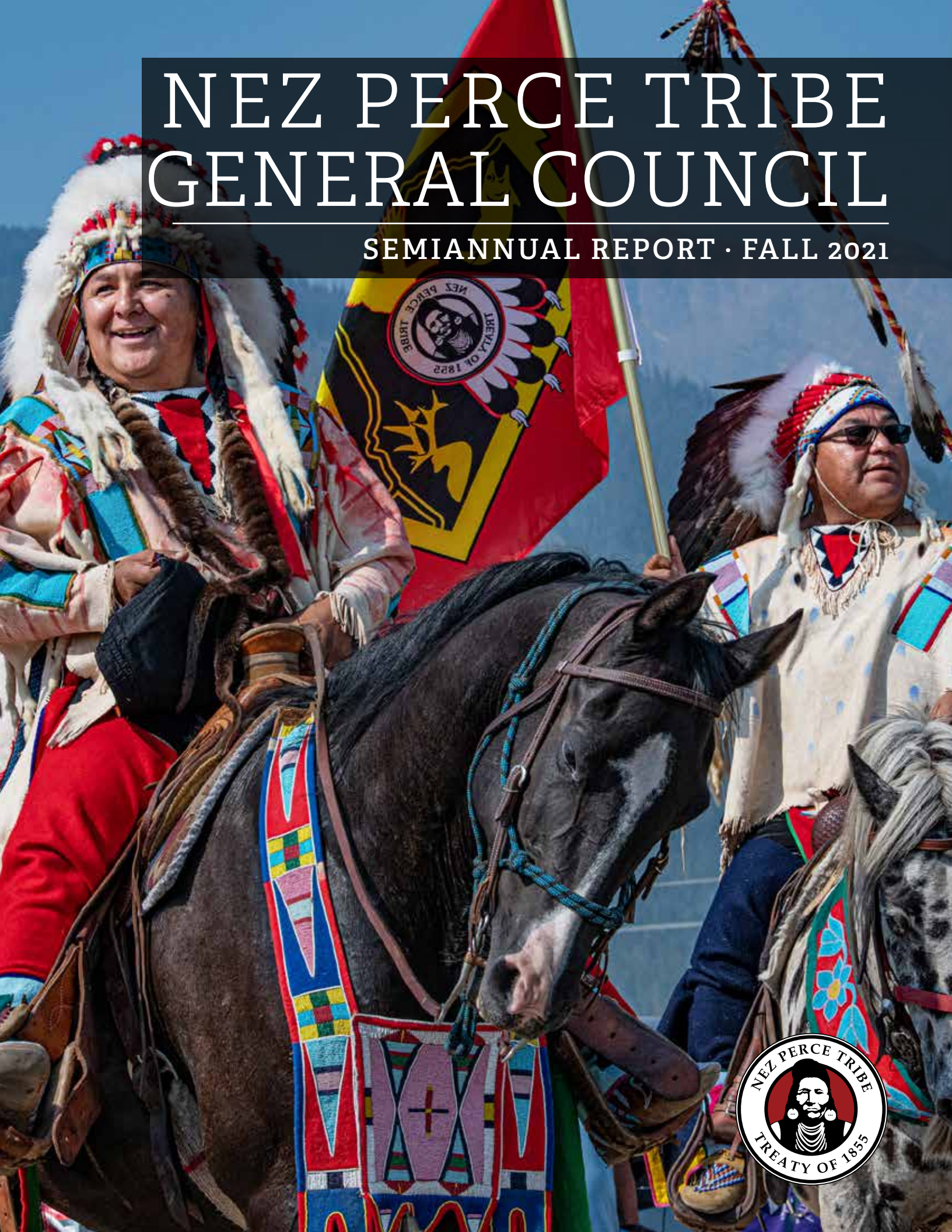


NEZ PERCE TRIBE GENERAL COUNCIL

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Nez Perce Tribe General Council

Fall 2021



Nez Perce

TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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September 23, 2021

Tá'c léeheyn Nez Perce Tribal Member and Guests:

On behalf of the entire Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee, we would like to welcome and thank you for your attendance of the 2021 Fall General Council. General Council is so important as it allows us to share ideas, express concerns and work toward solutions together. We value this time to hear from all Nimiipuu on how we can work for the betterment of the entire Tribe. As we go through the good times and the challenging times together, we must continue working toward the future and setting the table for our next generations. Your participation in this process is vital

With COVID-19, we continue to face strong adversity, as we have not yet seen the end of the pandemic. So while General Council continues to look and feel different, let us continue to be understanding and compassionate toward one another as this has not been easy on anyone.

However, we are resilient people and continue to find the best in difficult situations whether it be through humor or prayer. While we have faced many hardships, we have also experienced some touching moments over the last few months; births, graduations, milestone birthdays, weddings and so much more. We have also adapted to the changing environment still finding ways to make things work and ways to help one another.

Staff have worked diligently through these challenging times and have accomplished much, despite the circumstances. We believe the information provided during these meetings is helpful and useful. We encourage everyone to actively participate in the presentations provided over the next few days. It is important that everyone maintains awareness of matters concerning the Tribe.

We are glad you're here. May you and your loved ones be blessed with good health and safety.

Kind regards,

Samuel N. Penney

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Chairman

2021-2022 Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee



BACK ROW

**Quintin
Ellenwood**
Member

term: May 2023

**Rachel
Edwards**
Member

term: May 2023

**Ryan
Oatman**
Member

term: May 2024

**Shannon
Wheeler**
Vice-Chairman

term: May 2022

**Casey
Mitchell**
Treasurer

term: May 2023

FRONT ROW

**Samuel N
Penney**
Chairman

term: May 2024

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

term: May 2022

**Arthur
Broncheau**
Chaplain

term: May 2022

**Shirley J.
Allman**
Secretary

term: May 2024



Executive Direction

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 and the ability for employees to accomplish the goals set by the NPTEC.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Jesse Leighton
208.843.7324

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 regular job duties. Items in the tribal store are also available for purchase. Appointments can be made by calling the office.

Local Education Program Fund. Awards were shared by 12 local school districts, private schools, colleges and tribal programs totaling \$209,029.00 this year.

School Supply Distribution. Distributions were held in Lapwai on August 5th and Kamiah on August 12th serving children in grades pre-K through 12.

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 (off payroll) from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. at the Sweetwater Recycling Center in Lapwai and the Wa-AYas Community Center in Kamiah.

**SRBA INDIVIDUAL
WATER & SEWER
ASSISTANCE**

Otta Moody
208.621.4771

The SRBA Individual Water and Sewer Septic Assistance Program strives to ensure Nez Perce Tribal members have access to quality domestic water. Individual requests for water and sewer systems are accepted year-round with awards contingent upon individual need, funding availability and eligibility.

Nez Perce homeowners living within the service area may receive assistance including assessing water and sewer systems for upgrade, replacement or repair; ensuring adequate domestic 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 NP19-071 (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.

Within nine months of program creation, the Day Labor Program has 88 independent contractors and continues to grow every day. Twenty contractors have gone on to full-time gainful employment.

As of September 22, we've had 251 projects with various tribal programs and 102 elders. 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.

DAY LABOR PROGRAM

Sarah Davidson
208.621.3673

Aht'Wy Interchange BUILD Grant Award was signed in April, 2021. Rights-of-Way needs for this project is nearly completed. September the final Plans, Specifications and Estimates will be reviewed by ITD and FHWA. Late October or early November, ITD will bid the project out. It is anticipated for construction to begin before the end of 2021.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Mary Beth Frank Clark
208.621.3682

Cherry Lane Bridge construction began in April 2021. NPT Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) budget supported this project in the amount of \$300,000 plus staff time during project development. This County project is on scheduled and plans to be completed by October 2023.

The Nez Perce Tribe Appaloosa Express Transit Program has kept rural transit rolling. This past year the buses were supplied with additional safety measures to protect the drivers and passengers. The fleet continue to be thoroughly sanitized to keep public safe as possible.

The NPT Appaloosa Express Transit Program is soliciting bids to install the electric Bus Bay Overhead Doors on the current facility. This project will complete the unfinished work on this structure. FTA funding will be utilized.

Aht'Wy Circulation Road environmental documents and necessary geotechnical reports have been completed. Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) is near completion. Estimated cost to construct is approximately \$6 million. This project is on hold due to the recent acquisition of property adjacent to Aht'Wy Plaza site. Plan to revise the Scope of Work to include any improvements to the added property. Then, grant funding will be sought to construct this project.

The Transportation Program was able to purchase a new 2021 6500 Chevrolet Dump Truck for the Road Maintenance Crew. The interest funds from the Tribal Transportation Program federal funding from over five years was used to purchase this much needed equipment.

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.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT


*Ann McCormack
208.621.3710*

Members of the Planning Department have had three meetings since the last general council. The Executive Director has asked the planners to start to inventory all facilities owned by the Tribe.

The Renaming events were well received by the tribal community. There were many, maybe 300, who attended the renaming celebration on June 25, 2021. The new name for the historical Nez Perce collection, formerly known as the Spalding Allen Collection, is Wetx-uwi'itin' Collection, means: Captive Returned Home.

NCCC, National Civilian Community Corps, came to the Tribe again this summer. They provided 2,520 hours of service or \$37,800 of value to the Lapwai Community Garden, the Lapwai Nature Trail and the new Stedman farm. We thank them for their service.

The AmeriCorps VISTA program is going to transition from the Finance Office to Economic Development. The Tribe received a \$30,000 grant from AmeriCorps and matching funds in the amount of \$30,000 to hire a director under contract to run the program. There are five VISTA member positions possible in the program.



Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest, ATNI- EDC, Economic Development Corporation, has the DRAFT Strategic Plan almost ready to be presented for public comment.

CEDA, Clear Water Economic Development Association, is writing a Regional Economic Resiliency Plan. Report complete in 2022.

The community centers current focus is on providing quality youth activities and improving both programming and building services to our communities. Each Coordinator is a member of the respective community they serve.

The centers will seek to remain open during the pandemic but with modified operations depending upon the stage as authorized by the Tribe. Please help us keep loitering to a minimum for public safety reasons. All visitors to the centers should be there for an organized activity or to contact a staff member.

COMMUNITY CENTERS

PNW 208.843.7360

WYS 208.935.5261

TWP 208.476.7407



Education



School supply distribution preparation.

EDUCATION ADMIN

The 21st annual Nez Perce Cultural Camp was held at Cascade Lake 4-H Camp on July 27-29 (21 students in grades 8th-12th) and August 17-19 (55 students in grades 4th-7th). This year's camp theme was *páaytoqsix wicéenweesx weellú'q'itpe* (We are Returning to the Homeland at Cascade/Donnelly). Camp activities focused on tribal natural resources and increasing awareness about the southern area of our Nez Perce homeland. Language exercises focused on Nez Perce homeland terms and recreation activities. The camp also had an additional focus of *kíiye 'anaasqa'áncix núunim titéeq'is* (We are Honoring our Elders). Our 21st annual Nez Perce Cultural Camp logo is based on a 2018 photo of our long-time Resident Elders (Wilfred "Scotty" Scott, Bessie Scott, Florene Davis) at Wallowa Lake. Elsie Cree of Lapwai designed the logo.



The Nez Perce Education Department (Administration, STEP, Students for Success, Career Center) will partner with LCSC for a youth leadership training on September 28. The event will target participants of the Nez Perce Youth Advisory Board (SY 2020/21), Students for Success NAHOVA Advisory Board, and Nez Perce Cultural Camp 2021.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

For fiscal year 2021 budget: \$576,258.56; The NPTVRS program is to receive 43 applications with 22 successfully working for this fiscal year. As of August 13, 2021, the NPTVRS has received 68 applications for employment and workforce training services. Currently there are 31 open cases; 14 are first time applicants, 17 participants reopened their cases. Applications on file this FY are 46; under their

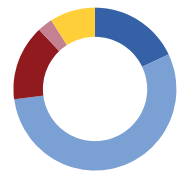
Individual Plan of Employment (IPE) are 21; IPE developed prior year 17, with a total under their IPE 38. The NPTVRS successful closures are at 11, which is under the expected goal by half and this is mainly due to COVID-19; and 9 cases closed unsuccessfully; lastly, all 17 other closures are based on; non-compliance with their IPE, incarceration or in-house mental treatment and or medical reasons, therefore, 26 closed unsuccessfully. One NPTVRS participant completed a 16-week Carpentry Apprentice program with the Tulalip TERO, with two tribal programs providing comparable services for this participants' success.

Services provided: Training- Flagging, Opportunities Unlimited Inc. On-the-Job Training, Computer literacy and Carpentry Apprenticeship and welding. 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 to date: \$35,066.16 on services to participants

HIGHER EDUCATION

Degree Types

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



STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS

Bridge challenge at GONA youth workshop

Group photo with
facilitators
Jerry Crowshoe and
Rebecca Lyn.



STATE TRIBAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

(STEP)

We offered the STEP “Introduction to Indigenous Pedagogy” hybrid class to our Kamiah and Lapwai school district partners in June-July 2021. This is a 2-credit class through LCSC. So far, we have 25 teachers and administrators from the two school complete the course since Spring 2019.

On May 7, we had a place-based learning in-service with Kamiah teachers at the Selway River.

Kamiah and Lapwai school staff attended the STEP 8th annual Native Education Research Summit in McCall on June 28-30. This PD focuses on culturally-responsive curriculum, language revitalization, state standards and cultural pedagogy, leadership, and community, culture, and collaboration.

In August, we started the Family Learning Series again targeting parents and relatives of middle school students at Kamiah and Lapwai.

