Clubhouse will be utilizing its Jr. Staff/Careerlaunch Program to give Club members an opportunity to gain youth development experience.



*Sierra Sage Leighton,
Lapwai Club Youth of
the Year.*

*T'Naya George, Lapwai
Club Girl of the Year.*

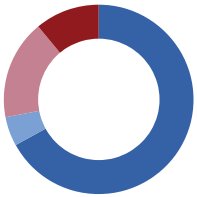
*Layson Morrell, Lapwai
Club Boy of the Year.*

Finance

Staffing

The Finance Department is currently staffed with 18 full-time employees.

- 12 enrolled Nez Perce
- 1 enrolled other tribe
- 3 non-Indian
- 2 vacancies



Permanent staffing levels have been stable for approximately the last 7 years, but one new position was added this year, a Grants & Finance Specialist filled by Natalia Cuevas-Jimenez whose former position we are now recruiting.

As to our other vacancy, we would like to let all tribal members know that Frank Weaskus retired at the end of February, following what may be a record 43 years of service to his tribe. Frank most recently served as our Lead Grants & Contract Accountant, with a primary emphasis on all of our funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. His position is filled on an interim basis while we recruit a permanent replacement. All of us in his Finance family wish Frank the very best in his retirement, and NPTEC also showed its appreciation by hosting a small ceremony on his final day.

A second retirement also took place at the end of December as Jackie Carson left Accounts Payable after 20 years of service. Jackie plans to spend as much time as possible with her horses! Her position has been filled by tribal member Kylie St. Paul.

Finance Manager Ed Brown reviewing Frank Weaskus' 43 years of service



Our department returned to full on-site staffing levels on June 1, in compliance with NPTEC's Return to Work Order. This has been a tough year for everyone, but our entire staff has worked hard to keep services at or near previous levels, even during periods when not fully staffed. Thank you for your patience and ongoing adjustment to certain procedures.

A YEAR OF COVID-19

As reported at the November General Council meeting, the Tribe had received three installments under the CARES Act that total \$16.6 million that originally had to be spent by December 30, 2020. This is in addition to additional funding for the BIA, IHS and other grants NMPH or the Tribe received under CARES. Fortunately, Congress extended that deadline for an additional year. As of April 1, there was just under \$1 million not yet allocated by NPTEC. With the extended spending deadline, the Tribe has been able to fund a new building for the various Boards and Commissions (including General Council), a new building for the Prosecutor and staff, and begin work in Kamiah on a government office renovation project at the former mill site.

Managing these federal funds has taken up considerable amounts of time for our staff. The Accounts Payable group for example, working in conjunction with the Enrollment Office, issued \$300 and \$1,200 Economic Support checks to all adult tribal members to help with obtaining necessary supplies in response to the emerging coronavirus pandemic. These were two large-scale, unexpected projects that were completed in record time by the staff. Congress recently adopted the American Rescue Plan Act that will provide tribes with what is expected to be an even bigger allocation than was received under the CARES Act in order to respond to the pandemic and its lasting effects. At the time of this publication, we have not yet been notified of the formula that will be used by the Treasury Department for the funding the Nez Perce Tribe will receive.

GAMING REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN

(GRAP)

The sixth per capita distribution from the GRAP was issued in March to all tribal members. Again, the Accounts Payable staff, working with the Enrollment Office, made this distribution take place very smoothly. It is very helpful if tribal members keep Enrollment updated regularly with any changes to address or bank account information for those receiving the preferred method of direct deposits.

At the end of December, all accounts for Minors under the GRAP were placed with the Tribe's outside professional investment manager. For many of the children, this now appears on the quarterly statements as a 3rd Trust line item, adding to the funding from the BIA Trust Mismanagement and Ramah Settlement trusts. These new Gaming funds are available when the Minor reaches age 18 while funds from the earlier trusts are available at age 18, but also require a high school diploma, GED, or equivalent. Contact the Enrollment Office to arrange those distributions at the appropriate time.

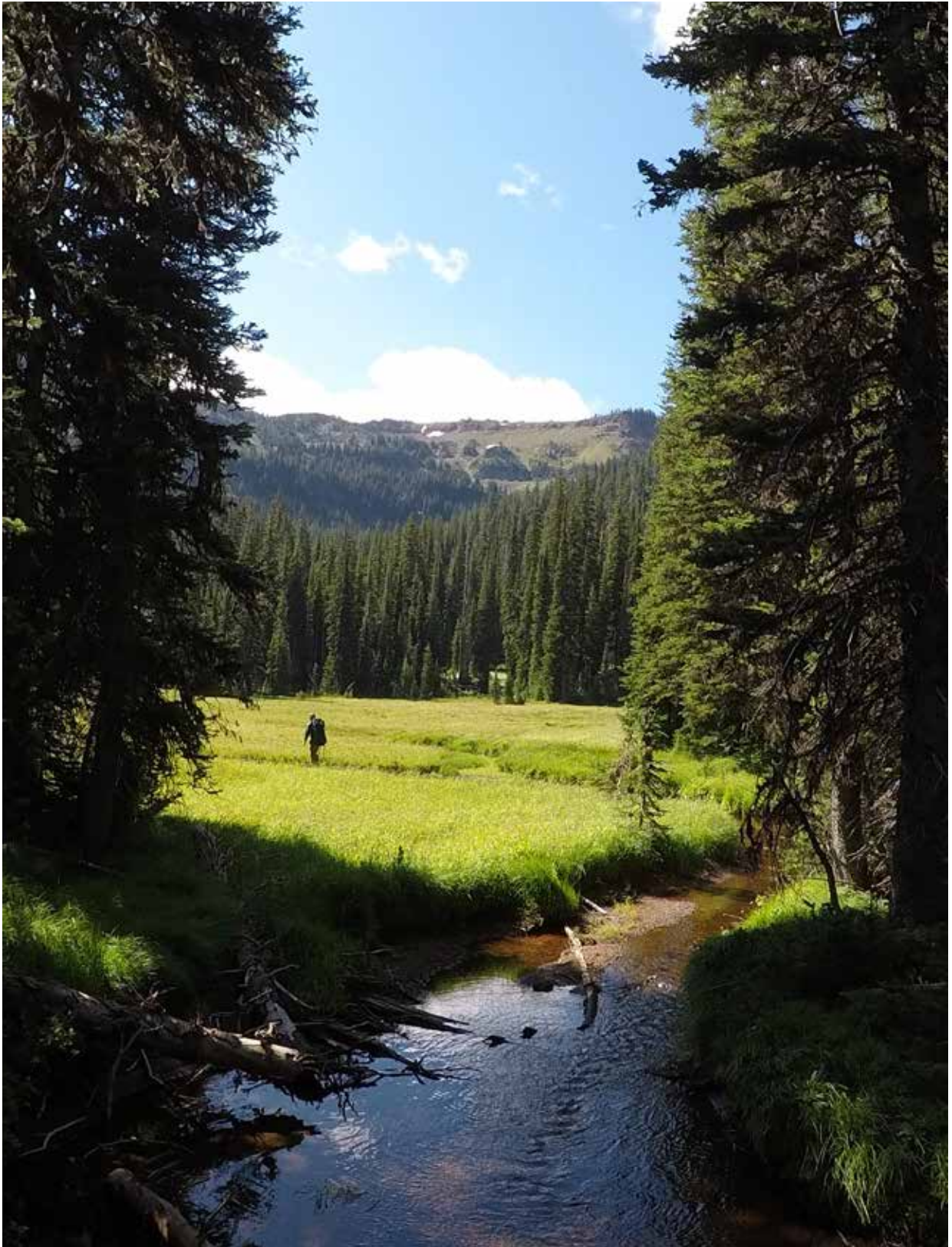
The most recent Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2021 is available as a handout upon registration.



*Chairman Wheeler
wishing Frank well in his
retirement.*

Our office is located in the Vet's Building - behind the NPTEC headquarters. While our office door has remained locked, a walk-up glass window was added to continue customer service to visitors. Masks are still required for those who subsequently enter our office to meet with employees. We have attempted to focus on electronic processing where possible, including taking credit card payments by phone only instead of swiping in person. Also, for your convenience both during work and off hours, a mail drop box is available on the wall outside our office, but depositing cash there is not allowed. Cash may only be accepted at the walk-up window and we encourage you to always obtain a receipt.

Fisheries



Research biologist Aaron Maxwell collecting eDNA samples in the Eagle Cap Wilderness.

ADMINISTRATION



*Research biologist
Aaron Maxwell
weighing a
kokanee salmon from
Wallowa Lake.*

On the political front to restore salmon, we provided technical support for the Tribe and Congressman Simpson's staff on the Congressman's Columbia Basin initiative on energy and salmon. This is the largest, best chance to do something for the fish - ever. In addition, Joe Oatman, our representative on Governor Little's salmon work-group completed its report in December. The report was a disappointment in not attempting to make significant recommendations to decrease out-of-basin mortality (the dams).

Worked with Oregon and EPA to find funding for completing a TMDL that will limit toxic methylmercury production in the Hells Canyon Complex.

Columbia River Systems Operations - tribal staff and others filed two systems operation requests to allow fish passage during the nighttime and to cease load following from Dworshak. Federal action agencies refused our nighttime flow request but approved the load following request.

CONSERVATION ENFORCEMENT

The first buffalo harvested by a Nez Perce tribal member this year was on February 22 in the Gardiner, Montana area. As of March 22, 38 buffalo had been harvested and 26 elk, all in the Gardiner area. No harvests have occurred in West Yellowstone. Our officers have covered all areas that had permits issued. The 2021 hunt was slated to end on March 31.

*Preparing to depart for a
buffalo hunt to provide
for tribal members.*



Fifty-five cases were generated over this six-month time frame: 14 trespass cases, 11 citizen assist cases, 6 hunting cases, 6 wastage cases, 6 outside agency assists, 2 woodcutting cases, 2 fishing cases, 2 animal assists, 2 littering cases, 1 vandalism case, 1 no ID case, 1 animal complaint, and 1 possible cougar sighting.

The general outlook is for another year of poor returns and few harvest opportunities for spring/summer Chinook. We have had poor survival of these fish as they out-migrated as juveniles and warm ocean conditions.



HARVEST

A cold Lolo Creek, the site of the upper Lolo Creek In-stream PIT tag array (LC2) that is just visible as an off colored line starting at the large rock in the lower left of the image and extending to right, perpendicular to the river flow.

Mainstem Columbia River. The preseason projection is 75,200 Upriver Spring Chinook to the mouth of the Columbia River (2020 actual return was 81,300 fish). This would include 40,000 Snake River spring/summer Chinook (28,900 hatchery and 11,100 wild fish). This preseason forecast provides for a harvest of 5,264 upriver spring Chinook for the treaty fishery.

Snake River Basin. We project nearly 22,658 adult spring/summer Chinook (18,611 clipped/unclipped hatchery and 4,047 wild) will return this year. After accounting for the hatchery broodstock needs of 9,948 adult fish (9,245 hatchery and 703 wild/natural), there will be around 3,722 spring/summer Chinook (3,226 hatchery-origin and 170 wild/natural fish) for harvest. It is possible that the run could come in smaller than that and harvest could be closer to what occurred in 2020 harvest levels. There is indication that a harvest of 1,500 hatchery fish might be a more realistic expectation.

2020 review. The final 2020 tribal harvest estimate for adult spring and summer Chinook in the Snake Basin was 1,883 adult fish (1,728 clipped and 155 unclipped) and 79 jack Chinook. Preliminary numbers of fish for Tribal Subsistence distributions is 860 spring/summer Chinook (392 adults & 468 jacks) to the FWC, and communities of Kamiah, Orofino and Lapwai. The fall gillnet fishery preliminary estimates are 246 Steelhead, 460 fall Chinook, and 64 Coho harvested. The preliminary harvest at the North Fork Clearwater is 1,541 Steelhead, 76 fall Chinook, and 124 Coho.

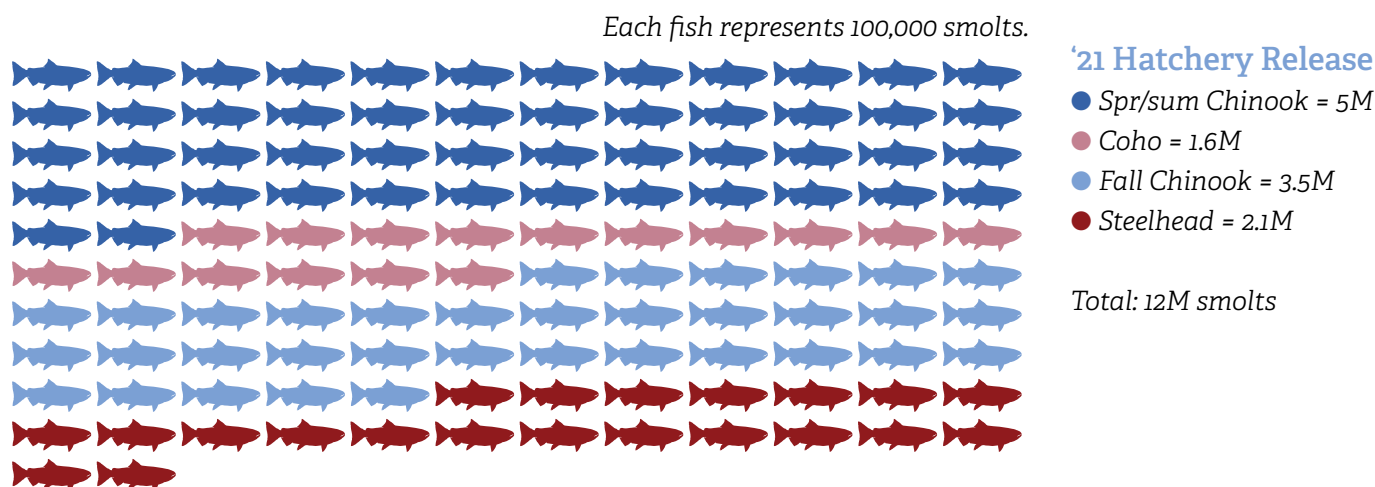
Bailey Peters is shown removing the first steelhead captured at the temporary Jacks Creek weir on February 25, 2021. The fish was placed in a pool upstream of the weir and released to allow it to continue its journey to spawn in areas upstream of the weir.



Huge credit and kudos to the dedicated and hardworking staff that worked everyday at the hatchery facilities over this past year. They did a phenomenal job of implementing COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and guidelines while caring for the fish that will support fisheries and natural spawning in future years.

2021 Hatchery Release. Production Division staff will be releasing approximately 12 million hatchery salmon and steelhead into Snake River tributaries between March and July of 2021.

