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Nimiipuu Health Addresses Positive Cases as They Continue to Rise

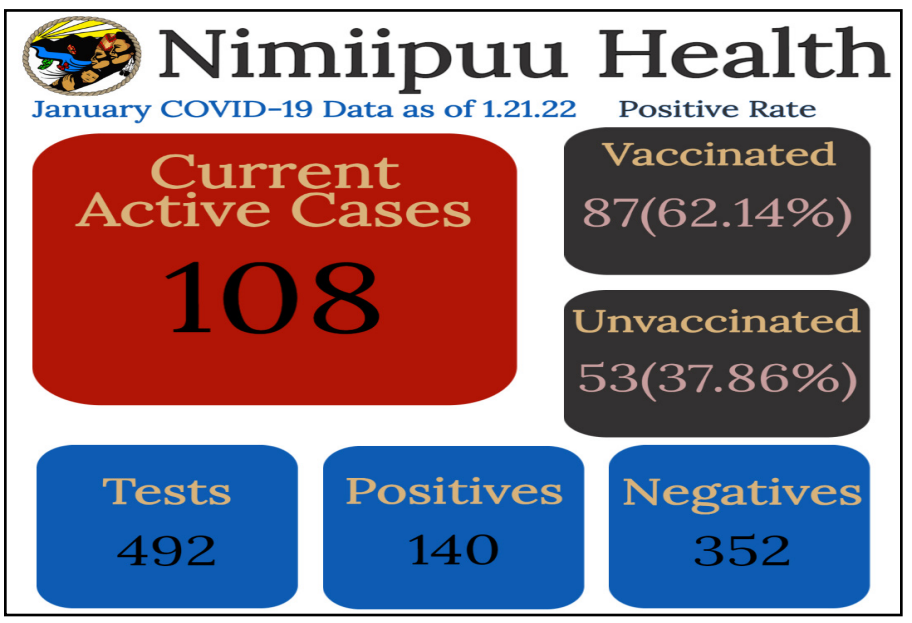
Nimiipuu Health (NMPH) is continuing to see a spike in COVID-19 cases. There are currently 108 active cases in our communities, the highest number of cases per day since November 2020. 62.14 % of the active cases are in vaccinated individuals.

The testing policy criteria is still symptom based which requires an individual requesting testing to have been exposed to a known positive individual and have symptoms of COVID-19, or have symptoms of COVID-19 without a known exposure because of community spread. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends this testing method because of the length of time it takes for COVID-19 proteins to become detectable. Thus timing your test to receive the most accurate results to identify COVID-19.

In addition, the NMPH testing supply is currently being challenged and there is a limited daily testing capacity. If you have been exposed to a known COVID-19 positive individual, but are not showing any symptoms you should stay home and quarantine for 14 days, unless otherwise directed. If at any time during quarantine you begin to develop symptoms, please call your medical provider.

Currently, NMPH is not following the CDC shortened quarantine/isolation timeframes. NMPH has decided not to shorten the isolation/quarantine duration at this time because the contractility of this strain is far too high. If you test positive for COVID-19 you will be instructed to self-isolate for 10 days, starting on the day your symptoms began. You must also be symptom free for at least 24 hours. If you test positive for COVID-19 and were already in self-quarantine, you need to restart the 10 days of self-isolation. Additionally, if there are household members who are positive with similar symptoms.

Fully vaccinated people should be tested 3-5 days following a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.



Unvaccinated people who have COVID-19 symptoms and have taken part in any activity that puts them at higher risk such as travel, attending large social or mass gatherings, or being in crowded or poorly-ventilated indoor settings may need a COVID-19 test.

If you have had close contact (within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone with confirmed COVID-19, you need to test. Please call NMPH for direction of when to test. If you have been asked or referred to get tested by a healthcare provider, or state, tribal, local external, or territorial health department, you need to test. If you have had exposure to a known positive case (confirmed with test) within 6ft., more than 15 minutes without a mask you need to test and quarantine until your test results are available.

If you were COVID-19 positive within the last three months, you do not need to test if you are symptom free.

Definitions:

* Asymptomatic- An individual not showing any signs or symptoms of COVID-19.

*Symptomatic- An individual showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19. Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.

*Direct Exposure- Being within 6 feet for longer than 15 minutes, without a mask, of a confirmed positive case.

*Self-Isolation- Used to separate people infected with the virus – positive COVID-19 test - (those who are sick with symptoms and those who are symptom free) from people who are not infected. People who are in isolation should stay home until it’s safe for them to be around others. In the home, anyone sick or infected should separate themselves from others by staying in a specific “sick room” or area. Isolation=Infected (I=I)

*Self-Quarantine- Used to keep someone who has been exposed to COVID-19 positive individual away from others to reduce potential spread of the virus. Quarantine helps prevent spread of disease that can occur before a person knows they are sick or if they are infected with the virus without feeling symptoms. People in quarantine should stay home, separate themselves from others, monitor their health, and follow directions from their state or local health department.

At this point, departments at NMPH have been directly impacted. Given the staffing issues, and to minimize unprecedented foot traffic, NMPH has reverted back to appointment only, until further notice. No walk-ins at this time.

How Native Foods Shape Culture

By Grace Giger,
The Argonaut

What makes a culture distinct from the others surrounding it? Maybe it's the language spoken, the stories and history of their past, or even the area in which the people reside. However, one of the most notable aspects of culture is the food in which the people of the culture make and eat. Food can be made and shared with others – thus bringing people together. It can connect those who eat it to its source, oftentimes the land where it was grown or raised. And food is so often part of a celebration – it can completely set one culture apart from another.

Native American culture has a long rich history, and food both traditional and modern continues to be an important part of what defines these cultures and ways of life. The University of Idaho is extremely close to several Native Reservations, including the Nez Perce and Coeur d'Alene Tribes. UI was built on land taken from many different Indigenous peoples. Including the Nez Perce tribe, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, the Coeur d'Alene and the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone.

For Native American cultures, food is centric to many traditions, religious ceremonies, and family life – it connects indigenous people with the land and each other.

Program Coordinator for the Native American Student center, Dakota Kidder, explained, "indigenous culture for food is very important because of a connection that we have with the earth, the entire process of recognizing, identifying plants, being able to identify the season…"

Food connects native people with the land and natural resources around them. It also brings families together, the act of hunting and gathering foods lend the opportunity to work with those around you and grow closer.

"the actual process of gathering the food so gathering food with like your auntie's, your family, your cousin, whoever's around, it's really a communal type of thing," Kidder, "and it brings good feelings for when you can actually go out and gather those roots and berries…"

Wisdom is passed down through the generations about how to gather and hunt food, and the longstanding traditions and knowledge stay in the tribe's and families.

Not only does food connect families and communities, it's also a vital aspect of religious ceremonies and tribal traditions. For example in the Nimiipuu or Nez Perce Tribes, traditional meals are held after ceremonies, often highlighting the significance of different foods.

"After the longhouse ceremony, there is the meal and there's a very specific way that each food is laid out to the table," Kidder, "And it's laid out in the in the fashion or in the way that it would be harvested throughout the year."

This way of laying the table for the meal demonstrates the importance and even reverence towards the food and the land it came from, and Kidder explained that it serves as a reminder of how the food was harvested and the significance of the land.

Indigenous foods hold ceremonial and familial significance, and Kidder believes that traditional native foods have an important role in the home and for health as well.

Kidder states, "These are foods serve as medicinal purposes. We say our Indian foods or native foods are the best foods for us."