- Completed successful TANF Head Start review.
- Received notice of award in the amount of \$53,573 for April 2021-March 2023 and will receive one-time supplement funding in the amount of \$212,977 under the American Rescue Plan.
- Celebrated Spirit Week, conducted HS Diploma pictures and walk-through at both centers. NPTEC members Ryan Oatman and Liz Arthur-Attao assisted.
- Kamiah and Lapwai Centers had HS/EHS graduation parade/reverse parade.
- Lapwai Center on brief lockdown on 5/26.
- Participated on bi-weekly School-Covid calls through May.
- Teaching staff participated in virtual curriculum training.
- Kamiah center still completing kitchen upgrades. The pandemic has impacted completion of upgrade, goods and services. Required to pursue an alternate plan.
- The FY22 CACFP budget has been approved by the State Agency
- Rich Ramsey on-site to discuss dumpster situation/fencing;
- Worked with the E/D to submit letter for CCDF Construction to set aside funds
- Seven teaching staff completed CDA renewals
- Summer CCDF children field trips to movies and NPT Fish Hatchery at Cherrylane
- **RACE TO READING SUCCESS! SUMMER RUN-GOING UP-STREAM 2021 READING INCENTIVE WINNERS: Riston Johnson-Miles and Selena Johnson-Miles 65 minutes! Thomas Lozon and Rebecca Lehman 90 minutes! Riley Hart and Danita Burch 105 minutes! Tailon Clark and Joe Guzman 255 minutes!**

***Joe attributes Tailon's reading success to limiting time on his tablet, if he wanted the tablet, he had to read a certain amount of time or books before he could use it. -Good job Joe and Tailon*

Volunteer Readers: Lt. Daniel Taylor, Officer Michael Stegner, Kayeloni Scott

NPTEC Members: Liz Attao-Arthur, Rachel Edwards, Casey Mitchell, Shirley Allman and Chairman Samuel N. Penney attended Race to Reading Salmon celebration luncheon.



Chairman Samuel N. Penney attended Race to Reading Salmon celebration luncheon

HIGHER EDUCATION

The Nez Perce Higher Education Scholarship Program moved to a new application website through SurveyMonkey Apply. This allows students to set up a personal account, receive notifications, and attach required documents in their student portal. Currently, we are processing scholarships for fall 2021.

CAREER STATION

(formerly Adult
Education)

The Career Center is a new recipient of a five-year project, Native American Career Technical Education Program (NACTEP), starting October 1, 2021. The NACTEP project will recruit (170) secondary and postsecondary students to enter training programs to prepare for in-demand occupations in a variety of industry sectors. They are manufacturing, health care, hospitality & tourism, technology, natural resources, transportation, building trades, engineering, and business & finance. The key education providers will be Lewis-Clark State College and Walla Walla Community College.

The Career Center assisted 170 individuals with an employment, training or employment service this fiscal year 2021 since October 1, 2020 to August 27, 2021.



*Partnership with NWIC Youth
Cultural Enrichment Academy*

Finance

Permanent staffing levels have been stable for approximately seven years. One new position was added this year, a Grants & Finance Specialist mentioned in our last report. This was filled by Natalia Cuevas-Jimenez, whose former position we are now recruiting. 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. We also want to welcome Chanel Higheagle to our Payroll Department, having taken the position vacated by Kylie.

A Year of COVID-19

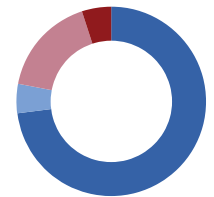
As reported at the Spring General Council meeting, the Tribe had received three installments under the CARES Act that total \$16.6 million that has to be spent by December 31, 2021. This is in addition to additional funding for the BIA, IHS and other grants NMPH or the Tribe received under CARES. As of September 30, there was just approximately \$350,000 not yet allocated by NPTEC, and the potential for some other projects to not spend their full allocation, which would add to that figure. 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 work is ongoing in Kamiah for 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 coronavirus pandemic. These were two large-scale, unexpected projects that were completed in record time by the staff.

Staffing

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

- 13 enrolled Nez Perce
- 1 enrolled other tribe
- 3 non-Indian
- 1 vacancy



Subsequently, Congress recently adopted the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) that will provide the Tribe an even bigger allocation than was received under the CARES Act. Again, these funds are dedicated to responding to and planning for the pandemic and its lasting effects. The Tribe received a total of \$34.3 million under ARPA, based on both our tribal enrollment and employment figures. As of September 30, \$5.3 million has been allocated in the form of \$1,500 financial assistance payments to all tribal members, leaving approximately \$29 million with which the Tribe has to obligate by the end of 2024, and actually make final expenditures by the end of 2026. NPTEC is waiting on survey results before making any final decisions.

Rather than appearing in this abbreviated booklet, the most recent Treasurer's Report will be available as a handout upon registration.

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



Nez Perce Tribe and Oregon Dept of Fish and Wildlife staff pass a small falls during electrofishing surveys in Bear Creek (Wallowa Mountains, Oregon).

ADMINISTRATION



Fisheries technician Sam Williams deploying a temperature and dissolved oxygen sensor on Wallowa Lake.

Political efforts on Snake River salmon restoration continues to be a priority. It involves weekly meetings with Congressman Simpson's Chief of Staff Slater; Oregon and Washington, NPTEC and, occasionally, other Tribes. The initiative was launched to the public in early February. The Tribe spearheaded meetings with other Columbia Basin Tribes, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Congressional staff and Administration officials to garner support. DFRM staff developed an analysis of the extinction risk to several of the Snake River Basin chinook and steelhead stocks that was presented widely in the basin and at the Orca Salmon Summit and generated considerable media attention and concern from the co-managers.

Hells Canyon Complex – The Tribe and Oregon sought and found solutions for Oregon's budget dilemma to fund completion of a TMDL for methyl mercury. This is the first step in reducing methyl mercury to levels that allow for safe human consumption of sturgeon from the Snake River. Met with Oregon DEQ staff as well as EPA, IDEQ and Idaho Power Co. to discuss drafting of TMDL. As part of the Hells Canyon issue, we also came to an agreement with Oregon to develop a sockeye restoration plan for Wallowa Lake.

Columbia River Systems Operations (CRSO) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) – attended meetings on litigation to stop current operations, flex-spill operations for 2021 and the newly formed flex spill working group. Filed a declaration in support of the Tribe's litigation and preliminary injunction on hydro operations.

Assisted with filing an objection to the large proposed timber project in the Clear Creek watershed. The project has the potential for impacting not only fish that spawn and rear in Clear Creek, but the Kooskia Hatchery water source as well.

Imnaha rotary trap launched at the Cow Creek bridge site by Neal Meshell and Joe McCormack.



A total of 63 cases were generated over this six-month time frame: 20 fishing cases, 14 citizen assist cases, 9 outside agency assists, 8 trespass cases, 3 littering cases, 6 hunting cases, 2 vandalism cases, 2 animal complaints, 2 animal assists, 1 speeding case, 1 other case, and 1 possible cougar sighting. At this time, all Spring/Summer Snake River Basin and South Fork Salmon Fisheries have concluded. Most fisheries ended due to lack of broodstock, reaching catch quotas, lower than usual river flow, and higher than usual water temps for this time of year.

Overall, this year's fishery went well, with most folks complying with tribally mandated rules and season regulations. The FWC recently took action to open the Snake River Basin Steelhead, Fall Chinook, and Coho Salmon Season. The date slated to begin the season is August 23rd. This season will allow for both ceremonial and subsistence fisheries, as well as a commercial season. Hopefully, the fall season will help offset the poor spring/summer season for our tribal fishers.



CONSERVATION ENFORCEMENT

[left] Illegal Tree Girdling

[below] Lapwai area illegal dump site



HARVEST



Anthony Capetillo giving a blessing at Hammer Creek fall Chinook fish release with Deirdre Abrams' 5th grade students. They released fall Chinook into the Salmon River at Hammer Creek campground. On hand were Idaho Public Television staff representing the 'Outdoor Idaho' program, as well as Nez Perce Tribe dignitaries, parents, and NPT staff from the JCAPE program.

Snake River Basin - 2021 review – Spring Chinook. Overall, we had another year of poor returns and few harvest opportunities for spring/summer Chinook. Preliminary harvest estimate for 2021 SRB spring/summer Chinook was 2,956 clipped hatchery fish, 35 unclipped fish (wild and unclipped hatchery fish), and 299 jacks.

Snake River Basin 2021 Fall Season predictions - We expect to see poor returns for many steelhead populations as well, but some potentially decent returns of fall Chinook and Coho salmon for this upcoming fall season in Snake Basin. The following numbers will be updated in-season once we get better information on each run.

Steelhead

- Preseason prediction is for 49,920 total steelhead (44,600 A-run and 5,320 B-run)
- The A-run is tracking to come in less than pre-season forecast and it is too early to tell on how the B-run return

Fall Chinook

- Preseason prediction is for 24,710 fall Chinook (16,082 wild/unclipped hatchery and 8,628 clipped hatchery)
- Target approximately 3,700 adult fall Chinook

Coho Salmon

- Preseason prediction is for 13,240 coho (10,150 to Clearwater and 3,090 to Lostine River)
- Target nearly 2,800 adult coho



Nez Perce Tribe and Oregon Dept of Fish and Wildlife staff collecting genetic samples and size data from trout in Bear Creek (Wallowa Mountains, Oregon).



Fisheries intern Evelyn Bohnée monitoring temperature and dissolved oxygen on Wallowa Lake.

Summer interns: Four high school interns (all that applied) were hired to work in Fisheries for the summer.

Fish Distributions: Division staff coordinated pickup, transport and distribution of 1,301 spring/summer Chinook – mostly jacks – to tribal members in Kamiah, Orofino and Lapwai communities. Fish came from Rapid River, Dworshak, Kooskia, Lookingglass, Lostine and Imnaha hatchery facilities.

Broodstock collection: The low returns of Snake River spring/summer Chinook to the Snake River Basin again presented a huge challenge with respect to collecting enough fish to make broodstock needs for most hatchery programs. A total of 12,102 adult broodstock are needed to meet production goals for hatcheries in the Snake Basin. This year only 35,314 spring/summer Chinook (hatchery & natural) were counted over Lower Granite Dam. Broodstock has been collected to fill hatcheries in the Clearwater, Salmon, Grande Ronde and Imnaha rivers. Programs that are short are Pahsimeroi and Tucannon hatcheries. Spawning of spring/summer Chinook at basin hatcheries will occur into September.

PRODUCTION



Orofino Field Office biologist Brent Broncheau reviewing marking data inside the Auto-Fish coded wire tagging trailer.

RESEARCH

Science Review Panels – Developed and presented five extensive project proposals for the Northwest Power and Conservation Council review. The response was largely favorable.

Wallowa Lake Intern - Supported a tribal fisheries intern who assisted with a Wallowa Lake food web study and gained experience with a variety of fisheries work in the homelands of Northeast Oregon.

Outplant - Outplanted 250 hatchery steelhead carcasses for stream nutrient enhancement in Little Sheep Creek, an important spawning and nursery tributary to the Imnaha River.

Tagging - Research Staff completed marking/tagging of a record number of spring Chinook, fall Chinook, and coho salmon with 1,045,000 coded wire tags (CWTs), 1,700,000 adipose fin clips, and 115,000 passive integrated transponder (PIT) tags.

“Fall Chinook in the Classroom” - trucked and released 85 PIT-tagged juveniles into the mainstem Salmon River at Hammer Creek. The fish were reared by Deirdre Abrams’ 5th grade class, who obtained the fish as eggs from Scott Kellar with the Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery. As part of the ceremony, tribal representative, Anthony Capetillo, gave a blessing prior to their downstream journey, and Idaho Public Television’s ‘Outdoor Idaho’ film crew was on hand to capture the event which is set to be aired this October (see accompanying photo).

Wild male steelhead.

Fish Movement - Monitored the movement of adult Chinook Salmon



in the Lostine River weir using radio telemetry to evaluate fish passage at irrigation diversions and in low-flow stream sections.

Low Water Flows - Worked with local water managers and irrigators in attempts to mitigate low summer flows and warm water temperatures in the Lostine River.



Habitat Restoration Monitoring

Clint Chandler, Watershed Division Monitoring Project Leader, and Montana Pagano in wetsuits preparing to snorkel and identify and monitor fish response at the Sheep Ridge Diversion Passage Project on the Lostine River in N.E. Oregon.

WATERSHED



Little Salmon River

First field tour of the Little Salmon River Watershed Collaborative being led by Watershed Division Project Leader Wes Keller and Keisha Miller. The goal of the Collaborative is to engage stakeholders across disciplines and ownership boundaries to identify restoration actions to improve water quality.



Crooked River

(SF Clearwater River)

Fifth year of the 2-mile Crooked River Valley Mine Reclamation/River Restoration project being led by Jenifer Harris, Watershed Division Project Leader, and Jarrod Crow. Contractor decommissioning the access road and filling the bypass channel. The water was put into the newly constructed river channel that is in the background.



Lochsa River

Lochsa field crew Evan Randall, Shawn Kashmitter, and Othoniel Lopez road side spraying noxious/invasive weeds in the Upper Lochsa River Watershed. The crew will treat approximately 470 acres along the Lochsa River, roads and trails, restoration sites, and Forest Service administrative sites (campgrounds, rock pits, etc.).



Wallowa River/ Tamkaliks Side Channel and Floodplain Restoration Project

Watershed Division employee Montana Pagano directing the contractor in installation of a large wood structure.



Field tour being led by Katie Frenyea, Watershed Division Project Leader, of the recently constructed side channel where it re-enters the Wallowa River. The side-channel project will benefit steelhead, summer Chinook, re-introduced Coho Salmon, and lamprey.

The restoration site also restores wetlands and culturally important tule and *qemas* are planted.

Fred Haberman preparing for the installation of an Instream PIT Tag Detection System upstream of Golden, Idaho on the South Fork Clearwater River.



Jay Oatman removes fish from the South Fork Clearwater River juvenile fish trap while Eric Wilcox spots for safety while waiting to receive the fish for sampling and reposition the trap.



Fisheries Technicians Sam Davis (front) and Dale Brown (back) stand downstream of the Jacks Creek adult steelhead weir in May to assess water conditions.



Human Resources

Ms. Keesha Spencer was selected to fill the Human Resources Health Benefits Technician position and Ms. Carey Reuben was selected to fill the Human Resources Office Specialist I position.

Cross-trained staff in completing Work History Reports and has successfully completed 29 Work History Report requests.

Completed renewal/open enrollment of employees in the Nez Perce Tribe Health Benefits for the FY 2022.

Working on renewal of the Nez Perce Tribe Automobile, General, and Workman's Compensation Insurance policies for FY 2022.

Re-aligned the administrative processes of the department resulting in improved tracking of Employee Action Notices.

Provided 6 First Aid/CPR AED training classes to 73 employees.

The Risk Management Coordinator successfully completed BLS First Aid Instructor certification.

Begun providing New Employee Orientation on a regular basis.

Coordinated the timely submission of the 401K Audit for FY 2020.