PRODUCTION



Nez Perce staff grow approximately 80% of the hatchery fish released in the Clearwater River and 30% of the Snake Basin total.

Pacific Lamprey. 390 adult lamprey translocated from lower Columbia River dams in the summer of 2020 and held overwinter at Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery, will be released into Lolo, Orofino, Newsome, Big Canyon, Johnson, Asotin, and Joseph creeks, Red River, SF Salmon, Wallowa, Minam, Secesh, and Potlatch rivers in May and June.

Tunnel Pond. Tunnel Pond, near Orofino, opened for rainbow trout fishing March 31, 2021. Fisheries staff will be stocking trout at Tunnel Pond, Talmaks, and Mud Springs ponds throughout the summer.

WATERSHED



Lapwai Creek. Completed of stream reconstruction project on ½ mile of Sweetwater Creek creating 0.3 miles of new channel, reconnecting 13 acres of floodplain, and constructing 13 large wood structures for fish habitat and 11 pool/run/riffle sequences.



Red River (South Fork Clearwater River). Completed the Lower Red River Meadow Planting project to stabilize river banks and in the future provide shade to cool water temperatures and provide large woody debris for fish habitat. The project planted 2,154 large 8-gallon rooted nursery stock trees native to the meadow.



Little Salmon River. Recently incorporated the Little Salmon River watershed into the South Fork Salmon River and Big Creek project areas that enables habitat restoration there. Planned a project with Idaho Fish and Game (IDFG) to plant 500-1,000 native riparian trees annually for 5-years within the newly acquired Zim's property adjacent to the Little Salmon River.



Crooked River (SF Clearwater River). River re-construction phase 3 was completed to include 4,500 feet of bank stability structures, 44 acres of floodplain roughness, and planting of 12,000 large native riparian trees and shrubs.



Whiskey Creek (SF Clearwater River). The culvert replacement and fish passage project was completed in partnership with Idaho Transportation Department, Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests, and Bureau Land Management opening the entire drainage and 5.7 miles of fisheries habitat.



Wallowa River/Tamkaliks. The first phase of the Wallowa River/Tamkaliks Side Channel and Floodplain Restoration Project was completed by Steve Lindley Construction to include:

- Excavation of three side channels, alcoves, and associated riffle construction
- Brush bank treatments, side channel whole tree habitat structures, and alcove whole tree habitat structures
- Wetland grading and floodplain roughness, including willow trench and ditch plug installation
- Seeding of floodplain roughness areas and ditch plugs



Nevada Creek (Lolo Creek). The culvert replacement and fish passage portions of the Nevada Creek Fish Barrier Replacement Project was completed in partnership with Nez Perce - Clearwater National Forests, opening the entire drainage and 4.4 miles of fisheries habitat.



Pete King Creek (Lower Lochsa River). For a third year, Lochsa Watershed crews installed Post Assisted Log Structures (PALS) in a quarter mile stretch of Pete King Creek. PALS are structures that look a little like fences woven with brush. They are intended to mimic and function the same way naturally occurring log jams would; sorting sediment and creating diverse habitat in the stream. This year seven new structures were constructed and four older ones rebuilt.

RESEARCH

Smolt traps. DFRM staff operate juvenile emigrant traps to monitor tributary specific juvenile spring/summer Chinook salmon and steelhead emigrant abundance, emigration timing and survival in: Lolo Creek, South Fork Clearwater River, South Fork Salmon River, Imnaha River, Lostine River (assisted ODFW) and at Snake River dams to measure production and smolt-to-adult return rates. Fish captured in screw traps and at hatcheries were PIT tagged and/or checked for mark retention.

Adult Return Monitoring Steelhead. Continued monitoring adult returns of steelhead using weirs, PIT arrays, spawning ground surveys in the Clearwater, Grand Ronde, Imnaha, and Salmon river basins. New for 2021 include temporary steelhead weir and portable PIT tag arrays in Jacks Creek (at Lenore, ID) in the lower Clearwater River and use of a portable PIT tag array in White Bird Creek.

Research Technician Sam Williams observing Chinook salmon on a redd in the upper Imnaha River in August 2020.



Adult Return Monitoring Fall Chinook. There were 24,500 adult fall Chinook returning to Lower Granite in 2020, which was about 6,000 more adults than the pre-season forecast, however, only 66% of the recent 10-year average.

Adult Returns Coho. There were 7,797 coho adults and 3,540 coho jacks counted at Lower Granite in 2020. The high jack return was unusual and hopefully indicates a better return in 2021.

In-Hatchery PIT tags. We are preparing for mass tagging operations to begin in late March.

Wallowa Lake. We continue to evaluate the feasibility of and strategies for reintroducing Sockeye Salmon to Wallowa Lake, including an assessment of Wallowa Lake's foodweb and its ability to support a reintroduction. Funded by the Meyer Memorial Trust, the project will also support a summer fisheries internship for an early-career tribal member.

Hydrosystem. Reviewed and prepared comments on Columbia River System Operations, Hells Canyon Complex relicensing process, Dworshak flow management, Columbia Basin Partnership, NOAA Fisheries 5-year Status Review, and Lamprey Conservation.



Fisheries Technician II Anthony Capetillo (center) enters the live box of the temporary weir installed at Jacks Creek on February 25 as Fisheries Technician III Jay Oatman (right) and Fisheries Technician I Bailey Peters (left) prepare to assist Anthony with collecting data from the first steelhead of 2021 captured at Jacks Creek.

Human Resources

Anthony D. Johnson
HR Manager

Melissa Guzman
HR Generalist

Robert Kipp
HR Specialist

Loretta Spaulding
Risk Mgmt Coordinator

Alexes Baptiste
Executive Assistant

The Human Resources Generalist position recruitment was completed in October 2020, and Melissa Guzman ► was selected for the position. Ms. Guzman was also named Employee of the Year by the NPTEC in December 2020.



The Risk Management Coordinator position recruitment was completed in October 2020, and Loretta Spaulding ◀ was selected for the position.

The Human Resources Department completed renewal/open enrollment of employees in the Nez Perce Tribe Health Benefits for the FY 2021.

The Human Resources Department completed renewal of the Nez Perce Tribe Automobile, General, and Workman's Compensation Insurance policies for FY 2021.

The Human Resources Department completed the process of 401K Board Elections and Marsan Lawyer was appointed, effective January 1, 2021 for a three-year term.

Robert Kipp attended Conflict Resolution Training and provided input and advice per the Nez Perce Tribe HRM.

The Human Resources Department worked with the Office of Legal Counsel to address conflicting language in the HRM that resulted from the rescinding of 2015 Organizational Chart that was rescinded by NPTEC, as directed by the General Council.

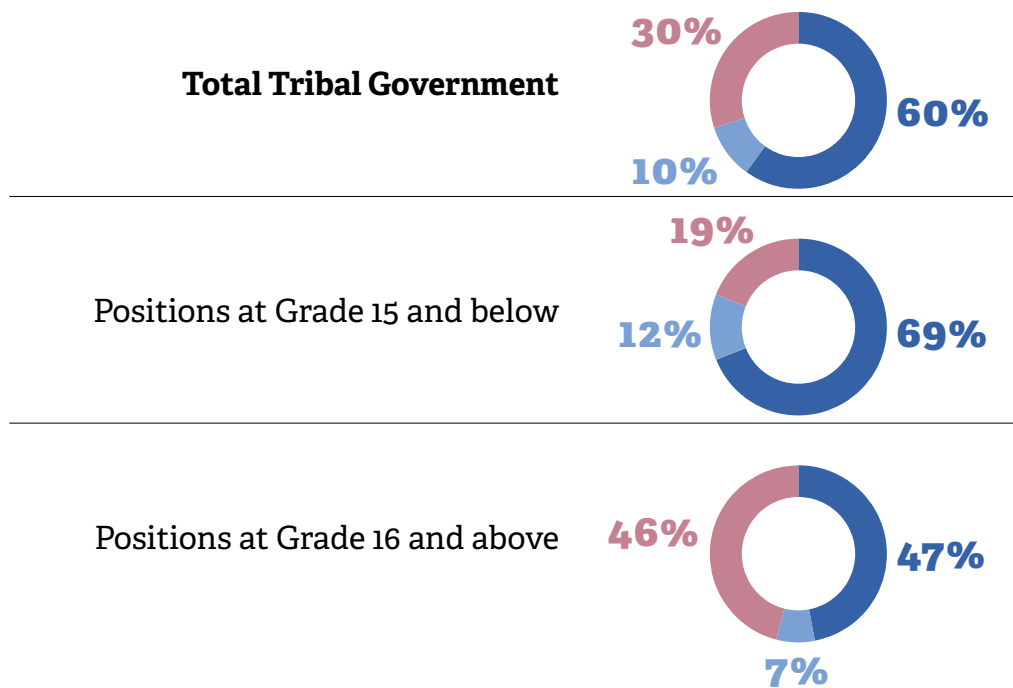
The Human Resources Manager and HR Generalist are continuing to work with the Office of Legal Counsel to update/revise the Nez Perce Tribe Human Resources Manual and the Appendices.

The Human Resources Department worked with Department's affected by Reduction in Force to provide preference placement for qualified Nez Perce Tribe Member employees affected by the RIF.

Mr. Kipp also participated in Zoom Training with the Education Department on HRM recruitment, application, interview, processes, and provided interview tips. He also provided information regarding the active job seekers list, internship information, and the class description process.

Employee Statistical Report

● Nez Perce Tribal Member | ● Member of Other Tribe | ● Non-Indian



BY THE NUMBERS

45 new recruitments
12 FMLP applications
450 enrolled health plans

Claims

19 Workman's Comp
4 Auto
2 General liability

Law and Justice

LAW & ORDER EXECUTIVE OFFICE

The Law and Justice Department has applied for federal funding through the Consolidated Tribal Assistance Solicitation for:

- Hire two full time law enforcement positions over the next five years
- Hire a full-time bailiff to serve the Tribal Court, to establish a full-time Tribal Court navigator/reception of resources position to serve the public at the Tribal Justice Center in Lapwai and provide communications and security equipment for Tribal Police
- Building addition to the existing Tribal Justice Center in Lapwai. Expansion is needed as the existing courtroom no longer meets the needs of the Tribe's law and justice system. Expansion will allow more office space, second courtroom, Peace Maker Circle room/probation training room

An exterior door has recently been added to the west side of the Lapwai Law & Justice building. This will become the new entrance to the Probation office.

Native American Rights Fund provided a two-day virtual Peacemaker Court training in March for staff and tribal members.

NEZ PERCE TRIBAL COURT

- We worked hard to reestablish a regular Court schedule, and have made the safety of staff and the general public a priority when holding Court
- We have been working to address the recommendations made in the Tribal Court Assessment from this fall in various ways, including seeking additional funding from the BIA and through grant applications
- We continue to hold the Adult Healing to Wellness Court and had a participant graduate this month

- Juvenile Probation Officer, Breanne Speas completed Probation academy – 14 weeks online
- We saw 9-10 successful discharges of clients
- We had a participant graduate Adult Healing to Wellness Court

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

- Began a focused sexual assault response team
- Our building, planning open house in near future after move in
- Held weekly Domestic Violence Response Team meetings

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

On December 28, 2020, Ms. McCurdy was hired to fill the vacant position of Public Defender. In January and February, 2021, the Office of the Public Defender was appointed in over 38 new adult criminal cases and one new juvenile matter.

PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

The office has successfully negotiated plea agreements, deferred prosecution agreements, and outright dismissals.

The office is currently making efforts to bring cases delayed by the pandemic to quick and reasonable resolutions.

The office is reviewing cases that were assigned to the conflict attorneys to return cases that may be handled in this office.

The office has worked with its clients who have been convicted of crimes to ensure that they can satisfy their obligations to the tribal court while also exercising their treaty rights and participating in the cultural life of the Tribe.

This office has also assisted tribal members with civil case questions.

**TRIBAL
EMPLOYMENT
RIGHTS OFFICE**
(TERO)

TERO Dispatches

<i>Month</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i># Dispatched</i>
Oct 2020	Solar Panels	22
	Solar Panels	5
Nov 2020	Flagging	2
Dec 2020	General Labor	1
	TVTC Training	1
Jan 2021	Trucking Training	1

Finished Trainings

- February 9, 2021-had 10 TERO clients sign up for a live flagging class-only 6 made it through
- Held two Cherry Lane Bridge meetings for Lapwai and Kamiah 1/25,1/26 @ the gyms

**GAMING
COMMISSION**

- The entire staff of the Gaming Commission, plus commissioners, have been vaccinated against the spread of the virus. We are keeping each other and those we may come in contact with safer.
- In the strategic plan, the Commission made a priority to work closely with stakeholders, and the commission has worked with the Nez Perce Tribe's Gaming Human Resources Department on such things as cross-trainings for both Office personnel. The Commission Office and Human Resources Office assisted each other in administrative detail as well.
- In maintaining COVID-19 Protocols, the Commission continues to conduct business by alternative means, like virtual trainings. The National Indian Gaming Commission holds virtual trainings on such matters as COVID-19 Plans and Responses.

The Child Support Program dropped the word “Enforcement” from the program name in December 2020 in an effort to renew the appearance from an enforcement agency to a program that is family-centered. The program will also assist with obtaining training and work as well as encouraging and educating in active parenting by all those involved in the children’s lives.

CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM

(CSP)

The Child Support Program collected \$52,145 from the recent per capita payment, which is down from the \$60,659 per capita collection in 2019. Payments went towards parents’ child support debt for both current and arrears. The current custodial party was given first priority from all payments collected.

Child Support Program is currently looking to fill our Child Support Attorney position.

Members of the Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) are not full-time employees and are limited by funding and manpower working with what they have; therefore, coordination is often necessary through the Administrative Assistant. Commissioners volunteer the majority of their time while on the FWC.

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

I established administrative infrastructure for long-term operation for the FWC including maintaining the FWC office including answering and responding to telephone calls, emails and in-person contacts regarding commission business, keeping in contact with hunters and fishers via email, text messages, phone calls and in-person office visits, and developing fliers and sending notices to the Communications staff members.

During the 20212 Buffalo Hunt Season, I have sent, received and processed 179 permits with FWC signatory authority, and received several more applications and requests for permits. I send and receive applications by email and in-person, I return permits for signature via email and then email processed permits, all of which takes a lot of time, a great deal of paper as well as email space. I set up weekly conference calls for the orientation and fielded many calls and in-person contacts and notification regarding the buffalo hunt since January of this year.