She mentioned the concept of genetic memory, where people whose ancestors lived and ate a certain way will be drawn to that same way of life. There is a resurgence of belief

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The Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune is published twice a month, on the first and third Wednesday. Our mission is to publish a timely and credible resource for our loyal readers and provide local information relevant to the Nimiipuu people and surrounding communities. Our vision is to disseminate content of interest to readers and to ensure this news publication is accessible by all.

Due to the rising cost of printing and in effort to be more environmentally friendly, we are working to cut down on the number of printed hard copies. Hard copies will now be available with a paid subscription for the low cost of just $40 annually. Enrolled Nez Perce Tribal elders 65 years of age and older are able to receive hard copies at no cost (limit one per household). The online version is free for everyone. Subscribe today!

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COVID-19 ASSISTANCE

*In quarantine/isolation needing assistance with resources?

* Questions or safety concerns?

* Need safety recommendations for your event/activity?

CONTACT THE NEZ PERCE TRIBE EOC
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Tribal Families– we know how challenging quarantine/isolation can be for you and your loved ones. If you find yourself in need of essential items please contact us. We will respond to your needs the best we can and as quickly as we can (dependent on time and volunteer availability). We do prefer you have a designated person to do your shopping for you, as they will know your preferences best. However, we hope to have volunteers to assist if a person cannot be designated.

Please make your requests Monday—Friday
9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (Holidays/NPT Closures will vary).
Deliveries may occur evenings and weekends, depending on volunteer availability.

All requests require NMPH Healthcare Professional or designated Healthcare Professional verification. Your call/email will be received by the Nez Perce Tribe Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Team. All request/questions/concerns will be shared with the EOC team member(s) best suited to respond. Emails will be responded to in the order they are received and every effort will be made to respond to questions or concerns as quickly as possible.

If you have severe COVID-19 symptoms call 911 immediately.
Nimiipuu Health manages acute care only
and does not have the facilities nor equipment to assist with emergent situations.

The Nez Perce Tribe, Nimiipuu Health and NPT Emergency Operations encourages and supports everyone getting vaccinated and wearing a mask when out in public, around others. Please join us and help reduce the spread, and minimize the impacts of COVID-19 to our communities and health care facilities.

Due to the high number of current cases, numerous calls are coming in daily.

• Unless underage or medically unable to do so, the call for assistance needs to be made by the COVID-19 positive person or head of household.

• Please call only ONCE and leave a message if your call goes to voicemail. This helps alleviate the time required to sift through multiple voicemails.

• Please be assured that staff will return your call as expeditiously as possible.

• Please ONLY use the contact information below, DO NOT contact individual employees. We do not want to miss anyone who needs assistance.

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in many Native American communities in the importance of returning to their more traditional ways of eating. So much so that there are even clinics being established that focus on the use of native food as treatment for illnesses and health issues in native people.

Philip Stevens, Associate Professor of Anthropology and the Director of American Indian Studies here at UI is also concerned with the more modern implications of indigenous food, and how it has changed over the years.

He explained how native foods vary not just between tribes but also between different areas of the land. The foods that are significant for a culture is highly reliant on place. For example, he explained how growing up in Arizona on the San Carlos Apache reservation he had never encountered many of the foods which he is now familiar with here in the Pacific Northwest – like huckleberries and salmon. These foods hold no significance in the native culture he grew up in because they simply do not exist, whereas in many of the tribes here they are extremely culturally important.

And native culture in relation to food has shifted dramatically over the years, always changing to adapt to our always shifting world and landscape.

"All cultures are dynamic, including indigenous cultures. Unfortunately, a lot of times people think of native cultures as something static or something from the past, but it's dynamic just like every other culture."

As the world changes so do all cultures, native cultures are not stuck in the past, but growing and changing along with all the other cultures of the world. It's important to keep in mind while many native tribes strive to stay rooted in their traditions, they must also adapt to the modern world and the food culture of today.

In America today, the production of food generally is focused on making as much food possible to feed as many people as possible. Looking around the Palouse area, the importance of monoculture farming in this country is obvious. The seemingly endless fields of wheat and corn testify to the focus on mass production, however Philip Stevens questions if this strategy is what's best for our bodies and the earth.

"Efficient feeding of people sometimes doesn't take into account a more nuanced understanding of what health is over the environment." Stevens said.

The monocultural method of farming is the best when it comes to efficiency and productivity, however it strays dramatically from the traditional native ways of eating that were first used on this land. By cultivating food in this manner, much of the social and cultural possibilities for food are lost – there is no longer such a strong connection to the land and to each other through food.

"If our objectives are economic efficiency, then what we are doing is probably correct," Stevens, "but if we want to take into consideration environmental or social concerns, and I think that we do, we need to revisit that."

If we want to return to a more natural and environmentally advantageous mode of producing food, Stevens recommends that society should push for more diversified farming practices that focus on stewardship and overall health for the earth and those who consume it.

Native culture across the country and in the pacific northwest has changed drastically over the last several hundred years, but several constants have remained – including the importance of food. Life may not look completely the same for these native tribes, however food will always remain a central part of their traditions and lifestyles.

Lapwai School District Staff Spotlight



The 2021-2022 Superintendent's Faculty Cabinet would like to celebrate Mrs. Jenny Williams. This exemplary educator represents the very heart of the Lapwai School District. Her 42 years of service to-date have included Elementary Cultural Arts Teacher, Physical Education Assistant, Indian Education Secretary, District Accounts Payable/Secretary, Indian Education Home-School Liaison, Native American Arts, and continuing most recently as Cultural Arts Specialist for the Indian Education Department.

Her wealth of knowledge included majoring in Elementary Education at Lewis-Clark State College. This amazing mother and grandmother has two daughters and helped raise seven other children, five of whom graduated from Lapwai High School.

When asked about her students, Mrs. Williams replied:
"I love their energy, their bring minds, their love of life, and I love seeing then grow up. And now, thinking back to when I started, some of those students are now grandparents! My fill and enjoyable life and the circle continues on. I guess I am just not ready to stop this journey just yet. The students I serve, me, and the people around me are here because of the sacrifices of our ancestors and that is powerful! I want them all to be able to seize their heritage, to expunge the effects of colonization, and also expunge and heal from how to boarding schools caused damage to our past generations.

Study: Super-Sizing Sturgeon

Fisheries biologists are moving a group of sturgeon from Hells Canyon to the Lower Granite Reservoir in an attempt to accelerate their growth

By Eric Baker,
Lewiston Tribune

In a novel study, fisheries biologists are attempting to speed the growth of some Hells Canyon sturgeon and thereby establish a tool that could help sustain or expand the population of the long-lived fish.

Sturgeon can reach ages that rival some older humans, and it can take them decades to reach spawning size — about 7 feet for females. Their growth rate is dependent in part on the availability of food and competition for that food.

Biologists for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Idaho Power and the Nez Perce Tribe have tracked Snake River sturgeon populations in a long-running monitoring project. They documented that juvenile fish living in Hells Canyon tend to grow much slower that those living in Lower Granite Reservoir west of Lewiston.

Fish less than 40 inches grow 2-4 inches per year in the reservoir but less than 1 inch per year in Hells Canyon. At that rate, it can take 50 years for a fish to reach spawning size. But some sturgeon in high-density pools in the canyon are growing much slower — only about a 10th of an inch per year.

"At that rate they will never grow out of the growth bottleneck and just die before they ever reach sizes (at which) they will spawn," Joe DuPont, regional fisheries manager for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at Lewiston.

Once sturgeon reach 40 inches, the growth rate of the Hells Canyon fish steadily increases and eventually matches that of fish in the reservoir.