Anthony D. Johnson
HR Manager

Alexes Baptiste
Executive Assistant

Melissa Guzman
HR Generalist

Robert Kipp
HR Specialist

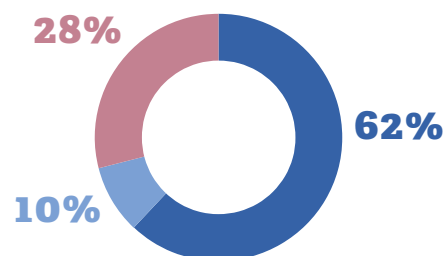
Loretta Spaulding
Risk Mgmt Coordinator

Keesha Spencer
Health Benefits Tech

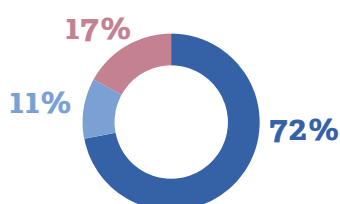
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Employee Statistical Report

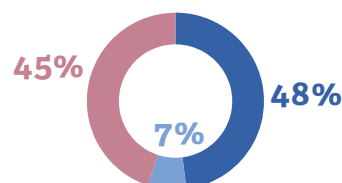
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Total Tribal Government



Positions at Grade 15 and below



Positions at Grade 16 and above

BY THE NUMBERS

23 new recruitments
5 FMLP applications
565 enrolled health plans

Claims

10 Workman's Comp
2 Auto
1 General liability

Law and Justice

LAW & ORDER EXECUTIVE OFFICE

The Nez Perce Tribe has recently entered into a memorandum of Agreement for dispatch services with Nez Perce County. The Tribe is currently transitioning dispatch from Whitcom to Nez Perce County, which this project is on track for the switchover.

Initiated drafting application for 638 funding of staffing for Detention Center.

Provided for transition of a portion of the holding cells area of Tribal Courthouse from the Police Department to the Tribal Court for use as storage space.

NEZ PERCE TRIBAL COURT

Healing to Wellness Court (HTWC) successfully graduated two participants and we currently have five participants in the program. Also, in the past four years we have graduated six participants.

We have received funding through the BIA 638 to hire a Bailiff and a Data Entry clerk. Also, this funding will be used to install safety equipment in the Lapwai and Kamiah Law & Justice buildings.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Probation Officer, Kenneth Bourgeau attended the 46th annual American Probation and Patrol Association (APPA) training that was held in Boston, August 22-26, 2021. Juvenile Probation Officer, Breanne Speas attended the APPA conference virtually.

Juvenile Probation Officer, Breanne Speas helped plan the pride event and the Nez Perce Tribal Police Departments national night out event.

Probation staff is currently working on revising their Department's Policy and Procedures.

Increased coordination between the court, the prosecutor's office and the police department by maintaining weekly lists that track no contact orders, defendants who are not to possess weapons, and defendants who are on probation or pre-trial supervision.

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Continued with weekly domestic violence response meetings to ensure that incidents of violence do not fall through the cracks. We make service referrals to New Beginnings, social services, Elder Protection and the police to serve individuals in need.

Began process of developing a coordinated plan of how to better help individuals suffering from mental illness.

Active filing of motions to dismiss for violation of speedy trial in a number of older cases, as well as negotiation with the Prosecutor to dismiss other cases that have been pending from prior to the Covid shutdown from March 18 to June 1, 2020.

PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

We also were able with the help of Day Labor (Sonia Van Woerkom) to complete scanning of all court files (a total of 1399 case files) onto our system from the years 2010 to 2021. This will allow us to have instant access to older files, and will also to have digital files in place as we request permission to destroy paper files at the appropriate times.

This office has been actively assisting a number of Tribal members with civil matters before the Court as permitted by Tribal Code.

**TRIBAL
EMPLOYMENT
RIGHTS OFFICE**
(TERO)



TERO staff attended the 2021 National TERO Convention at CDA Casino, August 9-12, 2021. Lita Federico was awarded the 2021 TERO staff of the year award.

TERO Dispatches

<i>Dispatch</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Comment</i>
TERO Dispatches	July	16	General Labor
TERO Dispatches	August	20	Flaggers/labors
New TERO CIB's		2	Turned in Applications
TERO Gas Cards		30	(Participant Service) \$25x30=\$750
TERO Dispatch		1	Student finished CDL school
Flagging Class		12	New TERO flaggers

**GAMING
COMMISSION**

The Nez Perce Tribe Gaming Commission office completed the fiscal year external audit of the Tribal Gaming Operations as required by federal, tribal gaming laws, and the State Compact.

Maintained and processed approximately 300 gaming license cases.

**CHILD SUPPORT
PROGRAM**
(CSP)

The Child Support Program (CSP) has been working on community outreach and collaboration. CSP staff assisted with Mamay'asnim Hiteemenwees staff training, monthly food distributions, YCEA Youth Camp, Wallowa Youth Camp, Every Child Matters Memorial Walk, NPTHA Home Fair and MMIW Walk. If your program/organization would like to partner with us.



August is Child Support Awareness Month! The Child

Support Program had an Ice Cream Social and Trivia during the Summer Basketball League, participated in the Looking Glass Pow-wow Parade and Information Booth at the Pow-wow. The program ended the month off with Child Support Trivia and raffled off a 120 Qt. Cooler and other prizes.

Child Support Program has hired Ronald Calhoun as our Child Support Program Attorney. Our program is very fortunate to have Mr. Calhoun join our team. He brings experience from both the private and public sector of law which has benefited our program.

FWC Office Specialist prepared and developed season regulations, permit applications, permits and other documentations for the Columbia River Zone 6 (CRZ6), the Snake River Basin (SRB) tributaries and the lamprey fishery at Willamette Falls. From end of May through August 22, 2021, 7 season regulations for the CRZ6 & Willamette Falls fishery was processed and 7 SRB tributary season regulations included seasons openings and closures.

Prepared documents and payment for two individuals that canned 307 pint jars of the 2020 spring chinook salmon for the FWC.

Assisted the FWC with preparing the notices and other documents for the FWC auction of excess fishing gear held August 14, 2021.


Construction project, broke ground on our adult 32-bed jail facility.

On August 17, 2021 our department held our National Night out at Lapwai City park with other First responders: Nez Perce County, Lapwai City, and Julietta rural fire departments joining our department in having a parade followed with a distant gathering and with Dancing Eagle drum group, this was led by Lee White Plume opened with a traditional honor song and NPTEC



FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

NEZ PERCE TRIBAL POLICE



Vice-Chairman Shannon Wheeler sharing opening words. Due to the rise of COVID, activities were limited so our department shared hamburger and hot dogs and had a small door prize raffle for those in attendance.

A Drug Task Force group has been established by the NPTEC that include Law Enforcement, Nimiipuu Health, Behavioral Health, Law and Justice, Social Services, Students for Success and Communications. The “Drug Task Force” will be working together to collaborate on how to promote education, rehabilitation and prevention on the Nez Perce Indian Reservation. Lieutenant Dan Taylor is leading this task force.

Natural Resources

The Department of Natural Resources Administration includes the administrative duties, direction, financial responsibilities, and personnel management for the department for the overall operations. The DNR is responsible for managing the tribe's land (fee title, and trust) including air and water quality, wildlife, forest resources, agriculture, and cultural resources. The management includes land acquired with interest from the Dworshak Mitigation Fund, and the Snake River Basin Settlement. Precious Lands was acquired in the early 1990's for wildlife habitat and is managed under the department. Each division that comprises the department has a role and responsibility in the protection and enhancement of various natural resources/cultural resources that are terrestrial, aquatic, and part of the reservation airshed.

In carrying out a long-term active management outlook of tribal land and resources, the role of the DNR Manager and Directors is to ensure that Tribe's Finance and Human Resource policies and procedures are being adhered to for personnel management, and the expenditure of grants/contracts meets the requirements of the Tribe's Finance Manual. The manager position reports to the Executive Director for personnel and day-to-day management as well as larger policy issues. Those policy matters are also addressed in the form of administrative actions or resolutions from the subcommittee process for Natural Resource Subcommittee and Land Enterprise Commission meetings.

NATURAL RESOURCE ADMINISTRATION

*Aaron Miles, Sr.
DNR Manager*

Since the last Spring General Council, the Department Manager has been involved in the following work:

- Participates as the Idaho Tribal Representative for the Environmental Protection Agency's Region 10's Tribal Operations Consortium (TOC) for the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. The TOC meets on a monthly basis to address EPA initiatives, and also tribal concerns on a national, regional, state, and tribal level. Each year the TOC plans the Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit to inform and educate Tribes on a federal policy and law level. Due to COVID-19 the TELS has been held through videoconferencing.
- The Tribe's Emergency Operations Committee (EOC) meets once a week to address COVID-19 related concerns. The DNR Manager serves as the alternate Incident Commander for the EOC as a Incident Command System in support of Nimiipuu Health as the Tribe's Public Health representation. The EOC plays an integral role to support tribal members who become sick from the COVID-19 virus, and the variants. The EOC is able to provide a minimal level of support to quarantine individual tribal members who may have been exposed or who could become exposed to a family member or friend who lives in the same household. Currently the EOC is moved to once a week meetings to address the Delta Variant cases in our tribal communities.
- The Department technical staff drafted an Environmental Impact Statement for the Integrated Resource Management Plan. This plan is being reviewed by the management and the NPTEC for further consideration and draft edits.
- Coordination and planning for a tribal vineyard.
- NPTEC/Office of Legal Counsel is actively commenting on US Forest Service projects that require the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act required by law.
- The DNR Manager has been in coordination with the Nez Perce Clearwater Forest regarding the development of forest management under the new 638 Contracting Laws under US Department of Agriculture Good Neighbor Authority, and other mechanisms to "co-manage" tribal land ceded to the United States under Treaty.
- Ongoing land management of tribal, allotments, and fee land that is designated for agriculture and forest land management. This includes thinning projects to protect tribal forests from wildfire, insects and disease through various management tools. Staff work to protect wildlife, aquatic resources, and cultural resources (both heritage and subsistence in characteristic).

Chantel Greene, interim Natural Resource Planner, has picked up several of the projects that the late Cassandra Kipp led for the Tribe. This includes the AgLime Feasibility Project, a riding arena for the Horseman's Program, Eco-tourism, and many other projects where expertise was solicited to obtain a contractor for research and feasibility. The role of the Planner is to work with tribal governmental and enterprise programs to eventually develop these projects for profitability. When the feasibility studies are complete, the role of the Planner is to report back to provide a sound recommendation to either move forward with the project or not.

NATURAL RESOURCES PLANNER

*Chantel Greene
DNR Planner*

Despite issues related to Covid-19 pandemic, the Cultural Resources Program (CRP) was able to implement our Internship Program for Summer 2020- although with an abbreviated timeframe. The CRP Internship program recruited 8 tribal interns, paid for with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Department of Energy (DOE) funding.

CULTURAL RESOURCES DIVISION

*Nakia Williamson
Director*

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

*Howard L. Teasley Jr
Interim Director*

Light Detection and Ranging (Lidar) – Forestry & Fire, ERWM & Wildlife divisions have purchased Lidar data for all Tribal forested lands within the 1863 reservation and the Craig Mt. Wildlife Management Area. Wildlife division included the Dworshak Mitigation properties and the ERWM division added two additional watersheds (Suzie creek and Sevenmile Creek) for wildlife and emergency management mitigation purposes respectively. Lidar, which stands for Light Detection and Ranging, is information derived from a special sensor mounted on the underside of an airplane. Light pulsating from the sensor to the earth's surface provides a three-dimensional map pertaining to surface characteristics. This information will be especially useful in mapping current forest conditions that assist with holistic land management strategies pertaining to forestry, wildlife, water, fisheries, and emergency management. Data products will include updated slope, roads, biomass, streams, stream shading, tree metrics (i.e., height, species, diameter, etc...) and other derived products that are useful in assessing current ecological function and structure on Tribal lands. (See Figure 1 – Variable forest structure Talmaks Rd, north of the Talmaks Encampment)

Fire Prevention continues to work cooperatively with fire agencies in the region, trained and is now implementing a new Wildfire Prevention Spatial Assessment and Planning tool. The tool will streamline planning and reporting efforts. We are implementing a media campaign for the 2021 fire season including educational billboard radio, and movie theater advertising. Educational seminars for community members were held early summer as well as two Smokey Bear parade appearances. Fire Danger signs were updated six times, investigated seven fires with two agency assisted investigations. (See Figure 2 – Sander Grade Fire 6/28/21 100 acres)


In recent months, Wildlife staff have focused on the following areas and tasks:

WILDLIFE

*Neil Thagard
Director*

Conservation Planning and Project Review: The Wildlife Division conducts routine reviews of major resource management projects (e.g. forest management, livestock grazing, crop leases, etc.) proposed by other Tribal programs as well as the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and other federal and state agencies. Proposals of particular recent attention and collaborative effort include the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest's plan revision, Stibnite gold mining, and management practices on Tribal land. Staff have completed a draft Plant and Wildlife Conservation Plan and draft list of wildlife and plant species of conservation concern for review by Tribal resource managers and the NPTEC.

Bison Management: Staff continues to provide technical support to the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee and Fish and Wildlife Commission regarding bison hunting and management in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Tribal Wildlife staff monitored federal and state policies affecting bison and treaty hunting opportunities, bison dispersal, while providing management recommendations requested by Tribal leadership. Currently, the Tribe is working with the Custer-Gallatin National Forest on their forest plan revision to incorporate more habitat improvements for bison. The new Forest Plan is expected to be released to the public later this fall/winter. The Tribe also continues to work with the other treaty tribes (as well as those tribes and other agencies) in an effort to have all hunt parties join the MOA, intended to create a safer and more hunter-friendly environment in the Beattie Gulch area near Gardiner, MT. This effort is being continued with other tribes that are joining the hunt. The Nez Perce Tribe 2020/2021 bison hunting season was extended from




March 18th to March 28th to allow for adequate hunting and harvest opportunities (NPT harvest was 76 bison for the season). Overall harvest, by all hunting entities, was very limited due to the lack of snow accumulation and migratory activity. The National Park Service did not trap any bison this past season – agreement was made in the Winter Operations Plan to not trap if any hunters were on the landscape. With the Northern bison population well above the social objective, the season extension creates little adverse impact to the population, but may be impacting bison dispersal throughout the Montana Bison Tolerance Zones that were expanded in 2016.