FWC has authority to promulgate fishing and hunting seasons, excluding the Treaty Buffalo Hunt, per direction of FWC action, I developed ten season regulations since January. I developed a scientific take permit for the FWC to authorize.

NEZ PERCE TRIBAL POLICE

The Nez Perce Tribal Police Department, along with the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) team, was approved to build on to the existing Police Department. There will be a conference room with enough space to accommodate the 6-foot distancing for the EOC, along with more office space and holding cells. There will also be a state-of-the-art evidence and property storage room. We were also approved to begin building a new Nez Perce Tribal Adult Jail facility. Construction will begin by the Fall General Council.

February 23, 2021, K9 Ruger retired as our Narcotic Detection K9. He served the Nez Perce Tribe for 6 years. He is enjoying retirement, happy and healthy, living with his last K9 handler, Michael Stegner.

March 17, 2021, we conducted an animal control emphasis. The emphasis was successful as pet owners leashed and/or maintained their pets within their properties. A low number of animals were taken to the Lewis Clark Animal Shelter. In the near future, there will be more animal control emphasis. There will also be citations issued to pet owners via the Nez Perce Tribe Dog Ordinance.



Natural Resources

The Manager for the Department of Natural Resources include the administrative duties of the department under the Human Resource and Finance Manuals, Natural Resource Subcommittee and Land Enterprise Commission subcommittee agenda approvals, attending Manager's meetings, conducting Director's meetings, and participation of the Tribe's Emergency Operations Committee (EOC) for Covid-19.

NATURAL RESOURCE ADMINISTRATION

*Aaron Miles, Sr.
DNR Manager*

The majority of work effort since the Spring General Council has been as a participating officer and backup for Incident Commander, Marty Antone for the EOC on a need basis. The EOC has been enacted since mid-March of 2020, and is focused as a support role for Nimiipuu Health as it addresses the threat and spread of the coronavirus within tribal communities and among tribal staff. The Center for Disease Control is the responsible federal agency for the pandemic and is a multi-agency effort that transcends the local, state, tribal, and federal authorities.

The DNR divisions include: Environmental Restoration & Waste Management, Land Services, Water Resources, Cultural Resources, Wildlife, Land Services, and Forestry & Fire Management. The DNR Planner is a position within the department focused on economic development opportunities for the tribe. Their reports are as follows.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

*Nakia Williamson
Director*

Despite issues related to Covid-19 pandemic, the Cultural Resources Program was able to implement our Internship Program for Summer 2020- although with an abbreviated time frame. The CRP Internship program recruited eight tribal interns, paid for with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Department of Energy (DOE) funding.

The CRP completed several notable ethnography projects, U.S. Highway 12/ITD, Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge replacement, Portland Harbor ethnographic background study. Archaeology/Tribal Historic Preservation completed archaeological surveys for Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Asotin Co. Conservation Dist./Cottonwood Creek, Big Bear Falls/Idaho Fish and Game.


Nez Perce Language developed the Nez Perce Phrasebuilder card game/mobile app with Native Teaching Aids.

FORESTRY & FIRE MANAGEMENT

*John DeGroot
Director*

Completed planting projects over areas burned by the Clearwater Complex fires of 2015. Continued implementation of a commercial thinning treatment in the Lookout Tribal Reserve, and area where a stand replacing fire burned in the early 70s, was planted in the later 70s and 80s, and had pre-commercial thinning and pruning treatments over portions of the approximately 3 mi² area. Entered into a five-year Conservation Stewardship Project as well as an Environmental Quality Incentives Program contract with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to implement forest conservation treatments. Firewood deliveries began in September.

A five-year Fire Cooperative Agreement with the BIA was renewed. The BIA 638 Fire contract was extended through 2021. Tribal fire resources were dispatched both on and off reservation in what is



currently a very busy fire season. Wildfires had burned over several allotments as of early September. A Burned Area Rehabilitation Plan will be completed after the fires are controlled and resource damage can be assessed. Hazardous fuels treatments continue using both in-house crews and contractors over tribal lands and allotments to help control wildfire effects.

Wildlife staff have been in coordination with Bonneville Power and NPT Cultural Resources staff on accomplishing cultural clearance work for road maintenance, fuels reduction and reclamation of abandoned hay fields. Staff continue to coordinate with DFRM on native plant restoration at the Buford Culvert site. Review of the Eastside Screens forest plan amendment project continues including technical review of the draft Environmental Assessment.

WILDLIFE

Neil Thagard
Director

The Wildlife Division has participated with Oregon Wild for a podcast they are developing about condor restoration in Oregon. NPT Wildlife Division joined staff from the Oregon Zoo, Yurok Tribe, and the Oregon Hunters Association in providing information about the condor recovery effort for this podcast. Other Oregon Wild webcasts can be viewed at www.oregonwild.org.

Visits to tribal trust units and individual trust allotments, to ensure compliance with Bureau of Indian Affairs NEPA requirements for agricultural leases, are continuing to take place. Site visits are followed by completion of the Categorical Exclusion checklist with additional narratives if significant resource concerns are found.

Wildlife staff continue to coordinate with the Climate Change program on the Blues to Bitterroots and Camas to Condors projects with

weekly conference calls. The team is planning a field trip to scope locations for the Seasonal Round Trail as well as develop a formal MOU to guide this collaborative effort.

Technicians continued to clear travel routes in the Texsehe WMA (on-reservation) to facilitate forest stand evaluations and habitat assessments. Staff spent multiple days in the field undertaking those assessments. New tools were purchased to improve safety and efficiency with road clearing efforts. GIS mapping and database development activities are continuing.

Staff continued their ongoing reviews of a wide variety of federal proposals and projects. Major projects under review and discussion have included the Stibnite Gold on the Payette National Forest, Eastside Screens on the Wallowa-Whitman and Umatilla National Forests, the Custer-Gallatin National Forest Plan, and the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest Plan. Staff also spent time reviewing recent literature and studies regarding forest habitat typing, fire ecology, wildfire behavior, and wildlife ecology.


WATER RESOURCE

*Ken Clark
Director*

The Water Quality Program is monitoring a number of streams on the Camas Prairie, collecting water quality samples from multiple sites. This data will be used to identify where pollutant loads are coming from, in order to help prioritize pollution reduction efforts.

Our Nonpoint Source Pollution Prevention Program staff are fencing off and planting riparian vegetation in a large wetland complex in the headwaters of Lolo Creek.

The Wetlands Program is currently assessing wetlands in Musselshell Meadows and in the Sweetwater Creek drainage.



The Brownfields Program is overseeing asbestos and hazardous material sampling at both the Blue North Mill site, in Kamiah and the BIA Parade Ground buildings in Lapwai.

Our Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program is conducting visual surveys on the Reservation to identify historic USTs and work to remove them before they contaminate groundwater.

The Climate Change Program is developing a climate vulnerability assessment, working on a climate-smart agricultural project, and finalizing a climate-smart restoration toolkit.

Our Solid Waste and Recycling Program carries out bi-weekly office recycling collections, and has helped with a number of community cleanups, in partnership with the Tribal Housing Authority.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant and Drinking Water Delivery System continues to serve the Tribal public by ensuring the delivery of clean, safe drinking water and the removal and treatment of wastewater.

**ENVIRONMENTAL
RESTORATION &
WASTE
MANAGEMENT**


*Jack Bell
Director*

ERWM Hanford participated in calls and communications with the State Tribal Government Working Groups on Long-Term Stewardship, Natural Resource Damage Assessment, and Combined Intergovernmental Working Group. Staff are working on comments to several major decisions being proposed at the Hanford Site that utilized “technical impracticability” and “time-sensitive removal actions.”

ERWM Natural Resource Damage Assessment program participated in the Non-Federal Trustee working group call and developed comments on a cooperative response to DOE on Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council (HNRTC) issues. Participated in HNRTC Aquatic Restoration Planning Work Group remote meeting. We continue to develop plans for implementation of the Tribal Service Loss Restoration Planning Project. Held calls with individual HNRTC Trustee representatives on resolving current issues under consideration by the HNRTC. Staff are developing a memorandum on how Nez Perce reserved treaty rights can be incorporated into federal laws governing cleanup at the Hanford Site in cooperation with the tribe’s Office of Legal Counsel.

Air Quality attended National Tribal Air Association Mobile Sources Work Group Monthly Call and Western Regional Air Partnership Board Call. Participated in two Stibnite Weekly Draft Environmental Impact Statements (DEIS) progress calls, and continued review of Stibnite project DEIS and Idaho DEQ’s draft air permit for Midas Gold’s Stibnite project.

Communication with EPA on FY21 Annual Inspection Plan and contacted EPA enforcement personnel about alternative to on-site Title V inspection this month. Communication with Upriver Youth Leadership Council staff about PurpleAir sensor in Kamiah. Communicated with EPA about Airnow Fire and Smoke Map – PurpleAir sensors in Lewiston and Kamiah now show on map.



Changed CASTNET and AMoN filters and performed weekly ozone analyzer maintenance at TU62 monitoring site above Kamiah. Participated in EPA Smoke Management Program Survey. Began drafting an investigation report for EPA regarding a FARR violation in Idaho County.

Emergency Management participated on conference calls for the NPT EOC, State Public Health COVID, TWAR Steering Committee, NRC rule change, Washington ESF#6 (Human Services), and a FEMA webinar. Coordinated with the Idaho Office of Emergency Management to accept supplies; items are stored at the USDA Warehouse. Coordinated with the National Tribal Emergency Management Council, Lynda Zambrano, to provide a large donation of food to the Tribal community; Thunder Garcia will manage the food delivery times and storage.

LAND SERVICES

Kim Cannon
Director

The program developed 26 agriculture management plans and conducted several compliance checks and trespass investigations, including an unauthorized road building on allotment 1686 near Stites. We obtained results for recruitment for a new lease compliance position which is very needed.

The **Geospatial Information Systems** program supports and assists all tribal programs with geospatial mapping and database programming. We transferred Lidar data to external drive provided by Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District. Provided State, public health district numbers for COVID-19 cases to EOC. Continue to update COVID-19 numbers and information for web map and NMPH website Hub.

The **Nez Perce Bio-Control Center** provides control agents (insects) that will decrease the noxious weed populations throughout the Nez Perce homelands. The Center also works in areas outside of our local influence, across the United States, to assist others in the same struggle. Staff visited Ravalli County Weed District in Victor, Montana to collect biocontrol releases which were flown into the Selway drainage where the 4,000 Cyac root weevils were deposited on seven strategic ridges within a five-mile stretch above Moose Creek heavily infested by Spotted knapweed. A total of 80 release equivalents were made in a planned two-day release event. Trend monitoring occurred at Elk Meadows at four sites to determine weed and vegetation changes over time. This area was opened to ATV traffic and monitoring the change in weeds and other vegetation was monitored again this year. Greenhouses were maintained as they are being used to grow *Bradyrrhoa gilveolella* (root-feeding moth) ◀. Bio-Control coordinated with Dr. Link Smith, Agriculture Research Station, Albany, California as the NPBC is positioned to receive a new biocontrol for yellow star thistle, hopefully this fall.



Bradyrrhoa gilveolella

photo courtesy
University of Georgia
and US Forest Service.

Office of Legal Counsel

The Nez Perce Tribe (Tribe) Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) consists of five attorneys and three support staff. The following are a selection of OLC's most significant accomplishments, carried out at the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee's (NPTEC) direction, since the 2020 Fall General Council:


Provided NPTEC with litigation analyses and legal strategy on all litigation matters involving or of interest to the Tribe and provided NPTEC and Tribal programs and departments with prompt responses to all legal questions and issues on a daily basis.

Actively advanced the Tribe's interests in the *United States v. Oregon* treaty fishing rights litigation, including assisting with implementation of the 2018-2027 Management Agreement.

Actively advanced the Tribe's interests in the Endangered Species Act and National Environmental Policy Act litigation involving the impacts of the dams on the lower Snake River and mainstem Columbia River on salmon, steelhead, and lamprey. (*Nat'l Wildlife Fed'n v. Nat'l Marine Fisheries Serv.*)

Assisted the Tribe in its support of Congressman Simpson's legislative proposal to comprehensively address Northwest salmon, energy, and other interests, which includes restoring the lower Snake River by breaching the four lower Snake River dams and investing in local communities.

Worked toward a positive, permanent resolution of the Lewiston Orchards Project's impact on Webb, Sweetwater, and Lapwai creeks through the Lower Clearwater Exchange Project and as set forth in




Term Sheet Agreements that were developed as a result of successful Endangered Species Act litigation in federal court.

Continued discussions with Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality regarding claims raised in the Tribe's Petition for Judicial Review challenging Oregon's Clean Water Act §401 certification for Idaho Power Company's Hells Canyon Complex Hydroelectric Project.

Continued work on the Tribe's lawsuit against Perpetua Resources (formerly Midas Gold) for discharging toxic pollutants from multiple point sources at the Stibnite Mine Site without a permit, in violation of the Clean Water Act. The Tribe's lawsuit against Midas Gold is currently stayed pending mediation to explore settlement options. Assisted the Tribe with comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Perpetua Resources' proposed Stibnite Gold Project in the headwaters of the East Fork South Fork Salmon River. Assisted the Tribe with its objection to the Environmental Protection Agency's recently finalized Administrative Settlement and Order on Consent and Statement of Work with Perpetua Resources for the Stibnite Mine Site.

Continued opposing a lawsuit filed against the United States seeking to stop the tribal treaty bison hunt in Beattie Gulch, Montana, based allegations that the United States failed to evaluate the environmental impacts of bison hunting on federal lands in the Greater Yellowstone Area. Assisted NPTEC in filing a joint amicus brief supporting the United States' motion for a voluntary remand and stay of proceedings and opposing plaintiffs' request to stop the treaty bison hunt. In February, Montana federal district court judge Susan Waters granted the United States' motion.

Assisted NPTEC with monitoring, promoting, analyzing, and introducing legislative action at both the state and federal levels to pro-



tect the interests of Tribal members including letters to Congress with recommendations on economic recovery infrastructure, secretarial nominations, voting rights, education funding, mining reform, and comments on COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

Assisted the Tribe in advancing its water rights claims in the Palouse River Basin Adjudication.

Assisted the Tribe with mediation with the City of Lapwai concerning a disagreement over the City's wastewater treatment plant.

Assisted the Tribe in finalizing an agreement for maintenance services and a multi-jurisdictional agreement with the City of Lewiston for wastewater services at the Clearwater River Casino.


Participated in monthly meetings of the Tribe's Code Revision Core Team as well as in working meetings held monthly or semi-monthly.

Finalized the approval of the Tribe's Hemp Regulatory Code and continued to participate in a hemp working group led by NPTEC.