So biologists from the department and Idaho Power are undertaking a pilot study to determine if they can increase the number of spawners in the population by moving some slow-growing fish living in deep, high-density sturgeon pools in Hells Canyon to the reservoir where growth rates are much better and fish densities are lower.

This fall, they captured 80 juvenile sturgeon from three pools in the canyon and implanted them with tracking tags. Of those, 55 were moved downstream. The rest were released where they were caught.

Some of the fish caught for the experiment had been previously caught and tagged as part of an ongoing monitoring program. DuPont said five of those had annual growth rates of just millimeters. They also documented that fish living in different pools have different growth rates and those in the most crowded pools are growing the slowest.

The biologists will track movements of the fish and recapture as many as they can to monitor their growth rates. DuPont said some answers will come quickly and others will take some time.

"One: Did most of those fish stay or did most of them leave? If we want this to be a tool in the future and 80 percent of fish leave, it's probably not that great of a tool," he said. "Two: If they stay, will they experience a growth spurt even if they are decades old?"

Even though the reservoir seems to humans to be a better place for the smaller fish, the sturgeon might not see it that way. There may be something upstream they like or the fish may simply be pulled there by some genetic signal to migrate.

DuPont said some of them may have already spent time in the reservoir. Sturgeon are broadcast spawners. Females release their eggs, males fertilize them, and the eggs sink and stick to rocks in fast-moving water. When they hatch, the larva drift and go wherever the current takes them. Many are flushed far downstream. But at some point in their lifetime, the fish move back upstream. When and why is little understood.

"These fish have always gone through a larval drift stage and before dams some of these fish went 100 miles, and if they didn't have the urge to migrate upstream, they would all be downriver."

If they stay, DuPont said it may take some of the relocated fish only a year or two to push past that 40-inch mark where they tend to grow at the same rate whether they live in the reservoir or the canyon.

The number of fish that stay and grow will help determine if moving younger sturgeon is a viable tool in managing the population.



Biologists use a setline to catch juvenile sturgeon in Hells Canyon. (ID Fish & Game Photo)



Idaho Fish and Game trying to see if they can boost growth of young stergeon by moving them from the canyon to Lower Granite Reservoir (ID Fish & Game Photo)

Ocean Conditions Improve Off West Coast

Snake River salmon and steelhead could benefit

By Eric Baker,
Lewiston Tribune

Much-improved conditions off the Oregon coast may signal a reprieve for Snake River and Columbia River salmon and steelhead that have endured a string of lean years in the northern Pacific Ocean.

River of Change: According to scientists with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 2021 posted the second-best ocean condition score across a 24-year dataset and was the best year on record in one key category — the density of northern copepods. The tiny, energy-rich organisms are packed with lipids and, when abundant, can cause an explosion of growth for dozens of species.

"It's those lipids that are really important for the energy at the base of the food chain," said Jennifer Fisher, a scientist at the NOAA's Northwest Science Center who tracks ocean conditions off the coast of Newport, Ore. "It just translates up the food chain."

This should mean that when juvenile salmon and steelhead flushed out of the Columbia River and into the ocean last spring and summer, they found plenty to eat. The good ocean conditions — which include cold water and abundant upwelling — often lead to higher than average survival for salmon and steelhead during their time in salt water, and thus higher freshwater returns.

If the improved conditions produce a survival bump, it should first be reflected later this year with the return of jack spring chinook, coho salmon and A-run steelhead that spend just one year in salt water. But the bigger payoff could be in 2023 when adult spring and fall chinook salmon and B-run steelhead return home after two or more years at sea.

That is what happened after 2008, the best ocean condition year on record. More than 300,000 steelhead and 88,000 jack spring chinook were counted at Lower Granite Dam in 2009 and adult spring chinook returned in abundant numbers in 2010.

"There is certainly some optimism all along the West Coast and in the Columbia basin given the conditions we are seeing out in the ocean," said Lance Hebdon, fisheries bureau chief for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at Boise. "We hit the bottom a year or two ago and we may have a little breathing room in the future. The proof will be in adult returns."

For David Johnson, director of the Nez Perce Tribe Department of Fisheries Resources Management, the change in ocean fortunes couldn't have been better timed. Last year, the tribe found 42 percent of wild Snake River spring chinook populations and 19 percent of wild steelhead are tipping toward extinction.

"It is really a blessing that the ocean is looking like it does," Johnson said. "We are just really happy about that."

He wants the region to move swiftly so fisheries managers can take advantage of expected higher returns of wild spring and summer chinook salmon from places like the middle and south forks of the Salmon River. Johnson and the tribe has advocated for taking a portion of those fish — protected as threatened under the Endangered Species Act — and placing them in an emergency hatchery program. Under the tribe's plan, the hatchery would be located in the lower Columbia River so the fish would not have to contend with dams on the Columbia and Snake rivers.

"I feel like we have to race to get something done knowing there is going to be a downturn, that the climate is changing and we have to deal with that," he said. "Having more fish back certainly kind of puts us in a different place relative to harvest. There may be some semblance of a fishery. But relative to the wild populations we have been so concerned about, I think this is a sign we've got to get off our duff and get going and do what we can while we have some fish on hand."

Fisher said how long the good conditions will last is anybody's guess. In decades past, ocean conditions have been cyclical and somewhat reliable but they have become more erratic of late, possibly a symptom of climate change.

Johnson fears a return of conditions in place since about 2014 when a marine heat wave known as The Blob hammered salmon and steelhead runs up and down the West Coast. Starting then and continuing into the following six or so years, Fisher said southern copepods that are smaller and lower in lipids dominated coastal waters. Returns of salmon and steelhead were largely below average and in some years were dismal.

"Fingers crossed," Fisher said, that "maybe we are going into a longer (good ocean) cycle or maybe we have broken a warm cycle and may now get a few years of decent ocean conditions."





We Can Celebrate

By Jim Parr,
keizertimes.com

"We did not come here from some other country like the white men did. We have always been here. Nature placed us in our lands." - Yellow Wolf, Nez Perce

The original people of North America are known to have been here for the past 19,000 years or more. Their presence in Oregon dates back to at least 11,000 years ago. They witnessed the last great Ice Age and its eventual melting out over this land. Considering that white Europeans have only been in North America for about the past 450 or so years, "have always been here" is a pretty good claim. For thousands of years the Indians lived on this land with a very light footprint.

After the end of the Civil War and into the early 1900s, Indians in the west, including here in Oregon, were marched around and moved off of the land they had lived on forever. With an apparently indifferent Congress (and under the guise of the doctrine of 'manifest destiny') white settlers, with the assistance of a post-Civil War U.S. Army with little else to do, gradually took their land from them. Land had become property and the concept of ownership was forced upon the Indians.



A snapshot taken in 1909 shows Yellow Wolf seated between rancher Lucullus McWhorter and their interpreter, Thomas Hart, a younger Nez Perce man who had served in the U.S. Army during the Spanish-American War & spoke good English.

Today, despite the struggles of a pandemic, there is reason to celebrate. The Nez Perce Tribe is buying back property in northeast Oregon that they had been forced off of over 100 years ago. And notably, Native American Deb Haaland of New Mexico has been confirmed and appointed as Secretary of the Department of Interior. Also notably, Oregon's own Charles "Chuck" Sams III of the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indians has been confirmed and appointed as Director of our National Parks System. And the Confederated Salish-Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Indian Reservation are assuming management and operation of the National Bison Range in s Montana. Locally our Confederated Siletz Indian Tribe has plans for a brand new service station and store at Keizer Station. They also have a casino in the planning stages.