Condor Recovery: Staff continue to implement the Hunting Stewardship and Safety Program designed to promote voluntary conversion to non-lead ammunition. Many of our youth outreach activities have been postponed due to COVID concerns but we are currently offering 1-day outdoor schools in cooperation with the UI Extension 4-H club and hunter education classes in association with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. We are also on track to host a youth hunting camp in the fall. Phase II of the Condors in Hells Canyon project was initiated this spring with site visits to prioritize potential release sites from about 20 down to three high value sites; one each on tribal, private and Nature Conservancy property in Wallowa County, OR. The project suffered a slight setback when the newly hired Conservation Planner left to take another job but the work will continue with existing staff.

Rare Plant Conservation: Rare Plant Project staff have completed all currently-funded projects and are seeking new support to continue prairie and rare plant conservation work. Tribal botanists continue to work cooperatively with other partners to further recovery of two federally listed species (Macfarlane's Four O'clock and Spalding's Catchfly) within the Nimiipuu homeland.

Integrated Resource Management Planning: A complete draft of the Tribe's IRMP and associated Programmatic Environmental Im-



pact Statement (PEIS), provisionally approved under NP 16-331, was completed in October 2019. Those draft documents are under active review by Tribal leadership. Once accepted by the NPTEC and BIA, the draft documents will be released to the public for review and comments.

Precious Lands and Dworshak Mitigation Programs: Tekinkéecet Waq'iswiitoqt (Dworshak Wildlife Habitat Mitigation) Program staff undertook a number of actions this summer to help restore old agricultural fields, enhance riparian communities, and improve forest stand conditions. The fight against noxious and invasive weeds continued from previous years, with a particular focus on the Iceyéeyenm Hipinwées (Posthole Creek) and Túkéespe (Cream Ridge) Wildlife Conservation Areas. The Program continues to evaluate properties for potential purchase to expand the recovery and enhancement of wildlife habitat within and adjacent to the Reservation.

The Hété'wits Wétes (Precious Lands) project has been limited in some field activities this year due to wildfire threats and the extremely hot, dry conditions. The 7,000+ acre Joseph Canyon fire burned approximately 1,520 acres of the wildlife area in early June but personnel from Oregon Department of Forestry and the Bureau of Land Management were able to suppress it within a week after its ignition from a lightning storm. Weed control work was actually enhanced by the dry spring weather since crews had more opportunities to safely apply herbicide to problematic species. Weeds also germinated fewer seeds and had slower growth in the drought conditions which was also beneficial.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) – the Wildlife Division has recommended Best Management Practices in an effort to avoid transmitting CWD to Cervidea (deer, elk, moose, and caribou) in non-detected

areas. NPT hunters pursue elk in Montana, which is a CWD positive state. Efforts are being coordinated to prevent the transportation of the disease into non-infected states, the Wildlife Division has provided leadership with its recommendations.

The Wildlife Division recently participated in a CWD workshop to help better understand the disease and how to mitigate transmission.

In late summer of 2021, some dead/dying white-tailed deer in the Kamiah area have been discovered by local residents. Investigative disease testing is currently in progress.

WATER RESOURCE

*Ken Clark
Director*

The Water Quality Program was awarded funding from the EPA's Columbia River Basin Restoration Assistance Program to monitor water and fish tissue for toxins, metals, pesticides, nutrients, and microplastics in the Clearwater River Subbasin. They are also collaborating with several regional agencies to conduct a sediment transport study in the South Fork Clearwater River Watershed.

The Wetland Program installed piezometers in Musselshell Meadows to track groundwater levels over time to help ensure that these culturally significant wet meadows remain healthy and productive. Extensive work was done at the Lapwai Nature Trail, off Garden Gulch Road, to put in a beaver-themed playground for children and construct a wetland observation deck for visitors. This education-based park is open to the public.

The Brownfields Program has been assessing conditions at the Blue North Mill site in Kamiah, ID. We have overseen the development of a Buildings Materials Report to identify hazardous material and have begun groundwater and soil sampling at the site.

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

ERWM Hanford Cleanup continue to participate in all aspects of cleanup at the Hanford Site; groundwater, surface water, air, and land, to protect the reserved treaty right of the Tribe to the extent possible. We do this through communications DOE staff and management, Washington Department of Ecology, and the Environmental Protection Agency. Staff monitor actions at other DOE sites through the State and Tribal Government Working and other national level meetings. 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 responsive to DOE on Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council (HNRTC) issues. Participated in HNRTC Aquatic Restoration Planning Work Group remote meeting. We received funding to implement a 3 year project titled Tribal Service Loss Restoration Planning Project. Staff in cooperation with the Tribe’s Office of Legal Counsel are working at the local and national level to improve DOE’s government-to-government consultation policy to be more protective of treaty rights and allow more decision-making authority.

Air Quality attended National Tribal Air Association, Western Regional Air Partnership, and Tribal Pesticide Program Council monthly calls. Participated in DNR/Fisheries monthly internal coordination meetings.

Permitted 16,314 acres of agricultural burning, 138 acres and 33 piles of forestry burns, 54 acres and 25 piles of other large open burns, and issued 924 annual small open burn permits from January-June 2021. Responded to nine air quality related complaints, and provided EPA with one written compliance report for consideration of en-

ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION & WASTE MANAGEMENT

*Jack Bell
Director*

forcement action. Issued air quality advisories and burn ban during multi-week summer wildfire smoke incursion in July and the first part of August. Maintained air monitoring sites at Lapwai, Kamiah, Nezperce, Orofino, and Reubens.

Launched air monitoring partnership with the nine public libraries on the Reservation and NWIC-Nez Perce Campus. Libraries have air sensors and display Air Quality Index flags to inform the public about air quality conditions. Public can view current air conditions at fire.airnow.gov.

Provided 38 air quality & science presentations, reaching over 700 students and adults at the local, regional, and national level. Hosted Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals/Nimiipuu intern who provided Air Quality and STEM lessons/kits for public libraries, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Nez Perce Tribe, and social media information in Nimipuutimt.

Emergency Management (spring/summer 2021) participated on conference calls for the NPT EOC, State Public Health COVID, TWAR Steering Committee, North Central Multi Agency Committee, Washington Emergency Operations and Wildfire Calls, Idaho DEQ Wildfire calls, NPT Climate Change Group, NPT Planner Group, and a FEMA webinars. Coordinated with the Idaho Office of Emergency Management to manage EMPG and SHSP sub award grants used for planner salary and 3-band mobile radios for Tribal Law Enforcement. Other grants awards include the Public Health Emergency Preparedness used for Planner salary, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board used for LiDAR within the reservation boundaries, and Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant used for training and developing hazardous material handling plans.


Planner participated on the Region 10 FEMA's steering committee for developing the first ever, Tribal/FEMA Region 10 Conference in May 2021 via 'zoom' to showcase Region 10's Tribal and FEMA disaster involvement. Planner also participated on the EPA's Tribal Waste And Response steering committee to develop the 2021 Priorities document for the Office of Lands and Emergency Management programs, and also helped with developing the annual Tribal Lands and Environmental Forum conference while participating to provide the invocation and moderating sessions. Planner participated as a member of the DOE's Transportation of Radioactive Materials Tribal Committee (TRMTC) to develop their first standalone website specific to TRMTC (TRMTC.org).

Planner arranged for Idaho Office of Emergency Management Director Brad Richey and North Central Idaho Area Field Officer Ryan Bender to meet with NPTEC during a Natural Resources Subcommittee August 3rd, 2021 as an informal interaction to show support from the state and answer questions. One take away was that the Tribe needed to provide a representative for the Public Safety Communications Commission (PSCC) and to invite, other than the planner, to the annual IOEM Preparedness Conference October 6-7, 2021 in Boise, Idaho.

The agriculture program reviewed lease proposals for 2022 agriculture leases with majority Tribal ownership for NPTEC consideration. Many field reviews and trespass issues were reviewed. We have been fortunate to have a BIA Superintendent here that is interested in personally reviewing these issues and has attended several site visits. We performed lease compliance investigations and maintained lease management data on all trust and fee parcels held in Indian ownership. Our office is pleased to assist all Tribal members with

LAND SERVICES

*Kim Cannon
Director*



property issues such as property boundary locations, noxious weed control, resource planning and mapping. Our office has been very active with maintaining land acquisition records and assisted with the purchase of new property.

The Horse Program participated in several events this summer with an exceptional event occurring in Joseph Oregon at the Tribe's Am'sáaxpa property.

The GIS program maintains the Tribe's GIS data, and data storage equipment. Staff continues to provide trainings and software upgrades to Tribal departments to enhance service. We are available for making maps of your land, favorite hunting locations, or other areas of interest. We have a new smartphone app available for iPhone or Android that enables the user to view a map with Tribal ownership and your location. Please come check it out. There is a web site with numerous maps available. The site can be located at www.nezperce-GIS.org.


The Nez Perce Bio-control Center (NPBC) has been working hard on continuing our rearing techniques and getting field releases of insects out on the landscape. We are staying informed on new biological control agents that are coming up through the pipeline, which may become approved for use in the United States.

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 2021 Spring 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 regular basis.
- Actively advanced the Tribe's interests in the *United States v. Oregon* treaty fishing rights litigation, including by 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 impact of the dams on the lower Snake River and mainstem Columbia River salmon, steelhead, and lamprey. (*Nat'l Wildlife Fed'n v. Nat'l Marine Fisheries Serv.*) Emphasized the extinction crisis facing Snake River spring/summer Chinook, the Tribe's support for restoring the lower Snake River by breaching the four lower Snake River dams, and the need, in recent court filings, for immediate, protective actions including additional spill for fish.
- 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. Assisted the Tribe in all forums (including the July 2021 Salmon Orca Summit) to advance lower Snake River restoration/dam breaching, including meetings with the Biden Administration, Congress, and states.

- 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. Assisted in advancing and guiding the Lewiston Orchards Project toward completion with Water Exchange and Title Transfer Project partners.
- Resolved the Tribe's litigation against the state of Oregon challenging Oregon's Clean Water Act § 401 certification for Idaho Power Company's Hells Canyon Complex Hydroelectric Project. Obtained a commitment from Oregon and money from Oregon and Idaho Power Company to complete a mercury and methylmercury pollution budget for the Hells Canyon reach of the Snake River. Also received money and a commitment from Oregon to initiate a pilot project to reintroduce sockeye salmon in Wallowa Lake and a commitment to take action should temperatures in the Snake River reach threshold levels during the next license term for the Hells Canyon dams.
- 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 Perpetua Resource is currently stayed pending mediation to explore settlement options.
- Continued opposing a lawsuit filed against the United States seeking to stop the tribal treaty bison hunt in Beattie Gulch, Montana. The lawsuit alleges that the United States failed to evaluate the environmental impacts of bison hunting on federal lands in the Greater Yellowstone Area.
- Assisted NPTEC with monitoring, promoting, analyzing, and introducing legislative action at both the state and federal levels to protect the interests of Tribal members. Assisted with letters to Congress with recommendations regarding tribal consultation policies, American Rescue Plan Funds, higher education funding, and the



Aht'Wy Circulation Road Project. Also, attended meetings on the Lewiston Orchards Project and the Columbia Basin Initiative as well as assisted with the Salmon-Orca Summit.

- Continued advancing the Tribe's claims in the Palouse River Basin Adjudication, which were filed by the Tribe and by the United States, as Trustee for the Tribe.
- Continued to track administrative rulemakings regarding water quality standards throughout the Pacific Northwest. Drafted letters, scheduled consultations with EPA, and provided NPTEC with legal advice regarding protecting water quality in waters that support treaty-reserved fishing rights.
- Provided regular assistance to the Tribe's Environmental Restoration and Waste Management program regarding its participation in the Natural Resource Damages Assessment process at the Hanford Site.
- Continued work on the class action opioid litigation, in which the Tribe is a plaintiff. The courts are currently reviewing and requesting feedback from plaintiffs on various bankruptcy cases filed by opioid manufacturers.
- Continued work on revising the Nez Perce Tribal Code. Participated in small staff meetings monthly or semi-monthly, as well as monthly meetings of the Tribe's Code Revision Core Team.
- 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. The case pertained to whether a tribal police officer has the authority to temporarily detain and search a non-tribal member on a public right-of-way within an Indian reservation. The Supreme Court held in a 9-0 decision on June 1, 2021, that a tribal police officer does have the authority to temporarily detain and search a non-Native American traveling on a public right-of-way within a reservation for potential violations of state or federal law.
- Continued to review and advise NPTEC and staff regarding pro-



posed Forest Service projects within the Tribe's aboriginal territory, including the Stibnite Gold Project. Assisted with providing comments on treaty-reserved grazing on National Forests and with administratively objecting to the Clear Creek Integrated Restoration Project.

- Assisted the Chairman with testimony before the House Natural Resource Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources on July 27, 2021, regarding the impact of mining on treaty-reserved rights on public, federal land. Provided information to the Government Accountability Office for a July 21, 2021, published report, "Federal Land Management: Key Differences and Stakeholder Views of the Federal Systems Used to Manage Hardrock Mining." Presented information to Congressional staff and other officials on responsibly sourcing minerals to protect treaty rights and the environment.
- Assisted with planning the renaming ceremony for the Spalding-Al-len Collection.
- Assisted NPTEC in applying for American Rescue Plan money, which the Tribe received. Provided legal assistance to NPTEC in its allocation of monies received by the Tribe under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.
- Continued participating in the Nez Perce Tribe Emergency Operations Team that has been charged with the Tribal response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Supervised legal interns from the University of Idaho's law school who are interested in gaining experience in the field of Indian law.
- Provided NPTEC and Enterprises with legal advice regarding expanding gaming operations in Idaho and initiating gaming operations in Washington.

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.

Department Highlights

Administrative updates from the department manager include: logistics of the NPT Emergency Operation Center and participation, in response to the COVID19 pandemic, maintaining services and availability of programs despite staff being out for illness or exposure. The EOC broke out into small taskforce teams, including non lodging assistance. To date, a final policy drafted reflects both the NPT and NMPH criteria and services. Continue to administrate the ICDBG project, an amendment was submitted to the HUD Indian Communities Block Grant CARES response project. Meet and greet with Lana Schuerman who serves as the clinical supervisor of Forensic and Mobile crisis team in Region II. Participated in the National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life Community discussions. Continue to Co Chair the Idaho Indian Child Welfare Committee. By NPT Resolution engage in fentanyl response, our first meeting was August 19 and occur weekly. Participated in elder MDT and domestic Violence Response Team weekly meeting. Assisted with safety response for evacuated residents and elders during the Bedrock fire at Lenore.