Assisted the Tribe in joining the amicus appellate brief to support stopping the Dakota Access Pipeline easement approved by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Assisted the Tribe in joining the lawsuit to prevent the sale of the National Archives facility in Seattle as a co-plaintiff (*State of Washington et. al. v. Fairweather*).

Assisted the Tribe in joining the National Congress of American Indians-Tribal Governments' amicus brief supporting the petitioner in *United States v. Cooley* before the U.S. Supreme Court regarding the propriety of suppressing evidence on the theory that a tribal police



officer lacked authority to temporarily detain and search a non-tribal member.

Finalized the U.S. Department of Interior's approval of the Tribe's Water Rights Administration Code.

Continued to review proposed Forest Service projects within the Tribe's aboriginal territory and assisted with providing comments on the Custer Gallatin National Forest's proposed Land Management Plan and the Salmon-Challis National Forest's Evaluation Summary and Land Management Plan revisions.

Helped finalize a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Park Service enabling the Tribe to participate as a Cooperating Agency in the development of a Yellowstone National Park Bison Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement.

Social Services

Our program mission is to offer culturally sensitive and holistic services to Nez Perce families and the communities of the Nez Perce Reservation, while providing a welcoming environment for families to receive services and information towards immediate and long-term sufficiency and safety.


SOCIAL SERVICES

*Jackie McArthur
Manager*

Department Highlights

Congratulations to Nez Perce Elders of the Year, Wilfred 'Scotty' Scott and Mary Jane 'Tootsie' Souther, presented by the NPT Senior Advisory Board.





Program staff maintained services throughout the pandemic. Doors were open and programs accessible full time as directed by June 1, 2020. As programs were affected by the virus and quarantine, staff worked together to continue services to the best and safest of our ability.

Assignments included logistics chief and sub-chief of the Emergency Operation Center.

Coordination and action to formalize referrals between law enforcement and service providers, a weekly safety meeting established, updated emergency contact numbers and pocket cards were provided to law enforcement, and other forms were revised or created to improve systems of care while responding to victims of crime.

Several agencies awarded Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding directly to the program, this is not the CARES money to the Nez Perce Tribe. Most CARES award to the programs has been fully expended on services to participants, this includes Senior Citizens and Energy Assistance. The BIA CARES award was recently received and that award is directly for services due to COVID, including burial assistance for those who pass away from COVID complications.

Food and Nutrition has engaged with the Wave Foundation, a non-profit organization working with CRITFC and its member tribes to supply locally-sourced food boxes that include traditional foods such as huckleberries, salmon, buffalo meat, wild rice, as well as fresh fruits and vegetables to Nez Perce, Yakama, Umatilla, and Warm Springs tribal members. Through this partnership we serve 500 tribal families each month.

USDA FOOD & NUTRITION

O. Thunder Garcia
Director

Through the Idaho Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry we assist with a monthly food distribution that is located in parking lot in front of the Lapwai Middle/High School Gymnasium. The monthly distribution is scheduled for the second Tuesday of every month starting at 9 AM until the food is gone. We average 100 households per distribution or 180-200 people per at each mobile food pantry. We are now partnering with Nimiipuu Health to deliver 20 food boxes to various tribal elders who are unable to access other food distribution location or services; these elders are located on or near the Nez Perce Reservation.

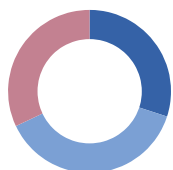
Food and Nutrition conducts a monthly food distribution program from the USDA Agricultural Marketing Services called "Farms to Families." This distribution occurs on the third Tuesday of the month in Lapwai and Kamiah. Food boxes consist of fresh produce and milk, cheese, butter, and fresh produce. Each food box is approximately 25 lbs. We distribute 150 boxes each month.

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES

Connie Guillory
Director

72 children served

- Birth to age 5 = 22
- Ages 6 to 12 = 27
- Ages 13 to 18 = 23



TANF placed two clients in OTJ training positions and were offered employment. In 2020 we had eight clients who were on the program, found employment and remain gainfully employed.

The TANF program supported four graduates in Class of 2020 and four in the 2021 graduating classes, we are pleased to have top of the class graduates in both years. TANF gives a grade incentive to students with a 2.0 grade average or higher. TANF supports families enrolled in the program as a child only, which would be grandparents or other relative providing care for a child, and the other would be a family unit for regular TANF services.

TANF purchased laptops and Chromebooks for ages 12 and up. We also purchased school supplies and backpacks.

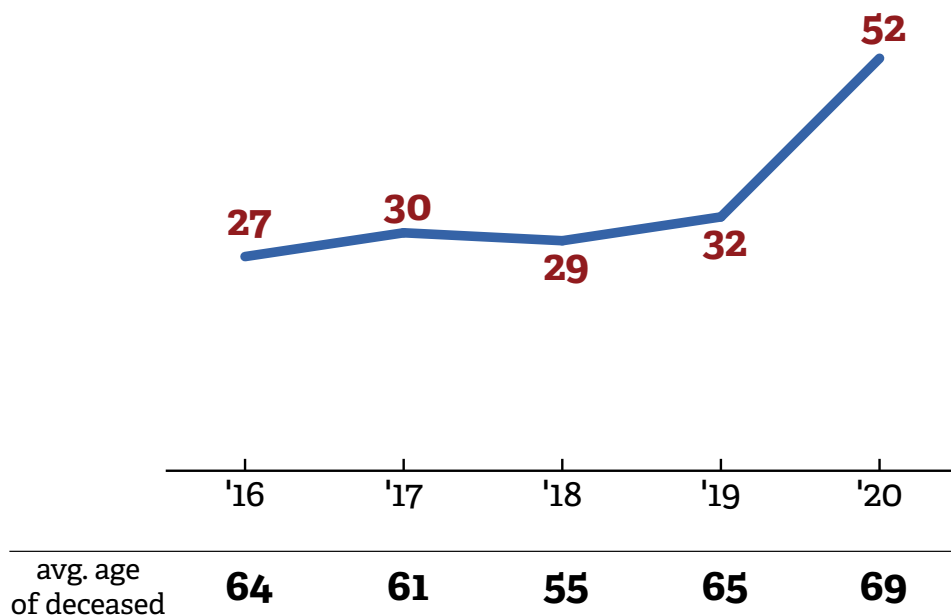
TANF is currently serving 41 families and 72 children ◀. Support services has increased by 55% during this time frame and to date we have spent \$83,146 in support services for our families; the grant cycle ends in June.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Taricia Moliga
Director

The Financial Assistance Program served 634 eligible Nez Perce ages 18 to 61 with the Hardship Grant from October 1 through March 16. 22 Nez Perce 18 years and older for Emergency Medical Assistance. 342 Nez Perce ages 62 and over (no income guidelines) with Elder Hardship or Appliance Assistance. 8 Nez Perce were served for Emergency Housing Repairs and 48 Nez Perce received burial assistance for burial expense or immediate family emergency travel. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) served 181 families for energy assistance. A total of 1,235 approved applications during this reporting period.

Vital Statistics Nez Perce Deaths



Financial Assistance COVID-19 Response. Alter existing plan to practice social distancing and economic relief. Addressing Homelessness in rural areas team-planning and preparing to develop supportive permanent housing on the Nez Perce Reservation. Financial Assistance online applications! Tribal members can now apply online for assistance. Moving to electronic client files, to store documents and go paperless. Drop-off box for applications. Casket shortage, set up with Amazon Business to order caskets (non-traditional). Elders Winter bonus.



Financial Assistance wears purple to support Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

(l to r) Sophia Allen, Freida Ellenwood, and Taricia Moliga

SENIOR CITIZENS

Georganne Morrison
Director

The Senior Citizen Program during this time had guidelines for mask requirements while entering the Chief Joseph Complex picking up their food, due to vulnerable elders living in the complex a mask was required to enter the building. The program had their kitchen open and cooking for the elders, delivering food for the elders, providing and boxing food supplies, cleaning supplies for elders, stay at home activities for elders, and still provided monthly Birthday meals.

November the Nez Perce Tribe Senior Citizen Program received a grant under the authority of the CARES Act for \$88,920.

Our Manager, Coordinator, and Kamiah Site Assistant Coordinator met and reviewed the policy for funds, and agreed that services to elders including gravel, food, utility assistance etc. would be the best use and within federal guidance for the funds. Our Coordinator drafted a form and presented and sent it to the Title VI liaisons for approval and in turn the form got approved through Rachel Zylstra, Region X Aging Services Specialist and they in turn forwarded it to our NW Tribes as an example.

The Nez Perce Tribe honored six Nez Perce elders who celebrated their 80th birthday. (l tor) Bonnie Ewing, Vikki Johnson, Loretta Sobotta, Mary Jane Miles, Rosa Yearout, and Carol Wheeler.



The Native American CARES Act application served approximately 240 Nez Perce Tribal elders in the capacity of purchase orders to Walmart, Valley Foods, Cloninger's, Harvest Foods, and assistance with utility bills, rental payments, phone bills, firewood, and gravel for roadways.

There were approximately 101 working elders that applied who didn't receive help due to funding being exhausted. Our target was mainly for elders that were not working, handicapped or disabled, elders with hardships, frail, veterans, and elders on Social Security income. We targeted as many as elders as we could during the holidays.

During the Christmas holiday our Senior Citizens staff delivered Indian-design flannel blankets to 15 tribal elders residing in nursing homes. The program also delivered a Holiday meal, a gift bag, and a gift to all of our Approved Meal Delivery elders.

The Veterans Program can assist Nez Perce Veterans and/or their families with: Ordering DD214 (Discharge Paper), signing up for VA Benefits, ordering and setting headstones, gas assistance for appointments, transportation to appointments, emergency assistance, direct them to the appropriate programs or agencies that can assist them.

VETERANS PROGRAM

*Mary Taylor
Director*

The Veterans program is open, no appointment is necessary; however, it is best to call in advance to assure I am in the office and not out in the field or a meeting.

The Program has ordered seven headstones since last year and currently has four pending to be set in April.

Veterans Program worked with JRussell Excavation & Paving who donated labor, material and equipment at the Lapwai Tribal Cemetery to expand parking on top with clearing weeds, laying road fabric to help prevent weeds growing and gravel.



New sign at the Nez Perce Tribal Cemetery. Another was placed at the intersection on Ash Ave.

Collaborated with other agencies to assist and support tribal veterans: Support Services for Veteran Families (SSVF), Walla Walla and Spokane Medical Centers, Lewiston CBOC, Spokane Tribal HUD-VASH, VETS Center, Department of Labor and the Office of Tribal Government Relations (OTGR).

Hosted monthly Veterans meetings, which had to be paused due to COVID-19. We did have our first meeting on March 16. We also participate in various Veteran meetings and events, such as: American Indian Veterans Advisory Council, Valley Veterans Council, Lewis Clark Valley Veterans Advisory Council, Walla Walla VAMC, Inter-Agency Meetings, Pearl Harbor Ceremony, Wreaths Across America and The Veterans Parade.

Hosted the Annual Nez Perce Tribe Veterans Day commemoration. Due to COVID-19, it was a drive-through event in the PNW parking lot. Veterans drove up and received a meal and drink along with the gifts of appreciation for their service. We had 47 participants in the event, which honored both tribal and non-tribal veterans.

Adult Protection hosts a multi-disciplinary meeting with tribal program partners who serve elders. Staff completed virtual training academy. One take away, was understanding consent, capacity, & undue influence, that along with self-determination, this will be developed for community education. Due to the pandemic, an electronic referral form has been finalized and used for program partners.

ADULT PROTECTION

*Margaret McCormack
Director*

Developed a working relationship Kelley Kids Ranch to provide equine therapy to children in care.

Hosted Youth Wellbriety Activities – Daughters of Tradition in Lapwai Middle School and Positive Indian Parenting classes.

Spring Break 2021 (full-day activities) with Family Engagement Day.

Native Wellness – Health Relationships with Children's Home staff and children in care.

Successful reunification/guardianship of 10 kids/7 families. Four residents of the sober living home. Six people brought to inpatient treatment services. 18 food baskets for Thanksgiving. 34 households (105 children) were served for Christmas meals and gift baskets ► through community efforts.

Provided victim services for 14 children; forensic interviews, gas cards, clothing and hygiene supplies, emotional support and referrals.

CHILD PROTECTION

*Rebecca Lehman
Director*



One of the Christmas baskets donated by tribal entities and departments for distribution to families

*'inhimiy'ume Home in
Lapwai, ID, a facility
for transitional, sober
living for mothers and
their children.*



*Blessing and opening
at the 'inhimiy'ume
Home.*



Purchase of the Iniit Home, a teen shelter (4 bedrooms, double-wide home, purchased for youth in need of support and shelter).

32 Minor's In Need Of Care; of those 17 are in relative placement. 1 child in non-relative placement. 14 children in the Children's Home (10 families), 2 families with in-Home Service plan / 4 kids. Donated Wellbriety Literature to Clearwater and Nez Perce County Adult Detention Centers.

Uuyit Kim'ti was awarded three COVID-19 grant extensions, four OVW Grant awards totaling \$2,293,125 for a Kamiah Advocate & Shelter and Lapwai Advocate & Shelter. The award also includes Law Enforcement positions and direct services for clients.

UUYIT KIM'TI

*Karee Picard
Director*

The program served 34 victims/survivors, 23 secondary victims (children) and 11 elders this reporting period.



Technology Services

The Department of Technology Services (DTS) is comprised of the Information Systems (IS) Program, Telecommunications (Telecom), KIYE Radio Station and the Wireless Program now re-branded to Nez Perce Network Systems (NPNS). We completed re-branding to demonstrate the new broadband services being offered such as fiber to the home (FTTH) and the new 2.5GHz LTE service we will be installing. While the 2.5GHz is still fixed wireless, this licensed spectrum will give us broader range with less interference. Some of our highlights are as follows:



Fiber installation & splicing done for the Fiber to the Home project.

DTS applied for State of Idaho Broadband funds and received \$2 Million to deploy FTTH. Telecom connected approximately 270 homes in the Lapwai area. The grant was for up to 300 but due to increased cost of equipment the grant couldn't cover the remaining 30 homes.

DTS applied for the Tribes CARES funding to cover the last 30 homes for the FTTH project and received \$210,000.00.

The Tribe purchased 5 modular units with CARES funding; we connected them to fiber. 3 modular units have been received and installed; 2 are planned.

The Tribe renovated the Kamiah Mill and the NPTPD offices with CARES and DTS is working on the new cabling for these projects.