There are Indian members of Congress. Hopefully their ranks in Congress will grow. After all, who better to manage and oversee our land and resources than the people who have always had a spiritual connection with the soil, the air, the water, the plants and the animals. We all remember with respect and admiration the great Indian chiefs who led their people with care, fearlessness, and skill. They were focused on holding on to places where they could live, protect their culture, their elderly and most of all, securing a good future for their children. Maybe one day one of these chiefs will become 'chief executive' (president that is) of our nation and country. It is their time.

Help Improve the Columbia River Fishing Access Sites!

Congress has authorized safety and sanitation improvements to be made at the Zone 6 fishing access sites through the federal *Columbia River In-lieu and Treaty Fishing Sites Improvement Act.*

We want to hear from **tribal members who use these sites to exercise their treaty-reserved fishing rights on the Columbia River.**

- **How do you use the sites?**
- **How well do the sites fit your needs?**
- **What ways they do not meet your needs?**
- **What problems have you seen or experienced on the sites?**
- **What are your suggestions on ways to make the sites better?**

Interviews will be held by Akana and Nch'i Wana Housing staff in February and early March. Participation is voluntary and participants will receive a $50 gift card to thank them for their time.

Scan the QR code for schedule and more details ▸



Moisture Meter Loans at Public Libraries in Lapwai & Orofino

The Moisture Meter Loan Program is a partnership between the Nez Perce Tribe Air Quality Program, Lapwai Community Library, and Clearwater Memorial Public Library in Orofino. Patrons can borrow a moisture meter to test their firewood. Wood burns most efficiently when the moisture content is between 15-20%.

Moisture Meter Loan Kit includes instructions on how to use the moisture meter, tips for keeping wood dry, and an informational activity book for kids. DIY videos and materials for firewood storage options available at www.epa.gov/burnwise.



Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests Available for Order

60 million U.S. households have ordered free at-home Covid test kits through the government's new website. The Biden administration is procuring a total of 1 billion kits to distribute to the public for free. Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order four tests by visiting https://www.covidtests.gov/.

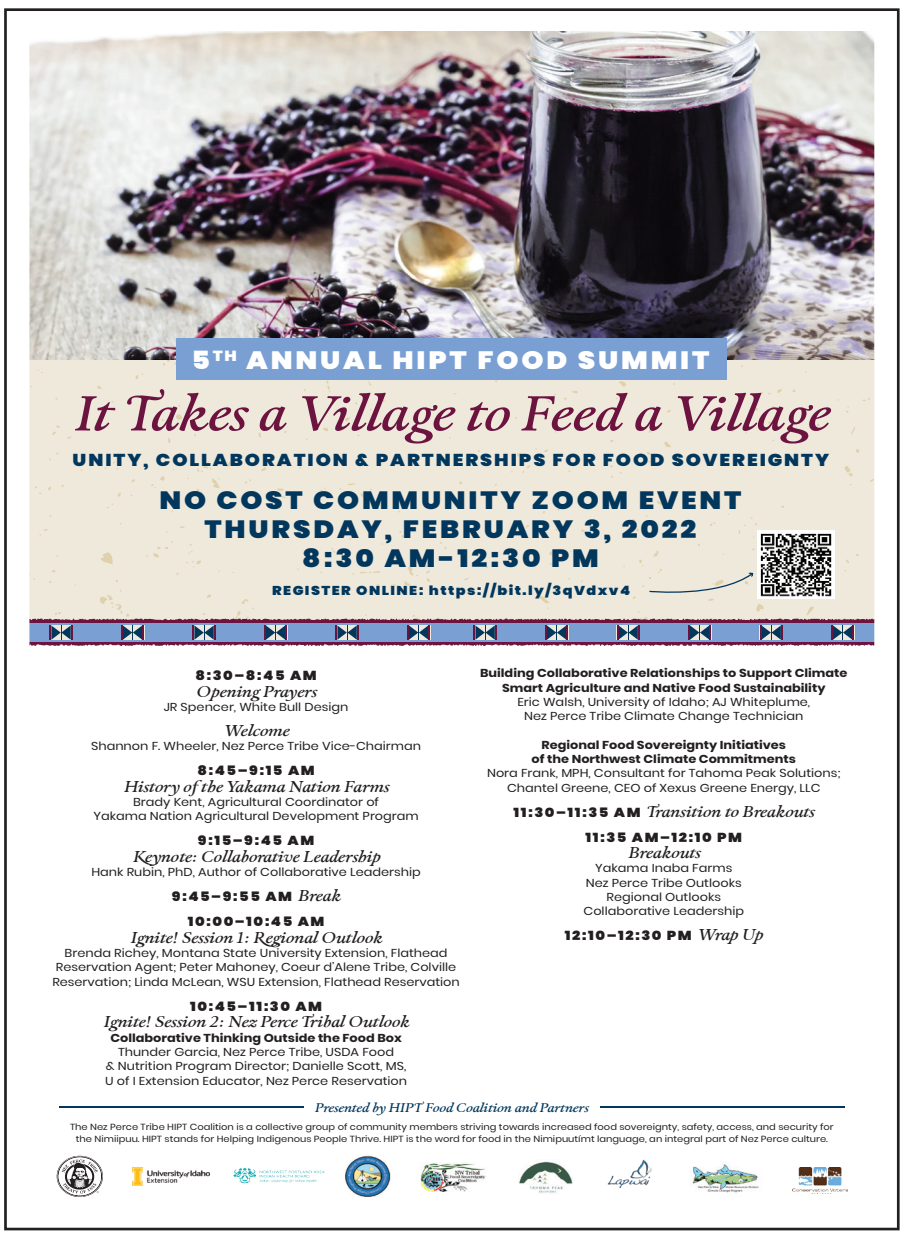
To order, you only need to provide your name and residential mailing address. No ID, credit card, or health insurance information is required. Orders will ship within seven to twelve days after a household places an order, according to the website.

If you have difficulty accessing the internet or need additional support placing an order, you can call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY: 1-888-720-7489) to get help in English, Spanish, and more than 150 other languages – from 8:00 a.m. to midnight ET, 7 days a week.

The website also provides important information about the at-home test, other valuable testing resources, and the latest CDC guidance for self-testing. There is also a Frequently Asked Questions section to answer many of the common questions regarding the at-home test kits, including any issues related to residential addresses with multiple units or multi-family living arrangements.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to obtain at-home COVID-19 tests for your family at no cost to you, please also share this important information with your friends and community members to ensure that everyone has access to free at-home tests.





Lapwai Girls Beat Kamiah and Honor 3 Seniors; Ada McCormack Marks Named Coach of the Year

Lapwai (14-3, 12-1) is currently ranked third in the latest state media poll. The Wildcats had a Whitepine League Division I victory against opponent Kamiah.

Lapwai honored three seniors on Thursday, January 27, 2022. Along with senior night, two special awards were announced at halftime. Grace Sobotta and Ada McCormack-Marks, Lapwai's head coach, were recognized with two huge achievements.

Sobotta was selected as an Idaho Player of the Year candidate and McCormack-Marks received the 2021-2022 Idaho State Coaches Association Award and named Coach of the Year.

"Very humbled and honored to have been not only nominated for this award but to be chosen for this award," said McCormack-Marks. "I am thankful for my support from Josh and Jossy who are my right hand guys through this process. Along with my girls Jordyn, Jaelyn and Joslyn who helped make me be the coach I am today."

All three seniors scored double digit figures. The wildcats were led by Sayq'is Greene with 14 points. While Sobotta contributed with 13 points, 13 rebounds and eight steals. Kahlees Young added 11 points of her own.