Presentation to Law and Order Subcommittee on the 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.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Jackie McArthur
Manager



Freida Ellenwood
retired August 5.

Several agencies awarded CARES funding directly to the program, this is not the same CARES money received by 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.

**USDA FOOD &
NUTRITION**

O. Thunder Garcia
Director

Food and Nutrition completed the food distribution boxes to tribal families. This was in coordination with the Wave Foundation, a non-profit organization working with the CRITFC Tribes and supplying the CRITFC Tribes with locally sourced food boxes that include traditional foods such as huckleberries, salmon, buffalo meat, wild rice, as well as fresh fruits and vegetables. Through this partnership we serve 500 tribal families each month.

As an essential program, from April 2020 through July 2021 we provided 1400 food boxes per month (21,000 Total Food Boxes). These food boxes were provided native and non-native families to assist with hunger on the Nez Perce Reservation. While providing these food boxes we also continued to provide services to our regular clients of Commodity Foods.

We also officially added member to our team Elijah “Boo” Arquette (warehouseman).

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 distri-

bution 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 whom are unable to access other food distribution location or services these elders are located on or near the Nez Perce Reservation.

The TANF Program was authorized in 1996 as the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act with the goal of self-sufficiency for families within 60 months. The Nez Perce Tribe opened their TANF Program in January 1999.

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES

*Connie Guillory
Director*

TANF is celebrating 25 years this month! Congress authorized four (4) Purposes to be met: 1) Provide assistance so that children may be cared for in their own home or in homes of relatives; 2) End the dependence of needy parents by promoting job preparation, work and marriage; 3) Prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wed-lock pregnancy and 4) Encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families. At the heart of the Act is the ability to design our program to meet self-sufficiency goals through OJT placement, education and/or training. The Nez Perce Tribe TANF Program has not seen an increase in either the federal or state funding but the need is there.

The 2021 Audit was successful with 100% in each category. This audit was different in that it was conducted virtually, no on-site visit. Class of 2021 had 2 graduates; one being top of their class. The TANF Program submitted a grant to the Nez Perce Tribe to purchase a modular facility from the CARES ACT in the amount of \$84,306.00. We are excited to move into the facility. TANF continues to monitor grades for our students; the State of Idaho acknowledged the steps we are taking to make sure the students are going to school. Grade

incentive are given to those who achieve a 2.0 or higher. Laptops and Chromebooks were purchased for ages 12 on up. In addition we purchased school supplies, notebook binders and school clothes. We are currently serving 39 families, 25 non-needy caretaker relatives and 14 family units. The ages range from birth to high school totaling 40 children. TANF provided household supplies to prevent the spread of Covid 19. The supplies consisted of masks, hand sanitizer, thermometers, Lysol spray.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Taricia Moliga
Director

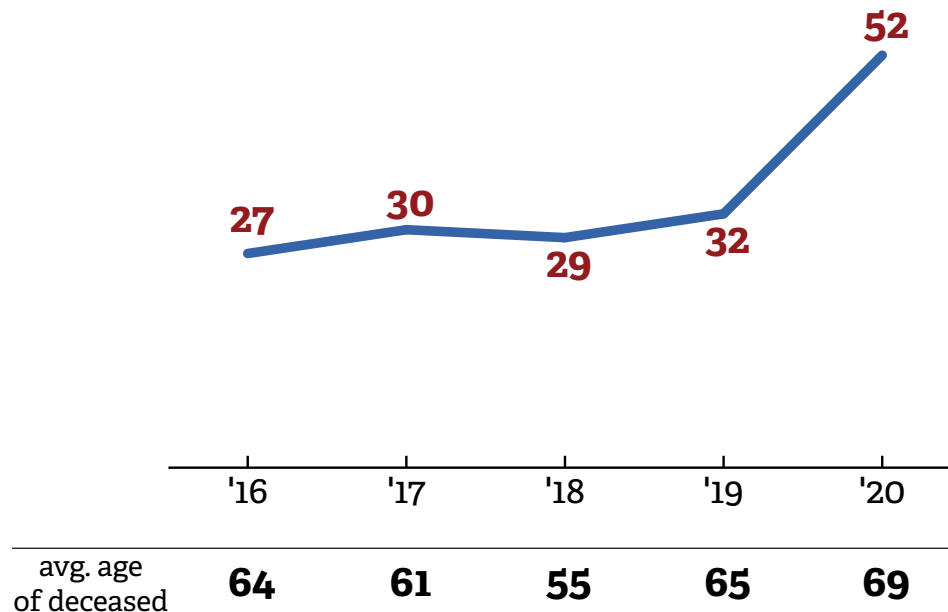
Financial Assistance Programs for Oct-Sept Funding Cycle

Program	# Assisted	
Hardship Grant*	665	\$100,700
Emergency Medical*	59	\$6,250
Elder (62+) Hardship or Appliance Grant*	366	\$164,050
Emergency Housing Repairs*	10	\$8,250
Burial Assistance*	1	\$106,233
LIHEAP	249	\$91,085
TOTAL	1,477	\$476,568

* NPT Financial Assistance Plan

As of Sept 17, 2021
28 tribal members have
passed away

Preliminary COVID-19
fatalities since the
pandemic began in 2020
has been
10 tribal members.



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. Online Applications! Tribal members can now apply online for assistance. Moved to electronic client files, paperless. Drop off Box for applications. Casket Shortage, set up with Amazon Business to order caskets (Nontraditional). Elders Winter bonus. Volunteer to serve warm meals at Boys and Girls Club.

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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.

The Veteran's 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.

VETERANS PROGRAM

*Mary Taylor
Director*



Alvin Amara honor ceremony at Meadow Creek Cemetery.

Assisted families with 4 headstone settings; ordered an additional 3 currently have two pending settings. Headstone for Alvin Amera and Clifford Blackeagle; two Veterans whose remains are still overseas. Held 4 Veterans Meetings; honored Scotty (Mr. Wilfred Scott) in July. Referred three Veterans to outside agencies for assistance. Have participated in three virtual conferences and Webinex trainings. The program has distributed through social media and hard copy Veteran recognition events, such as Vietnam Veterans Day, POW and Women's Veterans days.

Program also collaborates with other agencies to assist and support tribal veterans, for example: 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).

We also participate in various Veteran meetings and events, such as: American Indian Veterans Advisory Council (AIVAC), Valley Veterans Council (VVC), Lewis Clark Valley Veterans Advisory Council (LCV-VAC), Walla Walla VAMC, Inter-Agency Meetings, Pearl Harbor Ceremony, Wreaths Across America and The Veterans Parade.

ADULT PROTECTION

*Margaret McCormack
Director*

The Adult Protection Program participated in Monthly Multi-Disciplinary Meetings, Family & Coordinating Services Meeting. Attended virtual trainings via Zoom and Webex: Elder Justice Conference, National Elder Abuse Conference, Elder Abuse with People with Dementia, Role of Decision Supports in Elder Abuse Prevention & Recovery, Advance Care Planning, The Benefits of Art & Creativity as we age.

The program Coordinated with NPT Prosecutor and Snake River Guardianship to provide a public Guardianship Workshop. Partnered with LILP and Veteran's Program to provide educational and awareness activities during June-Elder Abuse Awareness Month. Hosted meeting for various Direct Service Providers to meet with Idaho Department of Health & Welfare Region II Mental Health Services.

Partnered with NPTHA to host Question & Answer for Chief Joseph Complex Residents. Participated in Lapwai & Kamiah's Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women/Men Activities.

The Nez Perce Tribe Indian Child Welfare Program consists of Child Protection Services, ICWA, Foster Home Licensing, the Children's Home, 'inhimiyume (My Relative's) Sober Living Home and the I'nit Home (Teen Shelter). Child Welfare/CPS208-843-7302 / 1-877-304-7187, Fax: 843-9401.


CHILD PROTECTION

Rebecca Lehman
Director

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, general services provided at or following monthly contact include clothing and hygiene services, emergency food assistance, transportation assistance, energy or utility assistance and visitation facilitation assistance. The coordination of services delivered was by curbside pickup, gas assistance and virtual visitation among family members and/or friends.

ICW staff provided trainings and education to children, families, agency partners and community members. Those trainings or activities include:

- Sons of Tradition – White Bison
- Daughters of Tradition – White Bison
- Family Engagement Day – Lapwai and Kamiah
- Health Relationships through the Native Wellness Institute
- Online Safety for Youth
- Parent/Guardian Resource Conference (presented QPR curriculum)
- Mandatory Reporting
- Positive Indian Parenting
- Wallowa Youth Retreat
- Spring Break Activities
- 3-on-3 Youth Basketball tournament
- Diversity presentation at Orofino High School



Child Welfare Staff brought 39 youth to Wallowa, OR, the homelands of the Nez Perce Tribe, for three days in the month of June. Pre and Post surveys were completed by youth. The focus of this Youth Retreat was for youth to learn more about their culture and study variants of the Healthy Relationships, White Bison and Financial Literacy curricula commonly utilized by this program. Youth also made tobacco ties, personal regalia, learned how to bead and traditional storytelling, participated in a youth pow wow to learn traditional dances and earn prizes. General feedback from the youth included: "I wish we could have stayed longer."

Community outreach services remain thought In Home Service Plans if children are involved and/or Outreach Participation Plans if a child(ren) are not involved. Approximately 16 individuals have utilized Outreach Plans to gain services for either inpatient or outpatient substance abuse services. This office has not been able to return to Nez Perce County or Idaho Department of Corrections since the closure of volunteer services as an impact of the COVID-19 pandemic but information being provided at this time is that those volunteer services to offer hope, prayer and smudge may reopen soon.

Currently the Indian Child Welfare program has 8 licensed foster homes. Recruitment efforts include setting up information booths at tribal events including general council, the home fair, and the Family Engagement Days in Lapwai and Kamiah.

Public service announcements were recorded in April at KIYE to encourage foster care recruitment. The Tribal Tribune has also provided foster care information, recruitment efforts and contact information for staff in their April and May issues.

In May ICW provided each of the families who are licensed to foster, whether they had an active placement or not, a gift of appreciation. That gift being a movie pass, a gift card for groceries and a gift card for a dinner out. Historically, a meal was provided in a banquet style with small door prizes.

All licensed foster homes are invited to education/training opportunities offered by the program.

ICW has developed a case plan specific to the needs of each child, this case plan to include IL services. In development of that case plan, this staff worked with the state of Idaho and our federal partners to be Title IV-E compliant with those case plans. The state of Idaho also extended support in including children under the status of MINOC to qualify for state IL services.

A new program, I'nit Home (a teen shelter) is under development and a coordinator was hired in June. This coordinator will work on policy and procedure to best meet the needs of the youth, which includes IL services.

The Indian Child Welfare program continues to participate in the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Social Worker Academy Training, along with the following learning opportunities:

- Mending Broken Hearts – White Bison
- Warrior Down – White Bison
- Daughter's of Tradition – White Bison
- Father's of Tradition – White Bison
- OVC Training and Technical Assistance
- TBRI – Caregiver Training for Professionals
- CPR/First Aide
- Verbal De-escalation and Crisis Intervention
- Neurobiology of Addiction
- Child Sex Trafficking
- When you see Child Abuse: from Suspicion to Disclosure
- QEW (Qualified Expert Witness) through NICWA
- Youth Mental Health 1st Aide



Wallowa Youth Retreat

- Indian Child Welfare Act Academy
- Being Victim/Survivor Centered: Working with Sexual Abusers
- NARCAN/Opioid Overdose training
- Minimal Facts Interviewing: Train the Trainers
- Title IV-E Mock Case Review Training
- Title IV-E Review Training
- Title IV-E Training: Nez Perce Case
- Title IV-E Case Plan Requirements
- Harm Reduction: Stigma, Empathy and Trauma Informed Care
- Eliminating the Adverse Impact of Drugs/Alcohol
- Connect to Resources Webinar
- Serving Adult Survivors of Sexual Abuse

SENIOR CITIZENS

Georganne Morrison
Director

The Nez Perce Tribe Senior Citizen Program strives to promote health and the well-being of older individuals by assisting such individuals to gain access to elder resources, nutrition, disease prevention, and health promotion services to delay the onset of adverse health conditions resulting from poor nutritional health or sedentary behavior. Our program assists and helps to reduce hunger and food insecurity of our Nez Perce Tribal elders.

- As we are still in our pandemic stages, our Tribal elders had not socialized at any time for over a year, Tribal elders were pretty much confined to their homes, although basketball games were still going on, the Senior Citizen Program opted to hold a Valentine's Day Bingo for elders that couldn't travel to State. This Valentine's Day Bingo event was very well attended of at least 181 Tribal elders.
- Also during this time, the Senior Citizen Program had to close down for a short time along with the Kamiah site. Some of our staff was working at the Clearwater River Casino boxing food, cleaning supplies, and household supplies.

- The Senior Citizen Program during this time had guidelines and protocol for mandatory mask requirements required before entering any Tribal building to include the Chief Joseph Complex as elders are the most vulnerable. We are now following Stage 3 guidelines which requires masks to enter. Our program is still cooking for approved elders and delivering meals on wheels. We are currently going back to 'no dining in' but, you can pick up and take out.
- The Nez Perce Tribe Senior Citizen Program is working diligently to coordinate with our Tribal elder population to find resources to eat more nutritious health foods (this goal is consistently on-going.) Our program provides well-balanced meals that comply with the recent Dietary Guidelines for Older Americans and menu's are approved through Julie Keller, Dietitian for Nimiipuu Health.
- The Nez Perce Tribe Senior Citizen Program meal participants are provided the resources needed to survive and be self-sufficient.
- The Nez Perce Tribe Senior Citizen Program has provided 6,637 meals this quarter for the Lapwai/Kamiah sites.
- The program provides transportation to all approved Tribal elders in the community and may transport from the immediate vicinity and nursing homes if allowable.
- The program collaborates with the Nez Perce Tribe Senior Advisory Board, attends monthly meetings, and helps in being supportive in elder concerns. Attends trainings and conferences when relevant.