DTS lead the efforts for the Tribe to apply for spectrum over the reservation. While you can't see these air rights, they are a limited natural resource. The Tribe took steps to exercise their sovereignty and secured licensed 2.5GHz spectrum over the Nez Perce Reservation. We will make efforts to obtain more spectrum in various frequencies to secure our rights to this resource.

KIYE is funded by a grant and broadband revenue. The grant requires fundraising events and this year KIYE partnered with Nez Perce tribal artist Mikailah Thompson to do a raffle. Mikailah made a Chief Joseph medallion ► and raised \$705 for KIYE. There are more fundraising events to come.

AT&T has signed co-location agreement to lease space on 1 tower in the Lapwai area. They had already been leasing space on a tower in Kamiah. This will bring better AT&T service to a larger portion of the Reservation.

Verizon had built a tower in Kamiah but will now be leasing space on 1 tower in Lapwai. This will expand cellular coverage in Lapwai.

IS has taken the lead in cybersecurity. They have registered to become certified through Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). 2 staff will take the course offered by Portland State University.

DTS has been very involved in the regulations for infrastructure funding;

- Registered with the FCC to obtain the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) subsidy to provide reimbursement to our Tribal customers internet service up to \$75.00 per eligible customer per month
- NTIA Tribal Broadband Connectivity Grant program will have funding for infrastructure deployment and we will apply for these new funds
- American Rescue Plan Act will also have broadband funding available and we are working on project readiness for these funds



Medallion made by Mikailah Thompson for a KIYE fundraiser. Alice Spaulding was the winner of the raffle.

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Reporting Programs

Education (Adult Ed, Mamáay'asnim Hitéemen-wees, Voc Rehab, Students for Success, STEP)

Enrollment

Family Services

Housing

Senior Citizens

Social Services (Financial Assistance, UuYit-

Kimti, USDA Food & Nutrition, Indian Child

Welfare & Services,

Veterans, Senior Citizens, TANF, Adult Protection)

Youth

Liaisons

Family Services: Miles, Edwards, Broncheau

Housing: Arthur-Attao, Edwards, Allman

Senior Citizens: Miles, Ellenwood, Broncheau

Veterans: Ellenwood, Miles

Education: Miles, Mitchell

Youth: Ellenwood, Edwards

Boys & Girls Club: Mitchell; Miles (Alt.)

NW Portland Area Indian Health Board: Edwards; Miles (Alt.)

Healing Lodge: Broncheau; Arthur-Attao (Alt.)

Nimiipuu Health: Edwards, Miles

Meeting Schedule

1st and 3rd Monday 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Accomplishments

The Human Resources Subcommittee has accepted many reports from the different departments within its authority since the 2020 Fall General Council. This is a brief overview of actions - more detailed updates are included in the department reports.

September 21, 2020

- Re-scheduled the Human Resources Subcommittee meeting from Monday, October 5, 2020 to Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. due to the Bear's Paw Memorial
- Approved the appointment of Kimberly Merrell, Pharmacist to the Medical-Dental Staff of Nimiipuu Health
- Approved the appointment and privileges of Jeffrey Lathen as a member of the Allied Health Staff from August 25, 2020 to August 25, 2023
- Approved additional clinical privileges for Dr. Thanh Danae Vu to perform colonoscopy procedures
- Approved the creation of the Planning Committee for the 25th Anniversary of the Spalding-Allen Collection Acquisition and Re-naming Celebration and allocation of support funds
- Enrollment – 3 Individuals enrolled
- Posting – 6 Individuals approved for 60 Day posting
- Name Change – 1 Individual approved
- Blood Degree Correction - 1 Individual approved for blood degree correction

October 8, 2020

- Approved providing an enrollment list to the Education Manager for one time use for purchase of laptops from the CARES ACT
- Approved the Nimiipuu Health Independent Contract Agreement with Kristy Kuehfuss for one year for telehealth psychologist counseling services
- Approved New Beginnings to enter into an MOU with Idaho Dept. of Labor for hiring of an intern

- Enrollment -3 Individuals enrolled
- Name Change –1 Individual approved

October 13, 2020

- Rachel P. Edwards delegated to the Idaho COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Committee
- Approved a letter to Dr. Jay Butler, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention, Deputy Director Infectious Diseases, COVID-19 Response Incident Manager requesting assistance in emergency preparedness planning

October 19, 2020

- Approved the Healing Lodge to publish the NARCH VIII research manuscript to be published in peer reviewed journals in partnership with Division on Addiction, Cambridge Health Alliance Harvard Medical School
- Enrollment – 2 Individuals enrolled
- Posting – 1 Individual approved for 60-day posting
- Approved an amendment to NP 11-259 to adjust the charge of duplicate Tribal ID's and how often a tribal member can receive one
- Approved Nimiipuu Health additional ultrasound privileges for Dr. Edward Smith
- Approved Nimiipuu Health to reappoint Natasha Stamper, Pharmacist as a member of the Medial/Dental Staff from October 27, 2020 to October 27, 2023
- Approved Nimiipuu Health to reappoint Dr. David Munro, Dentist as a member of the Medial/Dental Staff from October 27, 2020 to October 27, 2023
- Approved the appointment of Anna Lawrence as the approved alternate to serve the remainder of Marie Baheza's two (2) year term on the Nez Perce Tribe's Boys & Girls Club, Board of Directors

October 27, 2020

- Amended resolution NP20-435 AMENDED to include all projects and expenditures recommended by the CARES Committee and approved by NPTEC

November 2, 2020

- Enrollment – 4 Individuals enrolled
- Posting – 1 Individual approved for 60-day posting
- Approved the UuYitKimti Program to accept the Office of Violence Against Women, Tribal Government Program, Purpose Area 5, Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) 2020 Grant in the amount of \$879,946.00 from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023

November 10, 2020

- Approved a letter to the Indian Health Service requesting Nez Perce Tribe be included in the Indian Health Service COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan & Idaho's State COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan
- Approved expending from the Coronavirus Relief fund in the amount of \$300,000.00 to provide food and supplies to tribal members in Lapwai, Orofino and Kamiah area for Thanksgiving and Christmas with costs to be determined

November 16, 2020

- Approved four (4) hours of Administrative Leave for Nimiipuu Health employees on Wednesday, November 25, 2020
- Approved the Nimiipuu Health Independent Contract Agreement with Saker Medavarapu, Licensed Physical Therapist for a one (1) year period beginning on date of execution through September 30, 2021
- Approved the proposed revisions defining immediate/extended family to the Nimiipuu Health Human Resources Manual (HRM)
- Enrollment – 6 Individuals enrolled
- Posting - 1 Individual approved for 60-day posting

November 24, 2020

- Approved a resolution to include all projects and expenditures from the Coronavirus Relief Fund projects recommended by the CARES Committee and approved by NPTEC, NP 21-063

- Approved the Social Services Department and its UuYit'Kimti Program to accept a Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Victim of Crime FY2020 Tribal Victims Services Set-Aside Formula grant in the amount of \$1,118,088.00 for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023

December 7, 2020

- Approved the Chairman's signature on the Indian Housing Plan attesting document has been provided for review and approved submission by the Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority (NPTHA)
- Approved a letter of support to the Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations (HL7N) to enter into a 20 year no-cost Indian Health Services Outlease Agreement for the construction of a new Outpatient Behavioral Health & Medical Center
- Approved the re-appointment of incumbent Stacey Kash Kash as the NPTHA Board of Commissioners with the term beginning September 2020 until the Fall General Council election September 2021

December 8, 2020

- Amended resolution to include all projects and expenditures from the Coronavirus Relief Fund recommended by the CARES Committee, NP 21-063 AMENDED

December 22, 2020

- Approved a letter signed by the NPTEC Chairman to Coach Nick Rolovich regarding the acknowledgment by the Washington State University football team of the Nez Perce homeland and request for tribal blessing of their football practice facility
- Approved the Students for Success Program to administer the contract between the Nez Perce Tribe and Idaho Office of Drug Policy for \$4,802.06 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 with a waiver for indirect fees
- Enrollment – 1 Individual enrolled
- Name Change – 1 Individual approved

January 4, 2021

- Enrollment – 1 Individual enrolled
- Posting - 1 Individual approved for 60 Day posting

January 12, 2021

- Approved the Social Services Department and the Law and Justice Department to submit a grant application to the Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) FY2021 Justice for Families Program

January 25, 2021

- Re-scheduled the Human Resources Subcommittee meeting from Monday, February 15, 2021 to Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. due to the Presidents Day Holiday
- Approved the Nimiipuu Health contract with the Department of Health and Welfare in the amount of \$39,277.51 from December 28, 2020 through June 30, 2021
- Approved an agreement with Idaho Department of Health and Welfare for Medicaid reimbursement services with Nimiipuu Health
- Approved privileges and three (3) year reappointment for Dr. Brad Capawana, Podiatrist for Nimiipuu Health
- Approved privileges and three (3) year reappointment for Dr. Dustin Worth, Physician for Nimiipuu Health
- Approved privileges and three (3) year reappointment of Dr. Thanh Vu, Obstetrician/Gynecologist for Nimiipuu Health
- Approved the agreement with Pathologist Regional Laboratory (PRL) for a term of two (2) years effective January 26, 2021
- Approved appointment of Loretta Spaulding to fill the vacant position of the Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority (NPTHA) Board of Commissioners (BOC)
- Enrollment – 1 Individual enrolled
- Posting – 3 Individuals approved for 60 day posting
- Name Change - 2 Individuals approved for a name change

- Relinquishment – 1 Individual approved for relinquishment from the Nez Perce Tribe

January 26, 2021

- Approved a letter to Rear Admiral Michael Weahkee, Director, Indian Health Service, Rockville, Maryland regarding Coronavirus and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act 2021

February 1, 2021

- Enrollment – 2 Individuals enrolled
- Name Change – 1 Individual approved

February 11, 2021

- Approved the 2021 Your Health Idaho (YHI) Agreement with Nimiipuu Health
- Blood Degree Correction – 1 Individual approved for blood degree correction

February 23, 2021

- Amended resolution to include all projects and expenditures from the Coronavirus Relief Fund recommended by the CARES Committee, NP 21-063

March 1, 2021

- Enrollment – 1 Individual enrolled
- Posting – 2 Individuals approved for 60 day posting

March 9, 2021

- Approved a letter requesting grant funds through the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children & Families Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) through the Office of Community Services
- Approved a grant application for \$374,954 to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) for OVW Fiscal Year 2021 Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program

March 15, 2021

- Approved the Carryover Budget for the SAMHSA Nimiipuu Prevention grant
- Approved a letter to the U.S. Department of Interior on the 477 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
- Approved the Nimiipuu Health Direct Care Policy
- Approved the Consulting Services Agreement between Trylon Associates Inc., and the Nez Perce Tribe Students for Success Program for the SAMHSA Native Connections Year 3 grant
- Approved the Consulting Services Agreement between Trylon Associates Inc., and the Nez Perce Tribe Students for Success Program for the SAMHSA Nimiipuu Prevention grant
- Approved the Consulting Services Agreement between Trylon Associates Inc., and the Nez Perce Tribe Students for Success Program for the SAMHSA Native Connections Supplemental (CARES Funding)
- Approved the Uu.Yit.Kimti Program to apply for the DOJ OVW Tribal Grants Program to support the Later in Life Program in the amount of \$888,210.00 from October 1, 2021 through September 29, 2023
- Enrollment – 3 Individuals enrolled
- Posting - 3 Individuals approved for 60 day posting
- Name Change – 2 Individuals approved for a name change
- Rejection – 1 individual rejected from enrollment due to insufficient blood quantum
- Approved the Statewide Agreement with Idaho American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services Programs, Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

March 23, 2021

- Approved to concur with the recommendation of the CARES Committee to approve two (2) new projects for funding under the CARES Act
- Approved a letter of support for a grant application for the USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, New Beginnings for Tribal Students Program

Land Enterprise Commission

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Intertribal Agriculture Council:

Paisano, Arthur-Attao (Alt.)

Indian Land Working Group

Arthur-Attao, Allman

Meeting Schedule

1st and 3rd Tuesday 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Overview

LEC purchases lands within the exterior/interior boundaries of the Nez Perce Reservation to strengthen our tribal sovereignty and jurisdiction. The LEC is to generate revenue through reviewing and approving agricultural, grazing, home site, and business leases on tribal lands. Programs that work with the Land Enterprise Commission provide a wide array of information and recommendations to the Commission which are Executive Direction, Natural Resources and Land Services. The Land Acquisition Group (LAG) meets once per month to review potential land acquisitions and make recommendations to the LEC and is comprised of member(s) from Natural Resources, Land Services, Wildlife Division, Finance, Watershed, Cultural Resources, Water Resources Division, Office of Legal Counsel, Enterprise EO, Law Enforcement, Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority and the NPT Executive Direction Office.

Accomplishments

The Land Enterprise Commission Subcommittee has accepted many reports since the 2020 Fall General Council. This is a brief overview of items presented, more detailed updates are included in the department reports.