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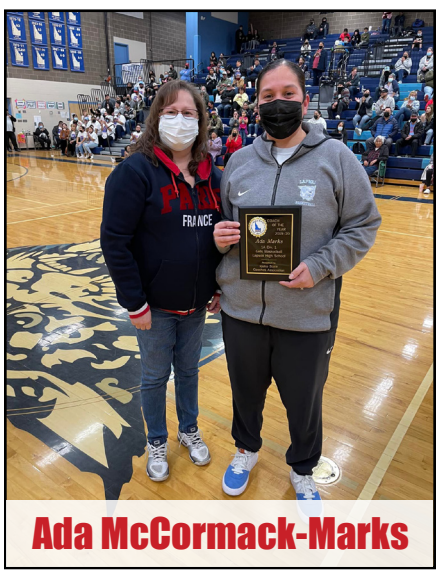
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Lapwai 22 8 11 19—60
3-point goals — Porter 3, Skinner, Sobotta 2, Greene 2, Gould, Young.


#1 Grace Sobotta



#23 Kahlees Young


#22 Sayq'is Greene


Ada McCormack-Marks



Ask Dr. Per Cap: Wills Made Easy

Dear Dr. Per Cap,

Is there a cheap way to write a will? I don't want to hassle with an attorney.

Signed,
Need a Will

Dear Need,

Depending on your situation writing a will doesn't have to be a major undertaking. In fact it can be pretty straight forward. However, as a Native person there are questions to consider. For starters do you live on the rez or are you an urban dweller? Do you have individual ownership in any trust land? If so, does your tribe have a probate code?

I'm told the only tribe with its own probate code is Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate so unless you're rocking that Santee Dakota blood, your tribe is subject to the American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004. AIPRA supersedes state laws when determining how trust lands on reservations pass from one generation to the next.

I reached out to a colleague for timely advice on this topic who explained that many people don't realize a written will is only effective upon a person's passing. So you can change or edit a will any time before then. Major life changes like marriage, divorce, birth of a child, or a death in the family are common situations when a person might rewrite a will.

You also don't need an attorney to write a will and it doesn't have to be fancy. Heck, you can write one on the back of an envelope with a purple Sharpie as long as you are 18-years-old and the will is witnessed by at least 2 disinterested parties of sound legal mind. That's legal speak for a level headed person who isn't a close relation who might benefit from your estate; so no children, grandkids, husbands, wives, significant other, or anyone else who stands to inherit any of your assets.

Next step is to safeguard your will. Nope, a coffee can under the bed doesn't cut it. And the BIA isn't in the business of storing wills so don't hotfoot it to your local agency office. Better to buy a small home safe or open a safe deposit box at a bank so your will can't be stolen or altered without your knowledge. Then make sure a trusted person can access the document if necessary.

I'm glad you're looking ahead and taking ownership because there's more to personal finance than bank accounts, budgets, and credit reports. Life in Indian Country would also run a whole lot smoother if more folks paid attention to estate planning.

For more info about wills and AIPRA, check out the handy guide created by Montana State University Extension and its tribal partners. https://www.montana.edu/indianland/documents/factsheets/factsheet1.pdf

Ask Dr. Per Cap: Investing Apps for Newbies

Dear Dr. Per Cap,

Are investing apps like Robinhood and Acorns the best way for a first time investor to buy stocks?

Signed,
Eager Beaver

Dear Eager,

There's no denying investing apps are taking the world by storm. New investors are pouring into the market in record numbers and their influence is felt in meme stocks, cryptocurrencies, and other fast paced trends.

Let me say I'm a fan of any movement that encourages people to invest. Moreover, many financial technology or fintech apps make it very easy for a novice investor to get started with little or no money upfront. Consider this: Individual investors in the U.S. now own more stocks than any time in history. Millions of new brokerage accounts were created during the pandemic. The stock market has hit more than 50 record closing highs this year alone. Lockdowns and stimulus provided people with time and money to invest.

This all sounds great but I worry some apps are oversimplifying the investing process by turning it into more of a video game and entertainment experience than an investing mindset. Spend a few minutes scrolling the investing apps mentioned above and you'll know exactly what I mean.

Another trend we're not hearing about as much is the fact that margin debt to buy stocks is also at record levels. This means many new investors are speculating using borrowed money and that's had bad consequences for more than a few.

The first step before investing any money is always to take time to learn what you're doing. I know you're raring to go but really – slow down. Set some goals, identify an investing time frame, and establish your risk tolerance. Unfortunately some investing apps are a little light on this part. For example, I've used Robinhood and it has educational tools, but you have to search for them.

So before making any trades please do some homework and check out other investing apps and websites before picking one. There are some older, more established online brokerages that offer similar features while also providing more resources to help you make investing decisions. I'm not saying one is better than another. Just that different apps approach investing differently and each has pros and cons. Pick the one that best suits your needs.

Watch Sequoyah Fund, tribally led financial services provider, explore investing app craze and some alarming trends. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kjgm_tH2LCU

Stephan Wayne Moffett, 69, Kamiah, ID



Stephan Wayne Moffett passed away from complications of COVID-19 on Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022, at St. Luke's hospital in Twin Falls, Idaho. His health condition in the last 10 years contributed to his untimely death.

Steve, or SW, was born May 31, 1952, in Dubuque, Iowa, to Walter and Bernice Moffett. Throughout his young life the family moved to Caldwell, Idaho; Brigham City, Utah; San Anselmo, Calif.; and Wellpinit, Wash. Steve started his elementary school years in San Anselmo and Wellpinit when the family moved back Kamiah in 1962, where he graduated from Kamiah High School in 1970. Steve moved to different places, but Kamiah was his home.

Steve was an enrolled member and proud member of the Nez Perce Tribe. When SW was born, his paternal grandpa named him Haxaac Ciickanin' (sp) "grizzly bear robe" after great-grandfather Stephen Moffett and then Mr. Lawyer named him Yay'aax kewxke'wx (gray swan). He was extremely proud to carry those names and how he received them.

After SW completed high school, he then attended the American Indian Art Institute in Sante Fe, N.M. There, he and another artist worked in a silk screen drawing which was hung in a government office building in Washington, D.C. Steve then shifted his education to the upcoming computer age, and he attended the Eastern Oregon College in La Grande, Ore., and then he transferred to Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston where he obtained his associate degree.

After his graduation from LCSC in 1979, SW enlisted into the United States Marine Corps. He was stationed in Twentynine Palms, Calif., and was honorably discharged in 1981. While in the Marines, he obtained Lance Corporal and was a rifle marksman. Semper Fi!

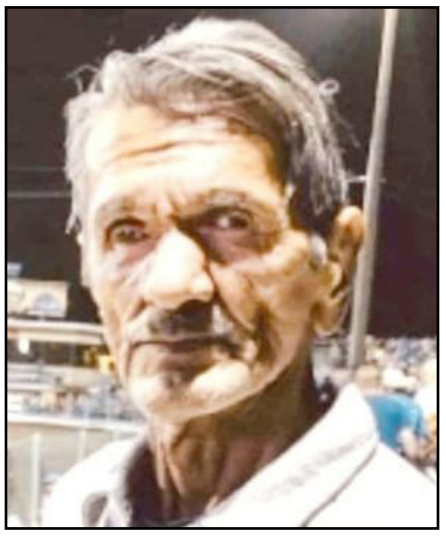
Steve continued his education by studying the Bible. He was member of the Kamiah Community Presbyterian Church as a young man and then the Second Indian Presbyterian Church where he was a trustee, ruling elder and the Sunday school superintendent. He especially enjoyed worshiping at the Talmaks encampment and camping at the grandparent's cabin in quietness of the sacred mountain.