Uuyitkimti hosted MMIW Walk, received a Covid19 Award (\$100,000) and DV Shelter in Lapwai.

UUYIT KIM'TI

Karee Picard
Director



Technology Services


The Department of Technology (DTS) manages the Tribes network, providing all network services and is comprised of the following Programs:

- Information Systems (IS); providing all the procurement, installation, support and troubleshooting services to the Tribal operations
- Telecommunications (Telecom); providing all the low voltage cabling needs, telecom services and fiber installation & termination needs
- Nez Perce Network Systems (NPNS); providing all wireless and fiber to the home (FTTH) services
- KIYE Radio Station; providing terrestrial and online radio station services



DTS applied for several grants this year. We received \$25,000.00 from the First Nations Institute for our 2.5GHz upgrade project. We applied and received \$314,989.00 from the State of Idaho Broadband Funding for FTTH to 34 scatter site home locations along Thunder Hill Road. We applied for \$49,600,635.00 to the National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA) for a fiber project between Lapwai and Kamiah, to complete the 2.5GHz deployment and for a new data/technology facility in Lapwai. We also applied for \$1,465,840.00 for workforce development, training, broadband adoption and use.

KIYE was included in a national effort for impact funding due to COVID under the American Rescue Plan. KIYE received \$225,054.00 as part of the national effort. KIYE is actively seeking volunteers, contract radio personalities (\$75.00 per week) and has been recruiting for a vacant position of Radio Supervisor (Professional III \$25.25 – \$41.74/hr. depending on experience).



After 28 years, an unfortunate departure for Steve Sobotta who has been an asset and critical component to the IS Program. There are currently two Computer Technician I position under recruitment. The pay range is \$15.84 - \$26.18/hr. depending on skills and experience. Associates Degree or equivalent experience (2 years' experience to 1 year of education), driver license and 1-year experience.

NPNS has two Cable Installer positions open for recruitment. The pay range is \$15.84 - \$16.32/hr. depending on skills and experience. Driver license and 6 months cable experience required (such as speaker systems, home stereo, surveillance, or even fencing experience).

NPTEC Budget and Finance Subcommittee

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Liaisons

Enterprise Board – Mitchell, Arthur-Attao

CDFI – Mitchell, Arthur-Attao

Meeting Schedule

1st and 3rd Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to noon

Accomplishments

In addition to CARES Act funding previously reported, since the June General Council the Tribe received \$34.3 million in additional COVID-19 funding under the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA"). The first expenditures were the \$1,500 payments to all tribal members for financial assistance during the pandemic. These payments will total \$5.3 million, leaving a balance of \$29.0 million for use over the next three years. The Tribe has provided a survey to all tribal members to gather input on what project matter most to our membership, and will carefully consider the responses before making further allocations of the funds.

Highlights

May 19, 2021

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

- NPTE Financials to approve the Nez Perce Tribal Enterprise (NPTE) Financials ending March 31, 2021
- Festival Dance LEPF Grant to authorize an extension of the Festival Dance Local Education Program Fund grant to July 31, 2021

- March 2021 NPTEC Treasurer's Report to accept the NPTEC Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 31, 2021
- Nimiipuu Health Financials to accept the Nimiipuu Health's Financial Statement for the period ending March 31, 2021
- I.H.S. Funding Agreement #2 to accept the I.H.S. #02 for Direct Operations in the amount of \$6,090
- I.H.S. Funding Agreement #3 COVID-19 Vaccine Related Activities to accept the I.H.S. Funding Amendment #3 COVID-19 Vaccine Related Activities in the amount of \$449,924
- I.H.S. Funding Amendment #4 COVID-19 Related Activities to accept the I.H.S. Funding Amendment in the amount of \$7,693,688

RESOLUTIONS

- Idaho Vandals to approve the sponsorship contract with Idaho Vandals Sports Properties, LLC and the Clearwater River Casino for an amount not to exceed \$147,474 NP 21-302
- Visibility Contract to approve the Visibility Contract, in the amount of \$3,750 annual for the next five (5) years to be paid from the Human Resources Department line item NP 21-303
- Advantage Advertising approve the Agreement with Advantage Advertising for FY 2021 for an amount not to exceed \$65,796 to be paid from the Red Wolf Golf Club Advertising budget NP 21-304
- Resolution NP 19-308 AMENDED to authorize Amendment #3 to the Snake River Basin Adjudication Line of Credit NP 19-308 AMENDED
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy to approve the updated 2022-2024 CEDS and 2021-2022 scope for work plan to be submitted to the Economic Development Association, U.S. Department of Commerce, Seattle, WA, Region X NP 21-305
- EDA Planning Grant to authorize the Economic Development Association (EDA) Planning Assistance Grant award in the amount of \$180,000 from the EDA, U.S.

Department of Commerce, Seattle, WA, Region X NP 21-306

- Faraci Contract to approve contract between the Tribe and Mr. Russell Faraci at a rate of \$50/hour for an amount not to exceed thirty (30) hours per week to end December 30, 2021 NP 21-307
- Idaho Department H&W Tobacco Control & Maternal Child Health Subgrant to approve the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare Tobacco Cessation & Maternal Child Health Grant in the amount of \$26,464 NP 21-308
- Baker Construction approve the Baker Construction as the Construction Manager for the Pharmacy Expansion/Drive-Up Window Project NP 21-309
- Veterans Affairs Reimbursement Agreement to approve the Veterans Affairs Reimbursement Agreement NP 21-310

June 2, 2021

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

- Washington State Tribal Tax Advisory Group to authorize the appointment of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee Member, Shannon Wheeler and Casey Mitchell as the policy representative's for the Washington State Tribal Tax Advisory's Group's June 17, 2021 tribal consultation
- Heiss Jr. Estate Donation to authorize the \$3,000 donation from the Howard C Heiss, Jr. Estate to be applied to the 2021 expansion of the Boys & Girls Club summer program to Kamiah and Orofino
- Gilgen Donation to authorize the \$1,387 donation from Megan Gilgen to be applied to land acquisition for the Nez Perce Tribe
- Nez Perce Tribal Enterprises Financials to accept the Nez Perce Tribal Enterprises Financials ending April 30, 2021

June 16, 2021

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

- FY 2021 Child Protection Budget Modification to authorize the Child Protection budget modification for account #1010-37

- Office Closure for Joseph Ride in to approve the Nez Perce Tribe to close all offices on Thursday, July 29, 2021 in recognition of the, "RETURN TO AM'SAAXPA" Ride-In and Land Blessing Event

RESOLUTIONS

- Enterprise Transfer to Aht'Wy Interchange Project Match approve the Nez Perce Tribal Enterprise to electronically transfer the Aht'Wy Interchange project match to the Idaho State Transportation Department payment portal the amount of \$1,007,090 NP 21-340
- Grant Application to authorize the grant application to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program NP 21-341
- Anchor Contracting Contract to approve the contract with Anchor Contracting to provide site work and utilities for the I'nit Youth Shelter in the amount of \$28,120 NP 21-342
- Tribal Headway Construction LLC Contract to approve the contract with Tribal Headway Construction, LLC, to renovate the Governmental Offices in the amount not to exceed \$27,760 NP 21-343
- Grant Application support the efforts of the Nez Perce Economic Development Office to apply for the SEDS Grant funding to update and develop a Nez Perce Land Use Plan, Master Plan, and Strategic Plan NP 21-344

June 2, 2021

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

- Nez Perce Tribal Enterprise Financials to approve the Nez Perce Tribal Enterprise Financials ending May 31, 2021
- Nimiipuu Health Financials to accept the Nimiipuu Health's Financial statement for the period ending April 30, 2021
- Nimiipuu Health Financials to accept the Nimiipuu Health's Financial statement for the period ending May 30, 2021
- Accept the IHS Funding Amendment #05 for COVID-19 Telehealth in the amount of \$88,741

- IHS Funding Amendment to accept the IHS Funding Amendment #06 for prior year Maintenance & Improvement funding in the amount of \$95,091
- Enterprise Board Appointment to appoint Sergio Islas to fill the Nez Perce Tribal Enterprise Board to fill the vacated seat contingent upon completed term date

RESOLUTIONS

- IMG College, LLC approve the sponsorship contract with IMG College, LLC and the Clearwater River Casino for an amount not to exceed \$155,454 for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2021 to be paid out of the Marketing Budget NP 21-355
- Pharmacy Expansion/Drive Up Window Project to approve the NMPH Pharmacy/Expansion/Drive Up Window Project in the amount of \$2,607,836 21-356
- 1st Class Office Solutions approve a lease agreement with 1st Class Office Solutions for a Quadient IX-7/7PRO Series Base mailing system for sixty (60) month period at \$365 per month 21-357
- 2020 Chevrolet 5500 Commercial Medium Dump Truck Purchase approve the purchase of a 2020 Chevy 5500 Commercial Medium Dump truck for Road Maintenance in the amount of \$74,498.57 NP 21-358

July 21, 2021

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

- April 2021 NPTEC Treasurer's Report to accept the NPTEC Treasurer's Report for the period ending April 30, 2021
- Pride Event Administrative Leave to authorize three (3) hours administrative leave, with supervisor approval, on August 6, 2021, for employees to attend the Pride Event at Lapwai City Park
- Employee Day 2021 to authorize 8 hours of administrative leave, above and beyond the sixteen (16) hour limitation, for tribal government employees to observe a day off for "Employee Day" anytime between July 30, 2021, and December 31, 2021, with supervisor approval
- Letter of Support to authorize the Chair-

man's signature on a support letter for the Small Business Association Rescue Funds grant application

- Letter to authorize the Chairman's signature on the 2022 Employee Medical Insurance open enrollment letter to employees
- Software Purchase to approve the subscription to VETRO Fiber Map software for \$36,000 to be paid from the Department of Technology budget
- Lapwai Valley Spay & Neuter to authorize \$4,000 to the Lapwai Valley Pet Vaccination Clinic for approximately 40 vouchers to spay and neuter dogs and cats from the NPTEC Public Relations line item

RESOLUTIONS

- Small Business Association Rescue Funds Grant Application to approve the one (1) time grant application including a letter of support from the Chairman for 2022-2023 to the Small Business Association Rescue funds with a waiver for all indirect NP 21-377
- FY 2022 Health & Medical Benefits to approve the contract with Regence BlueShield of Idaho to provide Nez Perce Tribal Employee Health/Medical, Dental, and Vision Benefits for Fiscal Year 2022 with three plans to choose from and a 6.85% increase which will include the three (3) entities, tribal government, Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority, and Nimiipuu Health, NP 21-378
- Fiber Purchase to approve the purchase of fiber and conduit to be prepared for the project which includes eighty (80) miles of infrastructure from Lapwai to Kamiah NP 21-379
- Notice of Intent SSBCI to request the Nez Perce Tribe to submit a Notice of Intent to the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) for Tribal Set Aside funds under the American Rescue Plan Action of 2021 NP 21-380

August 4, 2021

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

- Nimiipuu Health Financials accept the Nimiipuu Health's Financials statement for the period ending June 30, 2021
- Nimiipuu Health Audit Report to accept Nimiipuu Health's September 30, 2020 Audit report
- Fall 2021 General Council Leave to authorize administrative leave for enrolled tribal member employees, with supervisor approval, to attend the Fall 2021 General Council meeting on September 23-25 at the Wa-AYas Community Center, Kamiah, Idaho
- May 2021 NPTEC Treasurer's Report to accept the NPTEC Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 31, 2021

RESOLUTIONS

- Amend Resolution NP 21-009 to amend resolution NP 21-009 FY 2021 Budget increasing the Federal Funding Agreement revenue by \$9,800,000 reduce Prior Year Fund Carryover by \$1,500,000 increase COVID-19 Response expenditures by \$2,000,000 and increase Pharmaceutical expenditures \$200,000 NP 21-009 AMENDED
- Prismview Message Centers to approve the purchase of two (2) full color prismview message centers in the amount of \$117,687 for both Lapwai and Kamiah clinics NP 21- 394
- Professional Services Agreement to approve the professional service agreement for engineering services for the grant application to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program with all expenses reimbursable by the grant NP 21-395

NPTEC Climate Change and Energy Subcommittee

Members

Shannon F. Wheeler, *Chair*
Casey L. Mitchell, *Vice-chair*
Arthur Broncheau
Ryan Oatman
Shirley Allman

Subcommittee Assistant
Marsan Lawyer

Meeting Schedule

1st Wednesday 2:00 pm

Chair Highlights

Climate Change refers to changes in the long-term trends of temperature and precipitation across the globe. Climate change is impacting our traditional homelands and economy in many ways. Climate change has already caused decreases in mountain snowpack, reduced stream-flows, exceptional droughts, crop losses, disease outbreaks in fish and

wildlife, and changes in the timing, quality, and abundance of traditional foods. In addition, it has increased the size and intensity of forest fires, floods, and mudslides on the reservation and damaged roads and critical infrastructure. Some of the most devastating impacts we have experienced due to climate change is impacts to the world's oceans, and migratory fish like salmon. We are salmon people, and salmonids are very sensitive to changes in temperature and stream flow. The Climate Change & Energy Subcommittee is currently focused on decreasing the Tribe's Carbon Footprint. As an organization, we have identified both short- and long-term mitigation strategies that align with our beliefs about caring for Mother Earth. We are focused on getting key staff involved on handling short term mitigation to long term mitigation strategies to catalog, preserve, and protect, our life sources and quantifying the needs of those life sources in all of our usual and accustom areas. We will be having quarterly meetings to continue these efforts.



As a Tribe, sustainable land practices that could be implemented in our homelands to sequester carbon and reduce greenhouse gas emissions are being studied. We must continue to strategize our land use plans to protect and preserve our lands for future generations.

Since the inception of the CCES, we have received reports on soil health, soil carbon sequestration, water quality, drought impacts, and projected impacts of climate change on stream temperature and salmonids.

In CCES, discussions regarding expanding recycling, increasing the use of biodegradable and carbon friendly products, encouraging climate friendly farming practices, becoming net zero through addition solar projects and upgrades to the tribal fleet, and decreasing the use of plastic without our organization. Small acts can make a difference, even turning off lights and monitors, and the tribe is seeking ways to educate staff and leadership about how to walk the walk on climate mitigation.