September 15, 2020

- Approved the use of the home site and structures located on Tribal fee property 20-211 by the Department of Fisheries Resource Management
- Approved an agriculture lease on 4.5 acres of Allotment 1353A with the lease to begin on October 1, 2020 and expire on October 1, 2027 and lease payments to be \$300 per due on November 1, 2022 and each year of the lease thereafter

October 6, 2020

- Approved accepting the offer of the structure and property located in Wallowa, Oregon from the United Methodist Church
- Approved moving forward on working with the Community Rebuilds Organization regarding sustainable housing options
- Approved the assignment of the current agriculture lease on Allotment 1218 held by Daryl Crea to Seven Mile Farms Inc. due to retirement of farming business with all terms of the current lease to remain in force
- Approved the use of home site and structures located on Tribal Fee property 20-034 by the Executive Direction Department

October 20, 2020

- Approved a letter and certificate to purchase interests on Allotments 182-77-A, 182-53, 182-538, 182-136, 182-1368, 182-1448, 182-1512, 182-1721-A, 182-1765, 182-1767 and 182-3013 in an amount not to exceed \$7,354.48 to avoid interests going to fee status

November 3, 2020

- Approved the use of Stedman Property by the Executive Direction for development
- Approved the use of Zim's Property by the Executive Direction for development
- Approved a residential home site lease to #2388 within a portion of Tribal trust tract 3124 described as Lot 54-3 to begin upon approval for a period of twenty five (25) years with a twenty five (25) year renewal option
- Approved the Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority's (NPHTA) Purchase and Sale Agreement for Lot 22, Block 4 within the City of Lapwai in the amount of \$5,000.00

November 17, 2020

- No actions passed at subcommittee but met on Tribal Member Point of Privilege and department updates

December 1, 2020

- Referred home site lease on Goldner Road Tribal trust tract 3124, Lot 54-3 to Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) and be brought back to Land Enterprise Commission
- Approved a letter and certificate to purchase interests on Allotment 182-563 in an amount not to exceed \$355.56 to avoid interest going to fee status

December 15, 2020

- Approved designating Part 1 for Tribal Unit 3174 with necessary improvements for the Tribal Cemetery
- Approved a certified letter with edits regarding the Nash Property
- Discussion of fee to trust process

January 5, 2021

- Approved selecting Option A to refer the issue to Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority (NPHTA) for application of their written procedures and requesting that NPHTA make their recommendation to the Land Enterprise Commission within a certain time frame for the homesite lease on Tribal trust tract 3124, Lot 54-3
- Approved temporary use of the Stedman house by Wisteqneemit and Department of Technology Services until a final purpose is determined for the former residence
- Approved the use of the residential address of the Hayes Ranch by Wisteqneemit to establish a physical presence in Oregon
- Approved the placement of a manufactured home on tribal trust property #T3123 for the I'nit "Home" for Juveniles in Care Project youth shelter for ages 13-17 years old
- Approved the Purchase and Sale Agreement and authorized a residential lease for #2228 for 23818 Spalding Mill Road
- Approved the proposed Land Enterprise Commission Subcommittee budget for Fiscal Year 2021

January 19, 2021

- Approved the Natural Resources Manager and Land Services Director to bring a list of all fee lands to Land Enterprise Commission Subcommittee for consideration and determination of prioritizing identified parcels for the fee to trust process

February 2, 2021

- Approved acceptance of donated property in Wallowa, Oregon from the United Methodist Church

February 16, 2021

- Approved the amendment to NP 20-440 to reflect changes in lease terms on Allotment 1353A

March 2, 2021

- Rescinded action that Land Enterprise Commission took on November 3, 2020 to approve a home site lease to #2388 within a portion of Tribal trust tract 3124 described as Lot 54-3 to begin upon approval for a period of twenty five (25) years with a twenty five (25) year renewal option
- Approved the Nez Perce Tribe Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) to draft terms on the Access Easement across NPT TU2008
- Approved a one (1) year use permit for #3144 on Tribal trust allotment T3120 for a total cash rent of \$200.00 for the sale of fireworks from May 26, 2021 through July 14, 2021 and December 10, 2021 through January 7, 2022
- Approved the Fiscal Year 2021 Continuation Cooperative Agreement with the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) in the amount of \$378,288

March 16, 2021

- Discharged Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority's (NPTHA) recommendation to the Land Enterprise Commission Subcommittee dated February 24, 2021 per NPTEC Administrative Action dated January 12, 2021 #5 "action to refer the issue to NPTHA for application of their written procedures and requesting that NPTHA make their recommendation to the Land Enterprise Commission within a certain time frame for the homesite lease on Tribal trust tract 3124, Lot 54-3"
- Discharged referred item home site lease on Goldner Road Tribal trust tract 3124, Lot 54-3 to Office of Legal Counsel (OLC), (OLC Option A, B, C), (#12 Administrative Actions December 8, 2020) "Refer home site lease on Goldner Road Tribal trust tract 3124, Lot 54-3 to OLC and bring back to December 15, 2020 Land Enterprise Commission
- Authorized a residential home site lease to #2388 and #4125 within a portion of Tribal trust tract 3124 described as Lot 54-3 to begin upon approval for a period of twenty five (25) years with a twenty five (25) year renewal option
- Approved a resolution to adopt the Nez Perce Tribe (NPT) Land Acquisition Plan
- Approved the use of a portion of Tribal trust property 3122 on Bever Grade as approved in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Nez Perce Tribe and the Idaho National Guard for purposes of a practice shooting range
- Approved the use of a portion of Tribal fee Westgate Property 95-550 and 97-212 as approved in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Nez Perce Tribe and the Idaho National Guard for purposes of a practice shooting range

NPTEC Law & Order/ Intergovernmental Subcommittee

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Police Department

Probation Department

Prosecutor's Office

Public Defender's Office

Tribal Employee Rights Office

Gaming Commission

Child Support Enforcement

Fish & Wildlife Commission Staff

Liaisons

Idaho Council of Indian Affairs:

Wheeler; Mitchell

TERO: *Ellenwood; Broncheau*

Law Enforcement: *Paisano*

Judicial Srvcs/Prosecutor: *Broncheau*

Gaming Commission: *Arthur-Attao;*
Allman

Idaho Juvenile Justice Commission: *Ar-*
thur-Attao; Broncheau (Alt.)

Hazardous Environmental Response
Team (HERT): *Paisano*

Chairman Highlights

Tribal Code amended to adopt the **Hemp Regulatory Code** at Title 6, Chapter 13, whereby the Nez Perce Tribe assumes primary regulatory responsibility for hemp production within its jurisdiction

- The 2018 Farm Bill legalized hemp production and distinguished it from marijuana, which remains illegal under federal law (i.e., hemp has less than 0.3% THC)
- Hemp is an industry we want to invest in, to diversify our portfolio and ease some financial responsibility of our gaming enterprises. We wish to see more employment opportunities for our Tribal Members. Once we begin to cultivate our own crop, it will enhance our soil health by shading out weeds and reducing the need for synthetic herbicides
- CBD is often used for cancer patients, children with epilepsy, pain use, natural remedies for anxiety. In my experiences, CBD oil would be an alternative to opiate painkillers. Opiates have a high risk of addiction, especially among our elders.
- As Law & Order Subcommittee Chairman, I want to see more education for our Nez Perce people on the differences between marijuana and hemp. With regulations in place for hemp production, next steps include building internal infrastructure and a goal to plant our first crop in 2022. We hope to work with other jurisdictions and be transparent as possible in our operations with our membership as well.
- I am open to suggestions on how we disseminate information regarding our hemp operation and want to stress that hemp is a billion-dollar industry.

Meeting Schedule

1st & 3rd Mondays at 2:00 p.m.

Tribal Code Revision Project: We are still working on revitalizing the Nez Perce Tribal Code through review of each title and respective chapters. Soon, criminal offenses will go out for review and public comment to tribal membership.

2021 Nez Perce Tribal Police Detention Update

Minutes

SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

- Reschedule Law & Order/Intergovernmental Subcommittee to re-schedule the Law & Order/Intergovernmental Subcommittee from Monday, October 5, 2020 to Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. due to Bears Paw War Memorial.
- Services Agreement approve the Services Agreement with Peggen & Mara Political Consulting, LLC for continued Washington State Lobbying and Legislative Services. NP 20- 162 AMENDED
- Contract to approve the contract with Cindy Darcy for continued Washington, D.C. Lobbying and Legislative Information Services. NP 17- 414 AMENDED
- Contract Renewal to approve the Renewal of Contract with Courtney Johnson, Crag Law Center, for continued consultation services in connection with cleanup at the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. NP 20- 437
- Memorandum of Agreement to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Nez Perce Tribe and Nez Perce County Region II Detention Center. NP 20- 438

OCTOBER 8, 2020

- EEOC Contract approve the contract between the Nez Perce Tribe's Tribal Employee Rights Office and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) to provide employment opportunities and eliminate unlawful employment discrimination in the amount of \$26,000.00 for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. NP 21- 010

OCTOBER 19, 2020

- Code Amendment Posting to authorize posting of amendment to the Nez Perce Tribal Code Chapter 6-10 Election Ordinance for a period of thirty (30) days.
- Letter Motion/Mr. Broncheau, second/Mrs. Attao to authorize a letter to the Washington State Legislators.
- NPT CSEP 4th Quarter Report to approve the submittal of the Tribe's Child Support Enforcement Program (CSEP) 5th Quarter Financial Report with the Chairman's signature to the Office of Child Support Enforcement.
- NPT CSEP Updated Application to approve the Nez Perce Tribe's (NPT) Child Support Enforcement Program (CSEP) updated application to reflect the Office of Child Support Enforcement Program's recommended changes.
- Services Agreement to authorize the Services Agreement with Strategies 360, Inc., for continued Oregon State lobbying and legislative services. NP 20-163 AMENDED
- Destruction of Old Case Files authorize the destruction of hard copies of the Nez Perce Tribe's Prosecutor's Office Case Files that are older than seven (7) years and older that have been adjudicated or otherwise closed. Prosecutor Office will keep an electronic copy of old case files. NP 21- 036
- Destruction of Old Case Files approve the destruction of hard copies and shredding the Nez Perce Tribe's Probation Department old case files from 2010 through 2013 with an electronic copy of all old case files. NP 21- 037
- CSEP FY 2021 Budget and Grant Award to approve the Child Support Enforcement Program (CSEP) FY 2021 Budget and Grant Award from the Office of Child Support Enforcement in the amount of \$915,682.85. NP 21- 038

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- OVW Grant Award to accept the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) Grant Award 2020-SD-AX-002 in the amount of \$385,906.00 under the Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction program

for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023. NP 21- 050

- NCAI Preparedness Grant approve the Nez Perce Tribal Police Department application to the National Congress of American Indians Emergency Funding Preparedness Grant in the amount of \$9,950.00 and waive the indirect cost contingent upon OLC Review by November 9, 2020, with changes to the resolution.

DECEMBER 7, 2020

- BIA Funding approve the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) funding request in the amount of \$176,899.99 to the BIA Office of Justice Services for the Nez Perce Tribal Court.
- NPT CSEP Annual Data and Report approve the Nez Perce Tribe Child Support Enforcement Program's FY 2020 Annual Data and Narrative Report to the Office of Child Support Enforcement.
- Emergency Posting to authorize emergency adoption to the Nez Perce Tribal Code, amendment to Chapter 4-6 Sex Offender Registration and for public posting for a period of twenty (20) days prior to adoption.

DECEMBER 21, 2020

- Notice of Vacancy Motion/Mr. Paisano, second/Mrs. Edwards to advertise a Notice of Vacancy for one (1) Gaming Commissioner position ending December 31, 2023 with letters of interest due by January 5, 2020.
- CSEP Name Change approve a resolution to approve the name change of the Child Support Enforcement Program to Child Support Program with submittal to the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE). NP 21- 094
- OCSE Revised Guidelines Motion/Mr. Paisano, second/Mr. Ellenwood to approve a resolution to approve the revised Child Support Program Guidelines and In-Kind Policy to the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) for further approval. NP 21- 095
- Public Defender Contract approve the Public Defender employee contract, Carmel McCurdy for a period of three (3) years or on December 28, 2023. NP 21- 096
- Construction Loan approve the application for a construction loan in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 to construct a Nez Perce Tribal Detention Center/Jail for the Nez Perce Tribal Police Department with jail policy. NP 21- 097
- Code Amendment authorize the Nez Perce Tribal Code Amendment to Chapter § 6-10 Election Ordinance. NP 21- 098

JANUARY 25, 2021

- CSEP Quarterly Financial Report to approve the submittal of the Nez Perce Tribe's Child Support Enforcement Program (CSEP) 1st quarter financial report to be submitted to the Office of Child Support Enforcement.
- CSEP Amendment to approve the submittal of the Nez Perce Tribe Child Support Enforcement Program (CSEP) plan amendment to add the Case Classification Policy.
- Enrollment List to authorize the Nez Perce Tribal Court to have an up-to-date enrollment list of tribal members 18 years or older, living within the 1855 reservation boundaries, in order to establish jury pools for upcoming trials.
- Reschedule Law & Order Subcommittee reschedule Law & Order Subcommittee from February 15, 2021 to February 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. due to Presidents Day.
- Office of Justice Programs Grant accept the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice grant award 2020-AC-BX-0021 in the amount of \$451,032.00 under the Tribal Justice and Victim Services Expansion Project to end on September 30, 2025. NP 21- 144
- On-Call Pro Tem Judge Contract approve the On-call Pro Tem Judge contract with Ken Nagy through September 30, 2021. NP 21- 145

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- SOR Code Adoption to adopt the Chapter 4-6 Sex Offender Registration (SOR) amendments §4-6-17, §4-6-24, §4-6-30(1), §4-6-37(d), §4-6-32, §4-6-38, §4-6-39 to the Nez Perce Tribal Code NP 21- 160

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- Bill of Sale Agreement to authorize a Bill of Sale, Assignment & Assumption Agreement K-9 "Ruger" between the Nez Perce Tribal Police Department and Mike Stegner. NP 21- 171
- NARF Agreement to authorize the Native American Rights Fund to provide introductory Peacemaking training contingent upon contract effective date and resolution by NPTEC on February 23, 2021. NP 21- 172

NPTEC Natural Resources Subcommittee

Members

Ferris Paisano III, *Chair*
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Reporting Programs

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Fire Management
Wildlife
Fish and Wildlife Commission
Conservation Enforcement
Cultural Resources
ERWM
Hanford Cultural
Water Resources
Utilities

Meeting Schedule

1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.