Steve held many interests but his most favorite was music. He was an accomplished piano player and guitarist. He wrote and composed his music along with friends Ivan Davis Jr., Jay Oatman and Bob "Fudzie" Woods. He also published two songbooks. He attended his first and only Rolling Stones concert in Seattle in 2018. It was one of the best, he would say. He also enjoyed traveling to San Francisco to watch the Giants and the 49ers play. He was a lifelong fan of both teams as are his siblings. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, beading, drawing, and spending time with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Rev. Harry and Sarah Moffett; his maternal grandparents, Joe and Delia Williams and Julia Allen; his dad, Rev. Walter Moffett; his brothers Rev. Barrett and Walt Jr. His Neene' Freda Jose' Montelongo and niece Rebecca Nicole. Surviving him is his mom, Bernice, brothers Elliott (Vonda), Scott and Elroy (Laurie) and Caaca' Dr. Cecil Jose' (Margaret) and Fredbert, sister Sara Lynn; nephews, Joel, Von W, Leon, and grandnephew Atticus; nieces Meredith, Michaeli, Kelsey, Hannah, Taylor (Miguel) and grandniece Ravena.

During his lifetime, SW had many adventures with family and friends. His presence will certainly be missed by many people. Services are pending because of COVID-19 restrictions. Malcom's Brower-Wann Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Samuel Woodrow Smith, 75, Lapwai, ID



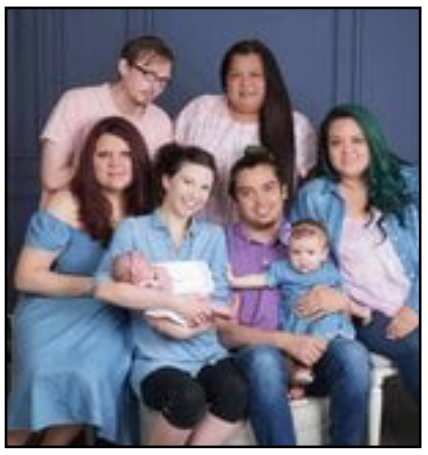
Born April 8, 1946, Samuel "Woody" Woodrow Smith, 75, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 16, 2022.

He was born to the late Samuel "Smitty" Smith and Lilyan Cloud Smith in Lewiston. He attended Lapwai School District. He married Joanne George and was later divorced. Woody was an avid artist and fisherman. He enjoyed camping and hunting and won numerous awards for his art. Woody enjoyed attending camp meetings with his family, traveling to casinos throughout the Northwest with his sisters, and attending basketball games.

Woodrow is survived by his only child, Woodrow Adrian Smith, of Lapwai, and grandson Cyrus Smith, of Hawaii; three sisters, June Greene-Stewart, Vicki Johnson, and Teri Scott, all of Lapwai, and numerous nieces and nephews. Woodrow was preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters, LaVeda McAtty and Marlene McAtty. A memorial service was held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, and the funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. today, both at the Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center.



Andrea Shelton, 53, Excelsior Springs, MO



Andrea Shelton, age 53, of Excelsior Springs Missouri passed away December 28, 2021, at Liberty Hospital. Visitation will be held at 3:00pm on January 7, 2022 at Hidden Valley Funeral Home of Liberty, Missouri with the funeral service to follow at 4:00 pm at Hidden Valley Funeral Home of Liberty, Missouri.

Andrea Shelton (Tia Meets was her Indian name) was born May 16, 1968, in San Jose California to Ronald Henry and Christine Hines Davila. She was the sixth generation of "Chief Lookingglass" of the Nez Perce Tribe located in Idaho. Andrea was an avid KC Chief fan, Bingo player, loved watching ghosts hunting shows, playing animal crossing, hair styling, eating BBQ with the family, listening to music and playing with the grandkids Violet and Aurora. She liked to travel and would often vacation to California and Idaho to see family. She went on an Alaskan cruise with family and friends.

Andrea was preceded in death by her father Ronald Henry, grandparents Albert Henry, Frances (Pinchy) Henry, Jonathan Hines and Stella Wilson Hines, great grandfather George Fletcher, aunts Marvella Jones, Mardel Henry and Jeanette Broncheau, uncles Arnold (Mugs) Henry, Leeroy Henry, Frank Johnson Hines, Johnnie Hines, Ben Hines, Manual Tut Broncheau and Alonzo Rodriguez, cousins Jennifer Soria Rodriguez and Kathy Rickman.

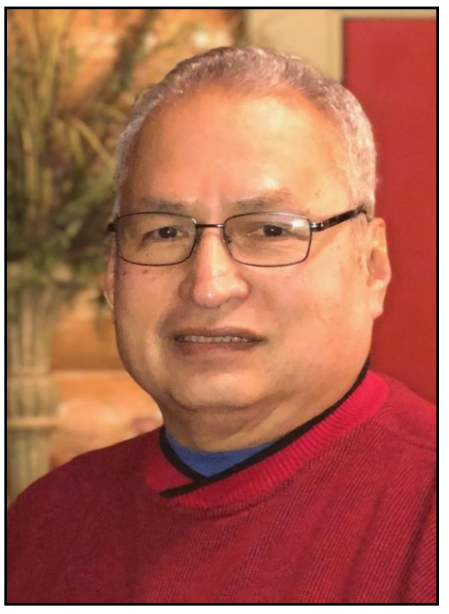
Survivors include Alexandra, Daniel, Janet, 2 grand daughters, and one more grandkid on the way. Survivors also include mother Christine Hines Davila, Step father Luis Davila, sisters Ronda Henry and Francine Hill, brother Ronnie Henry, niece and nephew Sara and Isaac Hill.

"As is a tale, so is a life. Not how long it is, but how good it is. You are an amazing mother. You will be missed every single day. What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose. You made such and impact in our lives and those memories will always live within us."

Special Thanks to, want to thank all of our close family members, and distant family members in California and Idaho, the Nez Perce Tribe, The Liberty Hospital nurses and doctors, Kenneta Grisham, Jennifer Roush, Many of moms friends, Lori Wilson, Jennifer Blazer, Angela Gutierrez, Stephanie Daley, many other friends of Andrea Shelton.

Andrea touched so many people and there are many others to thank. Thank you all for the support you have given to our family during this difficult time.

Anthony Mendoza, 67, Des Moines, IA



Anthony R. Mendoza, 67, passed away Monday, December 27, 2021. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, January 15, 2022 at McLaren's Chapel with visitation from 10 a.m. until service time. Burial will follow at Resthaven Cemetery.

Anthony "Tony" was born February 17, 1954 to Manuel G. Mendoza and Catherine T. (Ellenwood) Roybal on the Yakama Indian Reservation in Toppenish, WA and was a member of the Nez Perce Tribe. He graduated from Washington State School for the Deaf in 1974. Tony attended Gallaudet University in Washington DC from 1974-1975 and Temple Deaf Bible College from 1975-1979, graduating with a degree in Theology. On May 31, 1977, Tony married Debbie Sawhill, whom he met at Gallaudet University and again at the Deaf Bible College. Tony had training at Calvary Chapel in Florissant, MO from 1977-1979 and helped start Deaf Liberty Baptist Church in Kansas City, MO from 1979- 1982. He also served in the Grandview Park Baptist Church Deaf Ministry in Des Moines, Iowa from 1983 to 1997, Home Bible Church from 1998-2005, and lastly at Northridge Baptist Church Deaf Ministry from 2005 to 2021. Tony's passion was to preach the Gospel of the good news of Jesus Christ and teach God's Word to the Deaf everywhere he could go. He was able to preach and teach in churches and at conferences all over the United States and traveled overseas to Romania and Hungary as short-term missionary in 1995 and 1998. Tony was also employed by the United States Postal Service for 36 years and retired in May 2020.