The 2021 UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report featured clear takeaways that focus on the unequivocal influence of human activities on the world's climate, more precise projections of climate scenarios, and what is needed to prevent the worst impacts of climate change. In short, humanity has a critical fifteen-year window to reduce carbon emissions and start sequestering carbon to avoid global average temperature rising above 1.5 degrees Celsius, and the worst impacts of climate change.

We will continue to do our part, stand against future harm to Mother Earth, support clean water, and maintain the Nimiipuu way of life.

If you have any questions regarding the Climate change, please contact the Climate Change Support Staff, Marsan Lawyer at marsanl@nezperce.org. She can pass any questions and concerns to the committee.

Qeci Yew Yew, Yox Kalo

Actions

June 2, 2021

- Agenda approve the Climate Change/Energy Subcommittee agenda

July 7, 2021

- Letter of Support for Yellowstone to authorize a letter of support for Yellowstone to Yukon Proposal to Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) for the Climate Adaptation Fund 2021 Adaptation Mainstreaming Categories contingent upon three (3) department sign off by NPTEC on July 13, 2021
- Sub-Award Funding to authorize the acceptance of the USDA NIFA Grant Subaward from the University of Idaho for the Climate Smart Agriculture Project for the Improving the Ecological Services of the Nez Perce Lands through Agricultural Management and Decision Support Tools in the amount of \$63,048.00 for the period of three (3) years NP 21-361

August 4, 2021

- Quarterly CCESC Work Sessions schedule quarterly work sessions with appropriate staff to discuss future projects, short term mitigation strategies, and how to reduce carbon footprint within the organization with updates to the Climate Change/Energy Subcommittee (CCESC)
- Pilot Project to approve the pilot project for the Nimiipuu Traditional Foods Monitoring for Summer of 2021 in the amount of \$12,000.00 to come from BIA Unrestricted Fund NP 21-397

NPTEC Human Resources Subcommittee

Members

Rachel P. Edwards, *Chair*

Ryan Oatman, *Vice-chair*

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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: *Oatman, Allman*

Housing: *Arthur-Attao, Edwards*

Senior Citizens: *Arthur-Attao, Ellenwood, Broncheau*

Veterans: *Ellenwood, Oatman*

Education: *Oatman, Allman*

Youth: *Ellenwood, Oatman*

Boys & Girls Club: *Oatman; Allman (Alt.)*

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

Healing Lodge: *Arthur-Attao; Oatman (Alt.)*

Nimiipuu Health: *Edwards, Oatman*

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 2021 Spring General Council. This is a brief overview of actions - more detailed updates are included in the department reports.

May 17, 2021

- Approved Uu.Yit.Kimti Domestic Violence Shelter Policies & Procedures for Idaho Council Domestic Violence Victim Assistance Council (IDVVA) grant funding
- Approved the agreement between Nimiipuu Health and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare for healthy connections coordinated care
- Approved the 2020 QI/Risk Management Annual Audit Report
- Approved the 2021 QI/Risk Management Program Plan
- Approved privileges and appointment for Brenda Sellner, Certified Family Nurse Practitioner
- Approved the contract of Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund (PEAF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Office of Family Assistance one-time funds and the Nez Perce Tribe in the amount not to exceed \$130,630.00 beginning April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022
- Approved the enrollment of two individuals
- Authorized the posting for 60 days six individuals for consideration for enrollment with the Nez Perce Tribe
- Authorized the name changes to the enrollment files of two individuals
- Rejected one individual from full enroll-

ment with the Nez Perce Tribe due to insufficient blood quantum

May 25, 2021

- Approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Nez Perce Tribe and the Idaho National Guard to provide Nimiipuu Health with Innovated Readiness Training (IRT) on June 15-16, 2021 for a Diabetic Symposium and Clinic on August 12-15, 2021 for Sports Physicals, Well Child Checks and Immunizations

June 7, 2021

- Authorized a letter for support for the Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations' (HL7N) grant application to the National Institute of Health for the NARCH VII application - Promoting Cultures of Recovery in Tribal Communities and the NARCH X application - Building Cultures of Recovery in Tribal communities
- Authorized a letter to the Idaho State Board of Education appointing Shirley J. Allman to replace Mary Jane Miles on the Idaho Indian Education Committee effective June 8, 2021
- Re-scheduled the Human Resources Subcommittee meeting from Monday, July 5, 2021 to Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. due to the Independence Day Holiday
- Approved up to eight hours of administrative leave for Tribal Member employees of all entities with supervisor approval who have scheduled appointments to participate in Diabetes Day on June 15-16, 2021
- Approved Child Protection to submit a grant application for the FY21 Office for Victims of Crime, Tribal Victims Services Set Aside Grant, five year grant allocation in the amount of \$469,050.00
- Supported the Healing Lodge 2021 Center for Indigenous Research, Collaboration, Learning and Excellence (CIRCLE) will apply to the National Institutes of Health for a NARCH XII grant award that will support a developmental multi-component needs assessment research program at the seven Tribes affiliated with the Healing Lodge, and hereby support

CIRCLE's application to the National Institutes of Health for a NARCHXII grant award

- Approved the enrollment of the three individuals into full membership with the Nez Perce Tribe
- Authorized two name changes to the enrollment files

June 8, 2021

- Discussion with HUB International - Marsha Allen and staff - Anthony Johnson, Roberta José-Bisbee, Kermit Mankiller, Kylenea Guffie and Carmelita Bohnee regarding health insurance
- Approved resolution regarding the credentialing of Department of Defense (DoD) Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) providers to include accepting the DoD's credentialing process in lieu of NMPH's normal credentialing process

June 21, 2021

- Discussion with Roberta Jose-Bisbee, Nimiipuu Health Executive Director, Dr. Kim Hartwig, Nimiipuu Health Medical Director regarding discussion of Greenway Health (EMR Software System), Tri-State Hospital Foundation, Pharmacy Expansion Project, Pride Event Administrative Leave request, Employee Appreciation Day Administrative Leave and Juneteenth National Independence Day Holiday Pay and Holiday Leave
- Approved three (3) hours of Administrative Leave for Nimiipuu Health employees to attend the Pride Event on June 28, 2021 with Supervisor's approval (Event was re-scheduled to August 6, 2021)
- Approved eight (8) hours of Administrative Leave to be used by August 31, 2021 for Employee Appreciation Day for Nimiipuu Health employees who were employed June 14, 2021 through August 31, 2021
- Approved Juneteenth National Independence Day (Federal Holiday) Holiday Pay and Holiday Leave for Nimiipuu Health employees stated in 1A (Holiday Pay at double time for all employees that physically reported to their respective work

sites on June 18, 2021) and 1B (Holiday Leave of 8 hours to all employees that were approved leave PTO, Sick Leave, Emergency Leave, etc. on June 18, 2021)

- Met with Idaho National Guard MG Michael J. Garshak; BG Schwartz; BG Donnellan, Capt. Shufeldt who presented the Operation Freedom's Sentinel Warrior Spirit to the Nez Perce Tribe
- Accepted 2020 OVW Fiscal Year 2020 COVID-19 Violence Against Women Assistance to Tribes Solicitation in the amount of \$99,340.00 for the Nez Perce Tribe UuY-itKimti Program
- Approved the Students for Success Program to administer the contract between Nez Perce Tribe and Idaho Tribal Juvenile Justice Council for \$4,189.00 for the period of June 18, 2021 through July 20, 2021 with a waiver of indirect fees
- Approved the 2021-2022 Idaho Head Start Association TANF Sub-Contract Amendment #3 in the amount of \$124,512.00
- Approved a five (5) year master lease agreement with Canon Solutions of America, Inc. for one (1) copier for the Career Center
- Approved the posting of two individuals for 60 days for consideration for enrollment with the Nez Perce Tribe
- Authorized the name change of one individual to the enrollment files
- Approved the amendment to resolution NP 00-384 to correct mathematical errors
- Senior Advisory Board - (Susie Weaskus, Allen Slickpoo, Jr., Loretta Islas, Gloria Johnson) provided their quarterly report

June 30, 2021

- Authorized the release of a memorial list of tribal members who have passed for the period of July 2019 through June 2021 for the Talmaks Memorial Service

July 7, 2021

- Approved for the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Nimiipuu Health (NMPH) and Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) to provide funding for "Enhancing Control of Child-

hood Asthma in American Indian and Alaskan Native (AI/AN) Communities

- Approved employees of the Nez Perce Tribe's Social Services, Children's Home to receive Differential COVID Hazard Pay based on critical situation created by the positive COVID tests in this department

July 8, 2021

- Authorized the NPTEC Chairman's signature on the certification (page 16) attesting the abbreviated Indian Housing Plan for Rescue Funds has been provided to the NPTEC for review and authorizes submission by the Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority (TDHE) in the amount of \$881,053.00
- Concurred and allowed the Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority to pursue the US Treasury Homeowners Assistance Funds
- Approved the enrollment of the four individuals into full membership with the Nez Perce Tribe
- Approved the rejection of two individuals from full membership with the Nez Perce Tribe due to insufficient blood quantum

July 19, 2021

- Approved the Evaluation of Dental Lab Policy
- Approved the Nimiipuu Health Dental Site Marking Policy
- Approved the enrollment of six individuals into full membership with the Nez Perce Tribe
- Authorized the posting for 60 days nine names for consideration for enrollment with the Nez Perce Tribe
- Approved two name changes to the enrollment files
- Approved the blood degree correction for Nez Perce members 4212 and 4303

August 2, 2021

- Approved a 3-year appointment and privileges for Chad M. Lewis, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner

- Approved the appointment and privileges for Tina L. Williams, Family Nurse Practitioner-Board Certified for the duration of the Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) assignment with Nimiipuu Health
- Approved a 3-year appointment and privileges for Heather M. Foster, Licensed Clinical Social Worker
- Approved the privileges for Andrew W. Thayne, Benjamin A. Rhoades, Bryan D. Harr, Kodie A. Thomas and Derek Derkacs for the duration of the Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) assignment with Nimiipuu Health
- Accepted a grant award for a Native American Career Technical Education Program (NACTEP) for a five-year period effective Fiscal Year 2022 beginning October 1, 2021 to Fiscal Year 26 ending September 30, 2026 in the amount of \$497,473.00
- Authorized the posting for 60 days twenty names for consideration for enrollment with the Nez Perce Tribe
- Approved one name change to the enrollment files
- Approved the rejection of two individuals from full membership with the Nez Perce Tribe due to insufficient blood quantum

August 16, 2021

- Authorized the posting for 60 days 18 names for consideration for enrollment with the Nez Perce Tribe
- Approved one name change to the enrollment files
- Approved the rejection of the five individuals from full membership with the Nez Perce Tribe due to insufficient blood quantum

August 24, 2021

- Approved a letter of support, with Chairman's signature, for the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB), Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (NWTEC) cooperative agreement application to the Indian Health Service (IHS) announcement HHS-2021-IHS-EPI-0001



Land Enterprise Commission

Members

Shannon Wheeler, *Chair*

Rachel P. Edwards, *Vice-chair*

Liz Arthur-Attao

Quincy Ellenwood

Shirley J. Allman

Subcommittee Assistant

Vestal Smith

Liaisons

Horse Program: *Allman, Ellenwood*

Intertribal Agriculture Council:

Oatman, Arthur-Attao (Alt.)

Indian Land Working Group: *Edwards,*

Arthur-Attao, Ellenwood

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 2021 Spring General Council. This is a brief overview of items presented, more detailed updates are included in the department reports.

April 6, 2021

- Approved the temporary use of Tribal Unit #46 by the Holt/Ellenwood Families for the purpose of a Traditional Memorial Ceremony and Celebration of Life on June 18, 2021 through June 20, 2021
- Approved the Residential Lease of Tribally Owned Land draft contingent upon added provisions and OLC review
- Update on TU2008 Access Easement

April 20, 2021

- Approved a twenty five (25) year plus twenty five (25) year residential lease within a portion of Tribal trust tract 1701-B on Lot 31
- Approved awarding lease to Virgil Miller for the use of Orofino Tribal Unit #45, to Judy K. Oatman for the use of U.S. Highway 12, Kooskia Tribal Unit #1620 and to Teri A. Krause for the use of Kamiah Tribal Unit #1355 for operating fireworks stands during the season of June 9, 2021 to July 9, 2021
- Approved a business lease on Tribal fee properties 16-171 and a portion of 16-087 for a five (5) year period starting on May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2026 with a renewal option of five (5) years

May 18, 2021

- Referred Tiny Tots Playscape Concept Design to June 1, 2021 Land Enterprise Commission Subcommittee
- Approved a letter to Trust for Public Land regarding the Lake Moraine Property
- Approved the BIA Residential Lease of tribally owned land

June 1, 2021

- Approved a (25) year plus twenty five (25) year automatic renewal Section 184 Loan Guaranty residential lease on Block 2 Lot 5 contingent upon mortgage closing
- Approved a twenty five (25) year plus twenty five (25) year automatic renewal residential lease on Lot 15 contingent upon mortgage closing

June 15, 2021

- Discussion of Heimgartner Property

July 6, 2021

- Update from Wallowa Land Trust
- Update on Aht'Wy Interchange Project
- Update on Heimgartner Property
- Update on ITD ROW and Temporary Construction Easement

July 20, 2021

- Approved a letter to the Trust for Public Land National Office
- Approved and designated Sanatorium 32A for the use as a firewood collection site and shop
- Approved the change of the site located on Tribal Trust property 3123 for the use of a youth shelter program administered under the Nez Perce Tribal Social Services Department

August 3, 2021

- Approved the request to use Nez Perce Tribal Trust property 3123 for the Lapwai Camp Meeting Association for the 60th Annual Lapwai Camp Meeting September 2, 2021 through September 5, 2021
- Approved the necessary Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) ROW and Temporary Construction Easement for ITD to complete the Aht'Wy Interchange Project