Liaisons

Cultural Resources: *Ellenwood, Miles*
Utility Board: *Edwards*
Interagency Bison Management Plan:
Ellenwood; Mitchell (Alt)
Intertribal Timber Council: *Mitchell;*
Paisano (Alt)
Emergency Response Team: *Paisano*

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

CRITFC Officer: *Paisano*
In-Lieu/Treaty Fishing Access Committee:
Broncheau; Paisano (Alt)
Fish Co., LLC: *Paisano*
Enforcement Committee: *Broncheau;*
Edwards (Alt)
Pacific Salmon Commission Advisory:
Ellenwood; Mitchell (Alt)
Lamprey Task Force: *Paisano*
Fish Management & Science: *Ellenwood,*
Mitchell
Housing: *Broncheau; Paisano (Alt)*
Columbia River Treaty Advisory Board:
Broncheau; Mitchell (Alt)
US v Oregon Management: *Ellenwood;*
Mitchell (Alt)

Alternate: Fish & Wildlife Commission
will be the alternate on all CRITFC
Subcommittees only in the absence of
NPTEC Members

Accomplishments

October 6, 2020

Letter to Bryan Mercier, Northwest Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs to request year end funding to support the Lewiston Orchards Project

Letter of support to Wallowa Land Trust's grant application to the Collins Foundation

Comments to the U.S. Forest Service on the Forest Plans Amendment Forest Management Direction for Large Diameter Trees in Eastern Oregon Draft Environmental Assessment, Eastside Screens Project

Letter to USFS to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) regarding the Blues Inter-governmental Council

Letter to the Honorable Brad Little, Governor of Idaho, to express interest and appointment to the Idaho Roadless Commission as soon as possible

Letter to DOE of appreciation to Albert (Brandt) Petrasek, DOE - National Tribal Affairs Officer, for his 25 years of work on Native American issues on environmental cleanup at Department of Energy Sites along with a Nez Perce blanket

Research Permit Dana Hellman, Ph. D. Candidate, Portland State University, to understand and document individual perspectives related to conservation of the Zumwalt Prairie and Zumwalt Prairie Reserves

Special Use Permit SF Clearwater the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Special Use Permit for the installation of two (2) portable PIT Tag Detection Systems on the mainstem South Fork (SF) Clearwater River. NP 21-004

BPA 83853 NPTH M&E Mod #1 to approve Modification #1 to the Bonneville Power Administration Cooperative Agreement #83853 to add an additional \$19,468 NP 20-112 AMENDED

Buisman Use Agreement Use Agreement between Brion and Kay Buisman and the Nez Perce Tribe, Department of Fisheries Resources Management for use of the Buisman bridge to cross over the Imnaha River for continued access to the College Creek facility in the amount of \$1.00 annual fee NP 21- 005

EPA Air Toxics Grant to approve the one (1) year, no-cost extension of the EPA Air Toxics Grant budget and work plan in the amount of \$418,789 NP 16-031 (AMENDED)

No Cost Extension EPA three (3) month, no-cost extension of the Environmental Protection Agency Federal Air Rules for Indian Reservations (EPA FARR) Multipurpose Grant budget and workplan NP 20-247 AMENDED

OCTOBER 20, 2021

Portland Harbor Public Fact Sheet to authorize "The Nez Perce Tribe Cultural Impacts of Contamination at the Portland Harbor Superfund Site" public fact sheet

RER Team Appointment appointment of John Wheaton as a member of the Regional Economic Resilience Team (RER Team)

Research Permit for Rachel Ellenwood to do a study on Health Communication with Indigenous Populations with a request to see the final project

Utility Board Member to authorize the retention of Taricia Moliga to the Nez Perce Tribe Utility Board for a term of two (2) years

Utility Board Member authorize the retention of Mary Johnson to the Nez Perce Tribe Utility Board for a term of two (2) years,

BPA 86183 Lostine Wolf Wetland Habitat Cooperative Agreement #86183 between BPA and the Nez Perce Tribe NP 21- 023

BLM Redd Count Surveys Supplement #3 to the Cooperative Agreement #L16AC00283 between the Bureau of Land Management and Nez Perce Tribe to add \$20,000 for Fiscal Year 2021 NP 17-008 AMENDED

Portland Harbor Superfund Letter of Agreement for Funding Tribal Response Costs for the Development and Implementation of a Programmatic Institutional Control Implementation and Assurance Plan and Information Management Plan for the In-River Portion of the Portland Harbor Superfund Site NP 21- 024

IDHW Grant Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) award, sub grant to the Nez Perce Tribe in the amount of \$10,000 for preparedness training, exercises, and travel to be expended by June 30, 2021. NP 21- 025

DOE ERWM Cooperative Agreement five (5) year Cooperative Agreement, DE-EM000 5204, with the Department of Energy (DOE) for the Environmental Restoration and Waste Management (ERWM) Program's participation in the Hanford Site Cleanup with funding for Fiscal Year 2021 in the amount of \$1,362,750.05 NP 21- 026

DOE ERWM Cooperative Agreement five (5) year Cooperative Agreement, DE-EM0005200, with the Department of Energy (DOE) for the Environmental Restoration and Waste Management (ERWM) Program's participation in the Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council NP 21- 027

U.S. EPA FARR DITCA Amendment (EPA) Nez Perce Tribe Federal Air Rules for Reservations (FARR) Direct Implementation Tribal Cooperative Agreement (DITCA) Assistance Amendment, DI-01J25401-4, with funding for Fiscal Year 2021 in the amount of \$325,000NP 16-429 AMENDED

U.S. EPA Amendment EPA Clean Air Act 103 Air Quality Project Grant Assistance Amendment, XA-01J43201-2, with \$170,000 for FY2021 NP 19-030

IOEM Program Grant Idaho Office of Emergency Management (IOEM) awarded sub grant, Emergency Management Program Grant, to the Nez Perce Tribe in the amount of \$4,752.69 with a 100% match from the Tribe in the amount of \$4,752.69 for partial salary for the Emergency Management Planner. NP 21- 028

ACOEWW Contract Cultural Resources to provide the Clearwater River Archeology survey and Lower Granite site monitoring in the amount of \$81,249.69 NP 21- 029

ACOEWW Contract Cultural Resources to provide a Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP) Mitigation for Palus Canyon in the amount of \$74,145.36, motion carried. NP 21- 030

EPA Funding additional funding from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funding for five (5) grants eligible to be placed within the Performance Partnership Grant (PPG), including the Clean Water Act §106,§319, and §104 (b) (3), the Indian General Assistance Program (IGAP) and the State Indoor Radon Grant in the amount of \$584,037 for Fiscal Year 2021, motion carried. NP 19-147 AMENDED

EPA Grant EPA Region 10 grant for the Nez Perce Tribal Response Program for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020 in the amount of \$353,752NP 21- 031

Clean Water Act Funding grant award from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Clean Water Act §123 Funding Award for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$200,000NP 21- 032

NOVEMBER 3 , 2020

Monthly Report accept the Conservation Enforcement Division monthly reports for August & September

Letter to the Office of Energy Projects in Washington D.C., regarding proposed Goldendale Energy Storage Hydroelectric Project No. 1481-002 contingent upon OLC Review

Comments to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality for the Midas Gold Stibnite Mine Permit to Construct and Operate an Air Pollution-emitting Source

Amendments to the IBMP Winter Operations Plan for the 2020-2021 hunt season

IBMP Agenda to approve the IBMP Agenda for the December 2, 2020 meeting

ID OSC Crooked River Motion/Mr. Paisano, second/Ms. Miles to adopt an amended resolution NP 17-369 to approve the Amendment #2 to the Idaho Office of Species Conservation #009 16 CW Crooked River Valley Rehabilitation Project to increase the amount by \$24,744 for a total amount of \$272,517 to begin at the date of execution through May 31, 2021NP 17-369 AMENDED

BOR Flow Monitoring Amendment #2 to the Bureau of Reclamation #R17AP00333 Snake River Adjudication Instream Flow Monitoring Project to change completion date, to begin at the date of execution through September 30,2021NP 17-391 AMENDED

USFWS Kooskia FY20 Kooskia Cooperative Agreement No. F20AP11079-00 in the amount of \$499,049 for the period October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020 NP 21- 045

ACOE Portland District Contract No. W9127N20P0173 for the Cultural Resources Department to provide a monitoring plan along

the Columbia River in the amount of \$71,772.92 NP 21- 046

ACOE Portland District Contract No. W9127N20P0172 for the Cultural Resources Department to provide a Historic Context Statement outlining significance of Celilo Falls to the Nez Perce Tribe in the amount of \$62,765.32 NP 21- 047

Volkswagen Settlement Tribal Trust Volkswagen Settlement Tribal Trust Round Three Mitigation Actions in the amount of \$227,255 for funding in Fiscal Year 2021 NP 21- 048

BOR Technical Assistance Water Resources Division to apply for the Bureau of Reclamation Technical Assistance to Tribes grant in the amount of \$200,000 for Fiscal Year 2021 with a review sheet by November 9, 2020 prior to NPTEC, motion carried. NP 21-049

DECEMBER 1, 2020

Bear Aware Partnership Tribal participation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and Idaho Department of Fish and Game in a regional "Bear Aware" Outreach Program intended to education the public regarding living and recreating safely alongside black and grizzly bears,

this will include use of the Nez Perce logo in branding and outreach materials

Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee Membership to send a letter to the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) designating Dr. Kerey Barnowe-Meyer as the Tribe's representative on the IGBC's Bitterroot Subcommittee

Letter to the Forest Service regarding the Stibnite Gold Project

GeoEngineers Mod #3 between GeoEngineers, Inc. and the Nez Perce Tribe increasing the contract amount by \$16,200 for a total amount to \$100,805 and extending the date through March 31, 2021 NP 21- 071

Hanging Rock subcontract between Hanging Rock Excavation and Construction, Inc. and the Nez Perce Tribe to provide and deliver 460 logs and 668 cubic yards of slash for construction of the Tamkaliks Side Channel and Floodplain Restoration project in the amount of \$57,080 to begin at the date of execution through December 31, 2021 21-072

Steve Lindley Contract subcontract between Steve Lindley Contracting Inc. and the Nez Perce

Tribe for the construction of the Tamkaliks Side Channel and Floodplain Restoration project on the Wallowa River in Northeast Oregon in the amount of \$368,129.84 to begin at the date of execution through December 31, 2021NP 21-073

Eke Access Agreement for Access to Jacks Creek between Paul and Rebecca Eke and the Nez Perce Tribe, Department of Fisheries Resources Management to perform installation, monitoring, and maintenance activities for the time period January 10, 2021 to July 31, 2021 NP 21-074

Matthews Access Agreement for Access to Jacks Creek between Jonathan Matthews and the Nez Perce Tribe, Department of Fisheries Resources Management to perform installation, monitoring, and maintenance activities for the time period January 10, 2021 to July 31, 2021. NP 21-075

City of White Bird Access Agreement for Access to White Bird Creek between the City of White Bird and the Nez Perce Tribe, Department of Fisheries Resources Management to perform installation, monitoring, and maintenance activities for the time peri-

od January 10, 2021 to July 31, 2021NP 21- 076

Biomark Funding Services Agreement titled the Integrated Status and Effectiveness Monitoring project between Biomark, Inc and the Nez Perce Tribe in the amount of \$147,626 to begin at the date of execution through September 30, 2021,NP 21-077

Craig Junction Road Tower Site contract from WEIS Towers, LLC, for Cultural Resource Survey of the Craig Junction Road Tower Site for the amount of \$6,188.27 NP 21- 078

Culdesac Tower Site a contract from WEIS Towers, LLC, for Cultural Resource Survey of the Culdesac Tower Site for the amount of \$6,188.27 NP 21-079

DECEMBER 15, 2020

Comments to the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council regarding FAST-41

Monthly Report accept the Conservation Enforcement Division monthly report

Joseph Permit Chairman's signature on the City of Joseph zoning permit application for the construction of a storage shed

Payette National Forest comments to the Payette National Forest, McCall Ranger District, regarding the USDA Forest Service Brundage Communication Site Upgrade

Comments to the Custer-Gallatin National Forests concerning the 2020 Land Management Plan, draft Record of Decision, Summary and Final Environmental Impact Statement

Research Permit for Angel Sobotta to examine the Nimiipuu knowledge within the Traditional Nimiipuu

Research Permit approve the Research Permit for Karla Eitel for CIRCLES Alliance Needs Assessment project,

Grant Application approve the Cultural Resources Department to submit the grant application to the National Science Foundation in the amount of \$500,000 for the Weetespeme Stewardship Program

2021 Gardiner Buffalo Hunt open the Gardiner (Custer-Gallatin National Forest) Treaty Buffalo Hunt season from Jan 1 through March 28, 2021

FWC Commissioner Vacancy concur with the Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) recommendation and appoint Michael Tuell to serve the remainder of the vacancy term until the Fall 2021 General Council election

ID OSC Whiskey Creek Amendment #2 to the Idaho Office of Species Conservation #021 17 CW Project for \$143,000 to extend the contract deadline from December 31, 2020 to May 31, 2021 NP 20-061 (AMENDED)

Contract Motion/Mr. Paisano, second/Ms. Allman to approve the contract with the Algonquin Consultants to provide professional services in the amount not to exceed \$100,000, motion carried. NP 21- 086

Contract to approve the contract with Rye Development to provide Traditional Cultural Properties Studies in the amount not to exceed \$26,276.16, motion carried. NP 21- 087

JANUARY 5, 2021

Letter of congratulation to Jennifer Granholm, President-Elect Joe Biden's nominee for the United States Department of Energy Secretary

Non-Lead Position Paper for outreach and education purposes

Portland Harbor Supplemental Restoration Plan Portland Harbor Final Supplemental Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment NP 21-103

Meyer Trust Mod #1 Modification #1 to the Meyer Memorial Trust in the amount of \$136,978 for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021NP 19-145 AMENDED

BIA Right-of-Way Motion/Mr. Paisano, second/Mr. Ellenwood to adopt an amended resolution NP 16-009 to approve the payment to the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in the amount not to exceed \$1,500 or the amount resulting from the BIA Appraisal, whichever is greater, for the continued Right-of-way on Allotment #182-1686 for the time period January 2, 2020 through December 31, 2024 NP 16-009 AMENDED

Borgerding Access Agreement Access to Big Sheep Creek between Eric Borgerding and the Nez Perce Tribe, Department of Fisheries Resources Management to operate a PIT tag array for the time period not to be less than five (5)

years to begin at the date of execution through December 31, 2025 NP 21-104

BPA 74017 REL 72 Imnaha Steelhead #74017 Release 072 for the Imnaha River Steelhead Status & Smolt Monitoring project between the Bonneville Power Administration and the Nez Perce Tribe in the amount of \$828,257 from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. NP 21-105

BPA 74017 REL 73 Snake Basin Assessments approve the #74017 Release 00073 for the Snake Basin Steelhead Assessments project between the Bonneville Power Administration and the Nez Perce Tribe in the amount of \$1,097,774 from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 NP 21-106

BPA 74017 REL 74 JCAP O&M (JCAPE) O&M project between the Bonneville Power Administration and the Nez Perce Tribe for \$504,238 from Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2021 NP 21-107

BPA 74017 REL 76 Grande Ronde O&M #74017 Release 076 for the Grande Ronde Supplementation - Lostine O&M project between the Bonneville Power Administration and the Nez Perce Tribe for \$523,477 from from Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2021 NP 21-108

BPA 86723 Grande Ronde M&E #86723 for the Grande Ronde Supplementation - Lostine M&E project between the Bonneville Power Administration and the Nez Perce Tribe in the amount of \$497,958 from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 NP 21-109

CRITFC #T20-15 Tribal Data Steward Agreement #T20-15 with the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission for the Tribal Data Steward in the amount of \$34,988.16 for the period September 15, 2020 to September 14, 2021 NP 21-110

Grant Award in the amount of \$5,000 from the Siletz Charitable Contribution Fund to design an 'ammunition selection decision tree' mobile application for tribal hunters NP 21-111

JANUARY 19, 2021

Research Permit for Melanie Fillmore to recognize Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons as an issue impacting the State of Idaho

Letter to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the proposal to list white-bark pine as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973

Comments to Wal-lowa-Whitman National Forest on the Morgan Nesbit Forest Resiliency Project