Anthony is survived by his wife of 44 years, Debbie: three sons, Joshua, John (Becky) and grandchildren, Maddox, Paityn, Paxton, Sawyer; and son, Jacob (Lana) and grandchildren, Grace, Joanna and Nathon; siblings, Manuel Jr. (Esther) Mendoza, Philip (Joanne) Mendoza, Kathryn Perez, Pat Mendoza, Pam Reece, Diana (James) Winchester, and Robert (Michelle) Roybal, sister-in-law, Donna Rosenberger and sister and brother in law Doreen and Dick Moore, and many, many nieces and nephews.

Anthony was preceded in death by his parents, Manuel G. Mendoza and Catherine T. Roybal and stepfather, Joseph Roybal; sister, Marilyn Haddenham; brother-in-law, Dennis Rosenberger; and two grandchildren, Abigail Ruth and Providence Rain Mendoza.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Northridge Baptist Church.

Free Notices:

Submit free death notices, announcements, obituaries, and memorials in the Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune

Email content to communications@nezperce.org
For questions/more information call 208-621-4807



Native Internship

Native internship working with wild horses and burros!

The Forest Service in partnership with Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) and Native American Serving Institutions (NASIs) is providing career developmental internships for students in animal, veterinary and agricultural sciences.

This position is with the Southwestern Regional Wild Horse and Burro Program of the USDA Forest Service at one of its horse or burro territories. The regional program provides oversight and guidance for six federally designated Wild Horse or Burro Territories on national forests in New Mexico and Arizona. The most developed program currently is on the Carson National Forest, with a handling facility located in Bloomfield, NM.

For more information visit http://www.navajotech.edu/images/announcements/2022/wildHorseBurroProgram.pdf.

Zumba Fitness Dance Classes

Dance classes with certified Zumba Instructors, Shani Roy and Chedda Ellenwood is open to all

Classes are every Tuesday and Thursday
from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
at the Nimiipuu Health Fitness Center

Classes will resume February 3, 2022
Classes are subject to change at any time

Please contact the NMPH Fitness Center
for more information
208-843-2271
x2847 or x2977

Employment Opportunities

Nez Perce Tribe
https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/January-10-2022.pdf

Nez Perce Tribal Enterprises
https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/1-10-2022.pdf

Nimiipuu Health
https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/01102022-NMPH.pdf

Find weekly employment updates on our newsletter
https://www.nptweekly.org

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Basket Weaving with Jenny
Saturday, Feb 5th / 11am-3pm
Nez Perce National Historical Park
39063 U.S. Highway 95
Lapwai, ID 83540





Nez Perce Tribe in Stage 3

Effective January 12, 2022 The Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee has issued approval to revert back to a Modified Stage 3 pandemic response, limiting group sizes to no more than 50 people and restricting non-essential travel.

Face coverings will remain required when a six-foot distance cannot be maintained. Social distancing must continue where possible. Regular sanitation and hand washing is a must.

For events, every attempt should be made to host outdoors. If this is not feasible, event planners should aim for a venue with enough space to comfortably fit the desired attendance size with six-foot distancing, high ceilings and good ventilation. If a person feels sick, they are required to stay home and monitor symptoms. This change applies to funerals as well.

Our communities have surpassed the prior transition thresholds. After review of the data and prior transitions, we have surpassed the prior transition thresholds yesterday, 1.11.22 with 3.64 cases/day and a 27.42% positivity rate in the last 14 days. We have a positivity rate >20% since 1.5.22, with a cases per day rate of 1.43 over the prior 14 days. Our current cases per day is 4.36 with current active cases at 59 with a positivity rate of 32.24% for the month.

COVID-19 Recommendations

Fully vaccinated people do not need to quarantine after contact with someone who had COVID-19 unless they have symptoms. Fully vaccinated people should be tested 3-5 days following a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result. If you are asymptomatic, you may return to work.

Unvaccinated people who have COVID-19 symptoms and have taken part in any activity that puts them at higher risk such as travel, attending large social or mass gatherings, or being in crowded or poorly-ventilated indoor settings need a COVID-19 test.

Vaccinated and Unvaccinated individuals: If you have had close contact (within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone with confirmed COVID-19, you need to test. If you have been asked or referred to get tested by a healthcare provider, or state, tribal, local, external, or territorial health department, you need to test. If you have had exposure from a known positive case (confirmed with test) within 6ft., more than 15 minutes without a mask you need to test and quarantine until your test results are available. If you were COVID-19 positive within the last three months, no need to test if you are symptom free.

Reminders: Employees who feel sick are NOT to come to work and patients who feel sick are NOT to come into the clinic before calling the triage nurse. Please call the triage nurse FIRST to be screened. 208-843-2271, ext. -2851 or call ext-2810, 2814 or 2821 to be placed on the phone triage list.

Please be patient. Your call is important to us at NMPH. NMPH Staff remain very busy and will return your call when able.

Our contact tracers call with important information for you and your family from the following numbers: (208) 790-1842, (208) 790-1840, (208) 790-1839. Please remember these or write them down for future reference, in the event that they try to contact you.

Fish & Wildlife Announcement

Nez Perce Tribe Fish & Wildlife Commission
Fishing Season Regulation #NPTFWC 22-032

Areas:
The Dalles Pool Only - 6AM Feb 1 through 6PM Feb 5
The John Day Pool Only – 6AM Feb 1 through 6PM Feb 12

Gear: Gillnets with no mesh size restriction.

Allowable Sales:
Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length, salmon (any species), steelhead, walleye, bass, carp, catfish, shad and yellow perch may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.

Sanctuaries:
Standard sanctuaries applicable to gillnet gear are in place.

Zone 6 Platform and Hook and Line Fishery

Area:
All of Zone 6

Date:
5AM February 1through 6PM March 19

Gear:
Hoop nets, dip bag nets, dip nets, hook and line.

Allowable Sales:
Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, and yellow perch may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon from 43 – 54" fork length in the John Day and The Dalles pools and from 38 – 54" in the Bonneville Pool may be retained for subsistence. Sturgeon within the legal-size limits and caught in the platform and hook and line fishery may be sold only if caught during open commercial gillnet periods for that pool. Sales of fish are allowed after the fishing period as long as they were landed during the open commercial period.

Sanctuaries:
Standard river mouth and dam closed areas applicable to platform and hook and line gear are in effect.

COVID Guidelines: Please review the Safe Fishers, Safe Fisheries guidelines to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect the vulnerable members of the tribal community @ https://www.critfc.org/safe-fishers-safe-fisheries/

All Nez Perce fishing regulations and sections of the Nez Perce Tribal Code pertaining to this fishery remain in effect. Not complying with these regulations may be cause for civil or criminal penalties per the Nez Perce Tribal Code. For more information regarding these fishing regulations, please contact Nancy McAllaster at the NPTFWC office at 208-843-9376.

If you have any fishing enforcement problems or need information, day or night, contact the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Enforcement office, 4270 Westcliff Drive, Hood River, Oregon, Phone 541-386-6363 or toll free 800- 487-3474.

NOTICE:

NEZ PERCE TRIBE
NON-PARTISAN
PRIMARY ELECTION
CANDIDATE FILING

JANUARY 18, 2022 THROUGH FEBRUARY 15, 2022

CANDIDATE APPLICATION PACKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH NPTEC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT IV, MARIE BAHEZA, at (208) 843-2253 STARTING JANUARY 18, 2022.