August 17, 2021

- Discussion of Allotment 80 D and Allotment 3048



NPTEC Law & Order/ Intergovernmental Subcommittee

Members

Shirley J Allman, *Chair*

Arthur J Broncheau, *Vice-chair*

Rachel Edwards

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Reporting Programs

Law & Order Executive Officer

Nez Perce Tribal Police Department

Prosecutor

Nez Perce Tribal Court

Probation Department

Public Defenders Office

Tribal Employee Rights Office

Nez Perce Tribal Gaming Commission

Fish and Wildlife Commission

Child Support Enforcement Program

Child Protection Service

Meeting Schedule

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

Minutes

May 17, 2021

- Letter to approve the submittal of the Nez Perce Tribe Child Support Program FY 2021 Emergency Match Waiver with Chairman's signature to the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE). Due to Covid outreach activities was not carried out along with other scheduled activities. In-kind collaboration with current clients and recruitment activities
- Letter to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services to request technical to assist in the planning and construction of the Nez Perce Tribe's Corrections Center Project. Decision made because our detainees are not receiving appropriate care in the four county jails, some of the county jails refuse to accept our tribal members on negative impressions
- Special Assistant U.S. Attorney (SAUSA) authorize the Tribe's Prosecutors, Kenton Beckstead and Krista Cole, to apply with the U.S. Department of Justice to receive training as a Tribal Special Assistant U.S. Attorney (Tribal SAUSA)
- Code Revision Grant authorize and schedule a follow up working session with Law & Order Subcommittee members to finish review of proposed changes to Criminal Procedures (Title 2, Chapter 2-1) and Domestic Violence (Title 7) on June 4, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Grant extension in order to get these items completed
- Letter sign a letter from the four (4) CRIT-FC Tribes to General Helminger, Brigadier General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Columbia River Village Development Plan
- Letter a letter to Terema Carlin, Warden, Idaho Correctional Institution, Orofino, Idaho regarding religious practices contingent upon editing by NPTEC

RESOLUTION

- On Call Idaho Legal Aid Contract approve the on-call Conflict Public Defender's contract with Idaho Legal Aid, motion carried. NP 21-311 The term of contract will be from May 17,2021 to September 30,2021, unless terminated earlier and maybe extended for a full year to end September 30,2022, by a written modification appropriately executed by both parties

June 7, 2021

- Letter to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Support to transfer one (1) time funding for the Nez Perce Tribal Court in the amount of \$156,276.00 to be placed in a separate P.L. 93-638 Contract/Grant
- Reschedule Law & Order Subcommittee the July 5, 2021 Law & Order Subcommittee to July 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. due to the Independence Holiday

June 21, 2021

- Agenda approve the agenda with point(s) of privilege with one (1) addition
- June 25, 2021, LOEO resignation final date of Aug. 27,2021. NPTEC accepted by resolution 6/29/2021, NP21-349

July 8, 2021

- NPTGC Notice of Vacancy advertise the Nez Perce Tribal Gaming Commission (NPTGC) vacancy to complete the term ending December 31, 2021 and to submit with letters of interest and resume to Marie Baheza by close of business on July 23, 2021
- Recommendation to direct the LOSC Chairman to bring the NPTEC Chairman the non-compliance of the Tobacco Ordinance from Nez Perce Express under the Nez Perce Tribal Enterprises and to enforce the Nez Perce Tribal code with a report to the August 16, 2021 Law & Order

Subcommittee meeting

RESOLUTIONS

- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Contract Motion/Ms. Allman, second/Mr. Oatman to approve the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Contract 45610021C0022 NP 21-359
- Columbia Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center (CRI TAC) Motion/Ms. Allman, second/Mr. Oatman to authorize the Agreement between the CRI TAC and the Nez Perce Tribal Police Department at no cost to the Nez Perce Tribe to provide technical assistance work plan to the Nez Perce Tribal Police Department NP 21-360 (This is an opportunity to evaluate the department and make improvement to policies and procedures)

July 19, 2021

- CSEP Report to approve the submittal of the Nez Perce Tribe Child Support Enforcement Program's (CSEP) 3rd Quarter Financial Report for FY 2021 to the Office of Child Support Enforcement with Chairman's signature

RESOLUTION

- CSEP FY 2022 Budget approve the Child Support Program's (CSEP) FY 2022 budget and application to the Office of Child Support Enforcement for an amount \$738,566.90 with a grant match amount of \$184,641.73 for a total amount of \$923,203.63 NP 21-381
- Nez Perce County Memorandum of Agreement for dispatch services with Nez Perce County and Nez Perce Tribe-Resolution. NP 21-382 (Whitcom service had a huge increase of cost)

August 2, 2021

- Agenda to approve the agenda with point(s) of privilege

NPTEC Natural Resources Subcommittee

Members

Quincy Ellenwood, *Chair*
Casey Mitchell, *Vice-chair*
Shannon F. Wheeler
Rachel P. Edwards
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Reporting Programs

Natural Resources
Department of Fisheries Management
Forestry
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, Oatman, Mitchell*
Utility Board: *Edwards, Wheeler*
Interagency Bison Management Plan: *Ellenwood; Mitchell (Alt)*
Intertribal Timber Council: *Wheeler; Mitchell (Alt)*
Emergency Response Team: *Wheeler, Oatman*

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

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

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

May 18, 2021

ACTIONS

- EPA Letter to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requesting that EPA revise its Methodology for Deriving Ambient Water Quality Criteria for the Protection of Human Health (2000)
- Monthly Report to accept the Conservation Enforcement Division Monthly Report
- Intertribal Timber Council - IFMAT IV to accept the invitation from Indian Forest Management Assessment Team (IFMAT) for conducting a site visit for the IFMAT IV Assessment of Indian Forestry and direct staff to participate with the review team as needed

RESOLUTIONS

- Agreement approve the Letter of Agreement for Funding Tribal Response Costs at the Swan Island Basin Project Area of the Portland Harbor Superfund Site NP 21-296
- Trout Unlimited Agreement approve a Supplemental Project Agreement #21-PA-TU-NPT-001 between Trout Unlimited and the Nez Perce Tribe for aquatic ecosystem restoration project in the amount of \$34,960 NP 21-297
- Lapwai Creek Mod #1 approve Modification #1 to the 2020 Lapwai Creek Watershed contract #00074017 Release

#000071 with Bonneville Power Administration extending the contract deadline from April 30, 2021 to September 30, 2021 and approving a No-Cost Budget Line Item Transfer NP 20-280 AMENDED

- FY 2021 BPA Grant #8622 approve the FY 2021 BPA Grant #86262 to gather information that will foster tribal knowledge and agencies concerning management of properties within project in the amount of \$1,500 NP 21-298
- Memorandum of Agreement approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the DOE, Richland Operations Office and the U.S. DOI, Fish & Wildlife Services and the Nez Perce Tribe for the removal of an airplane from the Laliik Tribal Cultural Property within the Rattlesnake Unit of the Hanford Reach National Monument NP 21-299
- NW Air quest Charter approve the 2020 Northwest International Air Quality Environmental Science and Technology Consortium (NW-Airquest) Charter NP 21-300
- NRMC Chapter approval of the 2020 Northwest Regional Modeling Chapter (NRMC) Charter NP 21-301

June 1, 2021

ACTIONS

- Letter to authorize response to the Walla-Walla-Whitman National Forest regarding Pittsburg Landing tribal treaty grazing
- Letter authorize a response to Oregon State Parks regarding proposed Wallowa Lake emergency access/egress road
- Representation approve the representation from the Natural Resources Subcommittee Chairman and appropriate staff to serve on a working group to address concerns of elk depredation in Northeast Oregon from a Nez Perce Perspective
- Nez Perce Tribe Utility Board authorize the appointment of Scherri Greene and Jon Paisano to the Nez Perce Tribe Utility Board for a term of two (2) years
- Letter authorize a letter to Brian Vance, Department of Energy Hanford Site Manager, regarding the lack of government-to-government consultation on the funding of the Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Program

RESOLUTIONS

- CRITFC Kelt Project Mod #1 approve Amendment #1 to the Snake River Steelhead Kelt Project contract #T20-10 funded by the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission to add \$65,000 to the

contract budget to add collection of kelts from Little Goose Dam for a total contract budget amount of \$512,459 NP 20-346 AMENDED

- BPA Lapwai Creek approve the Lapwai Creek Watershed Restoration Contract #00074017 Release #00088 between the BPA & the Tribe in the amount of \$500,000 from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022 to accomplish: treating 17.35 acres for noxious weeds and riparian plant maintenance NP 21-318
- NPCNF Lolo/Selway to approve a Participating Agreement Supplemental Project Agreement #21-PA-11011700-018 between the NPCNF and the Tribe for aquatic ecosystem restoration projects in the Lolo Creek and Selway River watersheds in the amount of \$120,000 NP 21-319
- Funding approve the acceptance and implementation of the FY2022 and FY 2023 funding from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Native American Affairs Office in the amount of \$200,000 to carry out water quality and quantity monitoring on the Nez Perce Reservation and to receive those funds through a P.L. 93-638 Contract NP 21-320
- Contract with ACOE approve the contract with the United States Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) Portland District Contract #W9127N21P0045 for the Tribe's Cultural Resources to provide Tra-

ditional Cultural Property Identification Study in the amount of \$82,638.54 NP 21-321

June 15, 2021

ACTIONS

- Monthly Report to accept the Conservation Enforcement Division monthly report
- Letter authorize the Cultural Resources Department to draft a letter to Idaho Fish and Game regarding the Cultural Resources impact to the Big Bear Fall project
- Donation of Nez Perce Tribal Flag authorize the donation of the Nez Perce Tribal Flag to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Office of Tribal Relations for the flag to be displayed in the USDA Hall of Tribal Nations

RESOLUTIONS

- Contract approve the contract between ARE-Con and the Nez Perce Tribe for invoices payable from the Office of Legal Counsel consultant budget line item 21-335
- Addendum to Memorandum of Agreement to approve First Addendum to Memorandum of Agreement between the Portland Harbor Natural Resource Trustee Council and Portland General Electric Company related to habitat restoration project NP 21-336
- BNF Improve Aquatic Ecosystems to approve

a Supplemental Project Agreement #21-PA-11040200-011 between the Boise National Forest and the Nez Perce Tribe for aquatic ecosystem restoration projects in the upper South Fork Salmon River Watershed in the amount of \$135,000 NP 21-337

- ANA Grant Application to authorize the Nez Perce Language Program to apply for the Administration of Native Americans (ANA), Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance Grant in the amount of \$732,928 NP 21-338
- 2021 SRBA Allocation Resolution approve the Nez Perce Tribal Enterprise to electronically transfer the Aht'Wy Interchange project match to the Idaho State Transportation Department payment portal the amount of \$1,007,090 NP 21-339

July 6, 2021

ACTIONS

- Authorize a research permit for Jordan J. Thompson for an overview of Vitrophyre in an Archaeological Context

RESOLUTIONS

- CRITFC Lamprey to approve the Tribal Pacific Lamprey Translocation Project contract #T21-09 funded by the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission in the amount of \$150,933 NP 21-351

- BPA Lamprey/Legacy Intern to approve the Snake Larval Lamprey Collaborative & Legacy Intern Contract #00074017 Release #00089 between the Bonneville Power Administration and the Nez Perce Tribe in the amount of \$90,091 NP 21-352
- USFWS Kooskia NFH to approve the FY 2021/2022 U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service - Kooskia Grant Award No. F21AP11079-00 in the amount \$750,329 NP 21-353
- Local Highway Technical Assistance Grant (LHTAC) Contract to provide an archaeological monitor for the Clear Creek Bridge Replacement Project in the amount of \$38,040 NP 21-354
- Northwest Management Contract to approve the Northwest Management Contract no-cost extension which will provide a revised Forest Management Plan for the Nez Perce Tribe with a total contract value not to exceed \$185,450 NP 19-355 (AMENDED)

July 20, 2021

ACTIONS

- Conservation Report to accept the Conservation Enforcement Division monthly report
- Letter to BIA to authorize a letter to Bryan Mercier, Northwest Regional Office - BIA to request year-end funding in the amount of \$120,000 to support the Lewiston Orchards Project
- Research Permit to approve the research permit for Mariajuana James to provide an ecological/camas restoration research

RESOLUTIONS

- CRITFC #T21-11 Kelt Project to approve the Snake River Steelhead Kelt Project contract #T21-11 funded by the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission in the amount of \$512,460 for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 NP 21-369
- NPCNF Trails Maintenance to approve a Participating Agreement between the NPCNF and the Tribe to complete trail maintenance along the Nimiipuu Trail and the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trails and other National Forest System Trails in the amount of \$18,002.41 NP 21-370
- NPCNF Lower South Fork Clearwater to approve a Non-Funded Participating Agreement between the NPCNF & the Tribe for in-kind

labor and equipment, and will complete the installation of pit tag array equipment in the South Fork Clearwater River NP 21-371

- D-3 Native Wood Works Contract to approve a contract between D-3 Native Wood Works LLC to complete the planting of 1,877 1, 2, and 8-gallon container nursery stock within private property in the Lower Red River Meadow in the amount of \$39,086 NP 21-372
- Approve a Cooperative Landowner Agreement between the Tribe and Keith Burch (landowner) to complete improve fish habitat on lands owned by the Cooperator located in Clearwater County as Parcel number RP-35N02E149000A NP 21-373
- Approve the USFWS grant in the amount of \$49,999.32 for the Cultural Resources program to provide a Traditional Use Study NP 21-374
- MOA with USFWS to approve the MOA with USFWS to construct the marmot release structures within the Rattlesnake Unit of the Hanford Reach National Monument NP 21-375
- Grant Award to approve the acceptance of grant award from Can'd Aid 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation for nine 40-gallon Covington Recycling containers to be purchased and shipped to the Sweetwater Recycling Facility NP 21-376

August 3, 2021

ACTIONS

- Agreement to sign the Idaho Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster's Application for Partnership to improve voluntary organizations active response for disaster services to member organizations
- Letter to approve a letter to Michelle Pirzadeh, Environmental Protection Agency Acting Regional Administrator, and Brian Vance, Hanford Site Manager, to decline but thank both agencies the opportunity for consultation on the cleanup decision for groundwater in the 100-K Area of the Hanford Site

RESOLUTION

- BOR Lewiston Orchards Project to approve Amendment #4 to the 2017 BOR Lewiston Orchards Project Water Exchange Project Lead contract #R17AC00327 with the Bureau of Reclamation increasing the total funding amount by \$40,000 from \$160,000 to \$200,000 NP 17-389
AMENDED



Nez Perce Tribe

Honoring our past
Ensuring our future

Front: Nakia Williamson and Shannon Wheeler at the Am'sáaxpa Blessing.

Back: Nez Perce riders at the Am'sáaxpa Blessing.

Both photos courtesy Ellen Bishop