Nature Conservancy Use Agreement between The Nature Conservancy and the Nez Perce Tribe, Department of Fisheries Resources Management for access to Camp Creek to perform installation, monitoring, and maintenance activities for the time period Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2026 NP 21- 130

BPA JCAPE M&E Master Agreement #00074017 Release #00076 for the Johnson Creek Artificial Propagation Enhancement Monitoring & Evaluation (JCAPE M&E) project between the Bonneville Power Administration and the Nez Perce Tribe in the amount of \$1,020,265 from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 NP 21- 131

BPA NPTH O&M Master Agreement #00074017 Release #00077 for the Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery Operations & Maintenance (NPTH O&M) project between the Bonneville Power Administration and the Nez Perce Tribe for \$1,945,039 from Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2021 NP 21- 132

BPA Crooked & American River Cooperative Agree-

ment #00086828 for the Crooked/American River Watershed Restoration project between the Bonneville Power Administration and the Nez Perce Tribe in the amount of \$754,374 from Feb 1, 2021 to Jan 31, 2022 NP 21- 133

Office Lease Office Space lease with MacGregor Daughters' Trust for twelve (12) months in the amount of \$600 per month, paid bi-annually, totaling \$7,200 from February 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022 NP 21- 134

Cultural Consultant Contract with Mario Battaglia to provide professional services for an amount not to exceed \$50,000 NP 21- 135

Research Permit Contract approve the Research Permit Contract with the Endangered Language Fund/ Native Voices Endowment (ELF/NVE) in the amount of \$10,000 with the waiver of indirect fee NP 21- 136

Precious Lands Contract FY 2021 Northeast Oregon Wildlife Project contract (74017-079) with the Bonneville Power administration from Feb 1, 2021 to Jan 31, 2022 for \$458,686 to pay for ongoing operations and maintenance of the Precious Lands Wildlife Area NP 21- 137

FEBRUARY 2, 2021

Agricultural Burn Fee Schedule 2021 2021 agricultural burn registration fee schedule for the Nez Perce Tribe Agricultural Burn Registration Fee Ordinance at (1) a field burning minimum fee of \$30 for the first ten (10) acres with a variable fee of \$3 per acre, and (2) a pile burning minimum fee of \$30 with no variable fee

Washington State Silvicultural Smoke Management Plan ERWM Air Quality Program participation in the Washington State Department of Natural Resources Silvicultural Smoke Management Plan update process

Lapwai Creek Floodplain Restoration Project authorize the rollover of funds for the 2018 Lapwai Creek Floodplain Restoration project to December 30, 2022 for an amount not to exceed \$85,428.78

Sweetwater Creek Floodplain Restoration Project authorize the rollover of funds for the 2019 Sweetwater Creek Floodplain Restoration project to December 31, 2021 for an amount not to exceed \$38,415.60

Jim Brown Creek Riparian Habitat Restoration Project authorize the rollover of funds for the 2020 Jim Brown Creek Riparian Habitat Restoration project to Feb 28, 2022 not to exceed \$22,491.67

Nevada Creek Culvert Replacement Project authorize the rollover of funds for the 2020 Nevada Creek Culvert Replacement project to Feb 28, 2022 not to exceed \$24,533.32

Stibnite Gold Project authorize the rollover of funds for the 2020 Stibnite Gold project to Dec 31, 2021 not to exceed \$22,500

Amend the Natural Resources Agenda to include Blues Intergovernmental Council

Blues Intergovernmental Council to name Marci Carter, Watershed Fisheries, Emmitt Taylor, Watershed Fisheries, Nakia Williamson, Cultural Resources, Howard Teasley, Forestry, Aaron Miles, Natural Resources, and the Natural Resources Chairman, to attend the Blues Intergovernmental Council (BIC) monthly meeting on behalf of the Nez Perce Tribe with a directive to request to move the BIC meeting dates from the last Tuesday of the month

RESOLUTIONS

BPA Harvest Monitoring to approve the Master Agreement #00074017 Release #00078 for the Nez Perce Harvest Monitoring project between the Bonneville Power Administration and the Nez Perce Tribe in the amount of \$279,616 from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

BPA Snake River Basin Mod #1 Modification #1 to the Bonneville Power Administration Master Agreement #00074017 Release #00062 to remove PIT tags from the budget in the amount of \$5,520 bringing the total budget to \$1,108,886 for the time period January 1 to December 31, 2020 NP 20-146 AMENDED

BPA NPTH M&E Cooperative Agreement #00086929 for the Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery Monitoring & Evaluations (NPTH M&E) project between the Bonneville Power Administration and the Nez Perce Tribe in the amount of \$1,812,124 from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, motion carried. NP 21-149

BPA Lochsa Cooperative Agreement #00087021 to Protect & Restore Upper Lochsa Watershed project between the Bonneville Power Administration and

the Nez Perce Tribe in the amount of \$913,428 from February 1, 2021 to December 31, 202 NP 21-150

BPA Lolo Creek Cooperative Agreement #00087084 for the Lolo Creek Watershed Restoration project between the Bonneville Power Administration and the Nez Perce Tribe in the amount of \$654,244 from February 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022, NP 21-151

BPA Lower South Fork Clearwater Master Agreement #00074017 Release #00081 for the Nez Perce Lower South Fork Clearwater River Watershed project between the Bonneville Power Administration and the Nez Perce Tribe in the amount of \$333,547 from February 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022 NP 21-152

USFWS LSRCP Grant Award #F21AP00406-00 from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan in the amount of \$1,746,526.71 for the period October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 NP 21-153

USFWS Dworshak Grant Award #F21AC00403-00 from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for the Co-Management of Dworshak National Fish Hatchery in the amount

of \$428,860 for the period October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 NP 21-154

WA State Recreation & Conservation Grant Agreement #20-1053R from the Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office for the Tumalum Creek Culvert Restoration in the amount of \$316,110 for the period September 16, 2020 to December 31, 2021 NP 21-155

Neil Ring Contract expend contract funds to subcontract with Neil Ring Trucking, Inc. for transporting 550,000 Coho smolts from Eagle Creek National Fish Hatchery to Idaho for release in Lapwai and Clear Creeks in the amount of \$33,075 for the time period March 1, 2021 to May 30, 2021. NP 21-156

Seedling Protection Maintenance Contract 2021 Seedling Protection Maintenance Contract with D-3 Native Wood Works, LLC of Grangeville, Idaho for an amount not to exceed \$32,550 NP 21-157

Memorandum of Agreement Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Federal Highway Administration, Idaho Transportation Department, and the Nez Perce Tribe regarding the resolution of adverse effects to archae-

ological sites NPNP21, Nez Perce County, ITD Key No. 13002 NP 21-158

2021 SRBA Allocation 2021 Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA) Allocation funding in the amount of \$15,000 from the Fish Habitat Fund. NP 21-159

FEBRUARY 16, 2021

Monthly Report to accept the Conservation Enforcement Division monthly report

Letter to the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, requesting consultation regarding the Cinnabar Mine Site

Letter to Asotin County Office of Legal Counsel and Cultural Resources to draft a letter to Asotin County regarding the Memorandum of Agreement

Buford Creek Fish Passage Motion/Mr. Paisano, second/Mr. Ellenwood to rescind resolution NP 18-359 and its amendments for the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Project Agreement grant award #17-1419R for the Buford Creek Fish Passage Project and associated Modifications 1 and 2 NP 21-164

Buford Creek Fish Passage Buford Creek Fish Passage Project Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office Tribal Grant Agreement #17-1419R in the amount of \$4,237,566 from January 19, 2018 to December 31, 2020 NP 21-165

BPA Red River Master Agreement #00074017 Release #00080 for the Red River Watershed Restoration project between the Bonneville Power Administration and the Nez Perce Tribe in the amount of \$950,000 from February 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022, NP 21-166

NP 21-159 AMENDED amendment to Resolution NP 21-159 to authorize Domestic Water Supply awards in the amount of \$88,756 NP 21-15 9 AMENDED

Lidar Data Acquisition Contract 2021 Lidar Data Acquisition Contract with Northwest Management, Inc., Moscow, Idaho in the amount not to exceed \$229,425.99 NP 21-167

Partners

National Park Service



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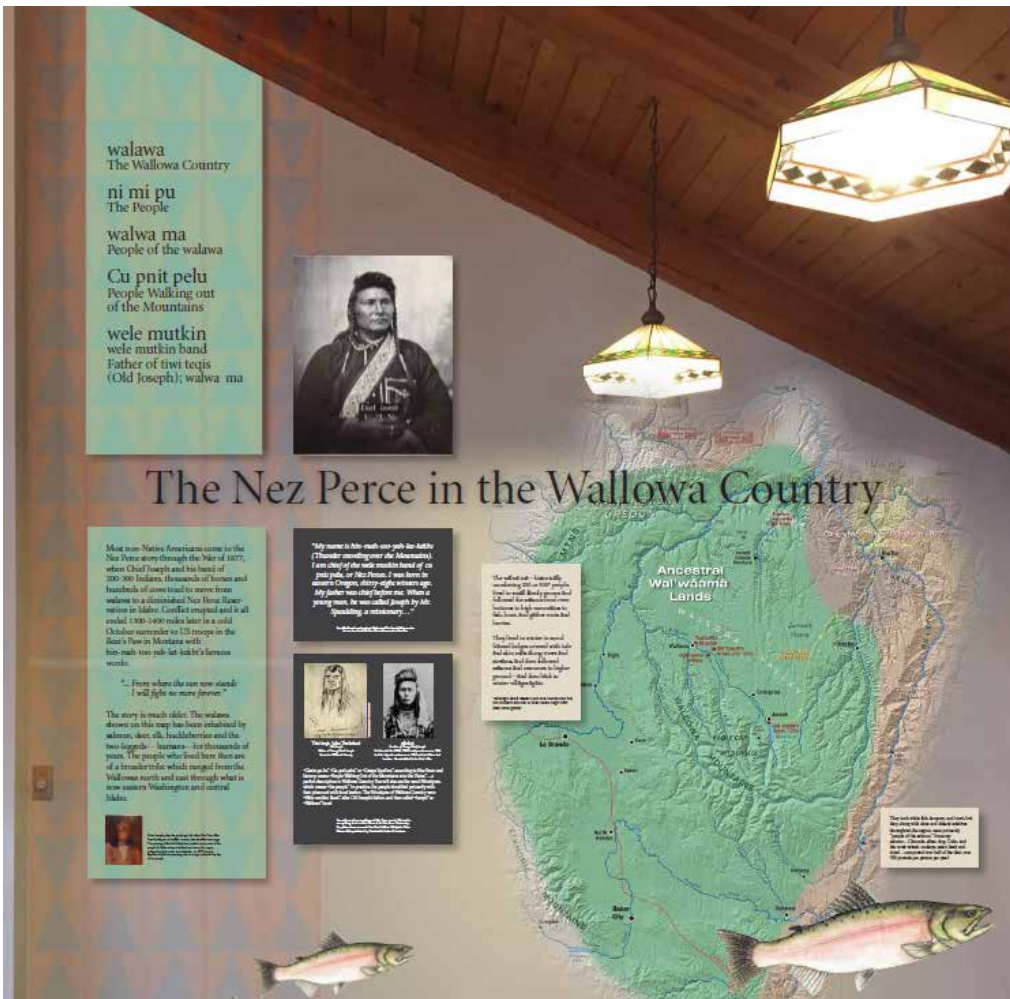
Like all in the community, Nez Perce National Historical Park staff have been adapting and creatively finding ways to achieve park objectives while working under the constraints of the Covid-19 pandemic. In compliance with state, federal, and NPS guidelines, the park closed the visitor center to the public in mid-November of 2020. Even with the closure, park staff have been hard at work managing park sites, ensuring preservation of park resources, and planning interpretive and educational programs for the coming spring and summer season. If the encouraging downward trend in Covid cases continue, the park hopes to reopen the visitor center this spring and return to a full-time schedule by summer.

The park is also pleased to announce that Steve Thede has been selected as the new Nez Perce National Historical Park Superintendent. Steve will replace former Superintendent Mike Gauthier who left last summer for the superintendency of Mojave National Preserve. With his 37 years of experience spread across 12 NPS sites, Steve brings a wealth of knowledge to the park. Steve will join us in May and is excited to get established here at park and connect with the community.

Park staff have been working closely with the Nez Perce Tribe Spalding-Allen Committee to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the reacquisition of the Spalding-Allen Collection. If all goes as planned this spring, several Nez Perce Tribal speakers and the June 26th Spalding-Allen Collection naming ceremony will be hosted by the Nez Perce Tribe at the park. The park also collaborated with the Nez Perce Tribe Department of Technology this past fall to enter into a contract to be the park's internet provider. This greatly increases the park's bandwidth, boosts our productivity and allows us to explore future development of expanded digital media offerings.

As we move into the spring, we're keeping an eye to the future in hopes that the Covid-19 pandemic will lessen its grip on us all. While mournful for those we've lost during these trying times, we look forward to the day we can welcome our community friends and partners to park with open arms, an unmasked smile, and a hearty handshake.

Joseph Center display



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The COVID-19 pandemic impacted the entire planet. Northern Idaho Agency moved to a full time telework schedule in the beginning of the pandemic, and progressively moved to a staggered on-site and telework schedule that we still employ today and will for the foreseeable future. Northern Idaho Agency was able to maintain our workload and accomplish many things during this time:

- 50 Agricultural Leases were renewed, 38 on allotted tracts, 12 on Tribal majority tracts.
- 4 Agricultural Leases were assigned from one lessee to another.
- 129 Agricultural Leases are in the process of being renewed, 57 on allotted tracts, 72 on Tribal majority tracts.
- 17 Gift Deeds involving interests in 37 allotments were completed.
- 7 Gift Deeds involving interests in 19 allotments are in process.
- 15 Land Sales involving interests in 4 allotments were completed.
- 1 Land Sale involving interests in 3 allotments is in process.
- 7 Residential Leases and Leasehold Mortgages were approved and recorded.
- There are several ongoing trespass investigations.

Northern Idaho Agency will be filling our vacant positions in the next few months. Last May we hired a new Administrative Officer, Erin Clemens. Erin, an enrolled Assiniboiné (Nakoda) out of Fort Belknap, MT, comes to us with a vast knowledge in construction and contracting, and is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. I was the acting superintendent from January through December 2020. I was selected as the new superintendent and officially started in January 2021.

Richard Ferguson
Superintendent



Nez Perce Tribe

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Front: Nimiipuu Health Director Dr.
Kim Hartwig receives the COVID-19
vaccination.

Back: NPTEC Chairman Shannon
Wheeler.