NPTEC Incumbents are:
Shannon F. Wheeler
Elizabeth Arthur-Attao
Arthur Broncheau

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING CANDIDACY FILING, YOU MAY CONTACT THE ELECTIONS JUDGES:

Melissa Guzman – (208) 843-7332 or melissag@nezperce.org
Melissa King – (208) 621-3828 or melissak@nezperce.org
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BUFFALO HUNT

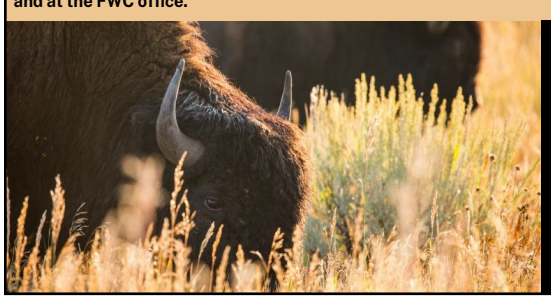


ORIENTATION

Through regulation, orientation is required every three years by the NPTEC for a buffalo permit. If you attended orientation in 2019, 2020 & 2021 and your name was recorded, you meet this qualification. If the last time you took orientation was in 2018 or earlier, you will need to take it again if you want a permit.

If you submit your application and are needing orientation, your application will be placed in an incomplete file. Please feel free to contact Nancy at the FWC office to follow up on your application and/or verify the last time you took orientation (208-843-9376 or nancymac@nezperce.org.)

Orientation will be at the Boards/Commission building with conference call lines available and/or through social media access, which is currently in the works. If you plan to participate, please be sure the presenter records your name and Tribal enrollment number at the beginning AND ending of the session to qualify. Preregistration NOT required. This schedule may change due to unanticipated situations.
Buffalo hunt regulations, applications and harvest reports can be found on the Tribal web site; go to nezperce.org then go to 'Government & Services', and then 'Boards & Commissions' and you will find the documents on the right of that page. Regulations & applications will also be available during orientation and at the FWC office.



Buffalo Hunt 2022
Orientation Schedule

February 2nd @ Noon
February 10th @ 5:00 p.m.
February 24th @ 5:00 p.m.
March 3rd @ 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

Nez Perce Language Zoom Class
Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Zoom #: 810-773-4485 Password: nezperce

Nez Perce Language Youth Zoom
Tuesdays & Thursdays
Zoom #: 225-275-4437 Password: naaqc22

Budget & Finance Subcommittee
1st & 3rd Wednesday
8:30 a.m.
NPTEC Chambers

Energy / Climate Change Subcommittee
1st & 3rd Wednesday
2:00 p.m.
NPTEC Chambers

TERO Commission Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, February 2nd
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Boards & Commissions Building
210 A Street, Lapwai, ID

Human Resources Sub Committee
1st & 3rd Monday
8:30 a.m.
NPTEC Chambers

Law & Order Sub Committee
1st & 3rd Monday
2:00 p.m.
NPTEC Chambers

Regular NPTEC Meeting
2nd Tuesday
8:00 a.m.
NPTEC Chambers

Special NPTEC Meeting
4th Tuesday
9:00 a.m.
NPTEC Chambers

Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting
Monday, February 14th
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Natural Resources Subcommittee
1st & 3rd Tuesday
8:30 a.m.
NPTEC Chambers

Land Enterprise Commission
1st & 3rd Tuesday
2:00 p.m.
NPTEC Chambers

Please Note: All meetings are subject to change depending on holidays & unforseen circumstances.

Certified Indian Businesses

Boss Heating & Air Conditioning, LLC
Phone: 208-743-9484
Email: oscar@bossheatingandac.com
Chantelle Souther, Realtor
Phone: 208-702-2203, 208-848-3636
Email: ChantelleSells@kw.com
D-Flagging & Traffic Control LLC
Phone: 208-451-4915
Email: dianalwarden@msn.com
D-3 Native Wood Works, LLC
Phone: 208-507-0348
Email: braddr@hotmail.com
Falcon Construction
Phone: 208-791 3882 / 208-843-2341
Email: montie.phillips@yahoo.com
Hipeexnu kii U Nuun Wisiix, Inc.
Phone: 208-816-6552
Email: www.hipeexnu.org
Intertribal Terrestrial Services, LLC
Phone: 208-791-6552
Email: its.teressa@nezpercesystems.com
Jason Hendren
Phone: 208-413-1831
Email: jasonh@gmail.com
J. Marek Construction
Phone: 208-791-9056
Kamiakin Systems Integration
Phone: 509-494-4474
L & R General Contracting
Phone: 208-848-6828/208-790-8948
Email: levijholt@gmail.com
MB Plumbing
Phone: 509-751-6018
McFarland Enterprises
Phone: 208-843-2353/208-816-2657
Email: michaelmcfarland566@gmail.com
Nez Perce Tourism, LLC
Phone: 208-790-8873
Web Site: nezpercetourism.com
Tiny Tots Learning Center
Phone: 208-935-8587
Tribal Headway Construction LLC
Phone: 208-935-8959
Tribal Risk and Insurance Solutions
Phone: 800-274-1379
Web Site: www.trisllc.com
Verge
Phone: 208-790-0022
Email: onthevergesince1855.com
White Shield, Inc.
Phone: 509-547-0100
Email: sfricke@whiteshield.com
WW Transport LLC.
Phone: 208-962-5926

Nez Perce Tribal Directory, Updated October 2021

Appaloosa Express Transit 208-621-4691
Bio-Control 208-843-9374, Fax 843-9373
Career Center Lapwai 208-843-7316, Fax 843-7387
Child Protection Services 208-843-7302, Fax 843-9401
Child Support Enforcement 208-843-7362, Fax 843-7388
Clearwater River Casino 208-746-0723, Fax 746-5715
Commodity Foods Kamiah 208-935-4115, Fax 935-4125
Commodity Foods Lapwai 208-843-7305, Fax 843-7401
Communications 208-621-4808
Conservation Enforcement 208-843-7143, Fax 208-843-7148
Construction Office 208-621-4871
Court Kamiah 208-935-2525
Cultural Language Lapwai 208-843-7402, Fax 843-7308
Cultural Language Kamiah/Orofino 208-935-2525
Cultural Resources 208-843-7313, Fax 843-7419
Day Labor Program 208-621-3673
Distance Learning Center Kamiah 208-935-4106, Fax 935-4126
Distance Learning Center Lapwai 208-843-7336
Dworshak Fish Hatchery 208-476-4591, Fax 476-3252
Economic Development 208-621-3710
Education Department 208-621-4610
Enrollment Clerk 208-621-3678
Enterprise Executive Office 208-843-7407, Fax 743-3291
ERWM 208-843-7375, Fax 843-7378
Executive Direction 208-843-7324, Fax 843-7343
Finance 208-843-7317, Fax 208-843-7319
Financial Assistance 208-621-4665
Fire Management 208-843-2827, Fax 843-2834
Fish & Wildlife Commission 208-843-9376, Fax 843-7381
Fisheries Administration 208-843-7320
Fisheries Enforcement 208-843-7143, Fax 843-7148
Forestry 208-843-7328, Fax 843-7329
Gaming Commission 208-621-2254, Fax 743-3291
Harvest Division 208-621-4634, Fax 208-843-7322
Housekeeping Lapwai 208-843-7415, Fax 843-7379
Housekeeping Kamiah 208-621-3628
Human Resources 208-843-7332, Fax 208-843-7414
Information Systems 208-843-7307, Fax 843-7309
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