September 1, 2021

Dear Nez Perce Tribal Citizens,

Niimiipuu Tamtá yn Piłamkinwaćet (Nez Perce Indians News re: GC Meeting)

The Nez Perce Tribe General Council Officers have deliberated with the Emergency Operations Committee, Dr. Hartwig of Niimiipuu Health, and Jesse Leighton the Executive Director of the Nez Perce Tribe regarding the 2021 Fall General Council. The decision to postpone the 2021 Fall General Council is based on the rising COVID-19 cases in our community and the current/predicted recovery stage of the Nez Perce Tribe for the initial dates of Fall General Council (September 23-25, 2021).

The 2021 Fall General Council has been postponed until November 18-20, 2021.

FALL MEETING OPTIONS: At the beginning of November, the COVID-19 status will be reevaluated, and it will then be determined if General Council can be conducted safely in-person. If not, a Virtual General Council will be held following previously established protocols.

ELECTIONS: Election Judges will be accepting electronic nominations for the Fall General Council elections. Elections for General Council Officers and Boards and Commissions will take place. The deadline to submit a nomination is September 15, 2021, by close of business. Late nominations will not be accepted. To make a nomination visit: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/21gcnoms

VOTING: Polling stations will be available at the Wéeyees in Kamiah, the Tewéepuu in Orofino and the Páyniwaas in Lapwai on: September 23 & 24 from 7:00A.M. – 6:00P.M. and September 25 from 7:00A.M. – 12:00P.M.

The ballot count will take place in Kamiah at 1:00 p.m. on September 25 and will be broadcast via Face Book Live (@NPT1855). Only nominees or a designee will be allowed on-site and is subject to change based on current Nez Perce Tribe Stage status. All polling stations will follow the active Nez Perce Tribe Stage protocols during that time.

Any enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe who is eighteen or over shall be entitled to vote in General Council Meetings or Elections.

For regular updates and more information on seats/positions visit www.nezperce.org

The General Council Officers continues to communicate with the Emergency Operations Committee to ensure the safety of our community. We value each of you. Be safe.

Warmest Regards,

Julia Davis-Wheeler
Nez Perce Tribe General Council Chair

Samuel Penney
NPTEC Chairman

Dr. Kim Hartwig
NMPH Medical Director