



# MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

AWARENESS



## N I M I I P U U T R I B A L T R I B U N E



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### Bessie Blackeagle Honored During M.M.I.P Week



Thursday, May 5 is a national day of awareness for the thousands of Indigenous people who go missing and are killed each year. It's also Bessie Blackeagle's birthday month. A member of the Nez Perce Tribe, Blackeagle was killed on October 31, 2020. She would've turned 30 this year.

Her legacy prevails through the Nez Perce reservation and beyond. Blackeagle had a unique way of touching people's heart, whether it was family, friends or even those she met only briefly.

She was a Nez Perce language speaker and well versed in Nez Perce traditions and customs. Her death has affected many.

During childhood, Blackeagle took piano lessons and became a proficient pianist. She was active in karate and earned a black belt. She graduated from Lapwai High School in 2010. While in high school, Blackeagle was active in basketball, cheerleading and was the school mascot. In 2009, she placed for drama, traveling to Moscow to compete in a state competition. She was also selected to participate for Miss Idaho Teen, winning the talent show as a designer and seamstress, featured in Indian Country Today magazine, nominated as an

ambassador from the school and traveled to Australia. She held numerous school office positions throughout the years.

After high school, Blackeagle attended Lewis-Clark State College where she completed a minor degree in Nez Perce language. Blackeagle was an avid practitioner of Nimiipuutimt. Her teaching included Lapwai After School Program, Northwest Indian College, Lewis-Clark State College and Culture Camp. She had many jobs including Nez Perce Tribe Historical Park, Nez Perce Tribe Language Program, transcriptionist, and Early Childhood Development Program.

Blackeagle loved to sing, dance and hoped to save the earth. She also held two crowns, Looking Glass and Ee'pah'tes celebrations. She was an avid gatherer of traditional medicines, cleansing and praying in a sweat lodge. She loved to build and sweat with her aunties on the Blackeagle side. Throughout the years, she participated in numerous 1877 war memorials in Idaho, Montana and Canada. She created many memories with her grandparents, learning history and sharing stories while traveling to the memorials with them.

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Senior U.S. Ninth Circuit Judge Richard C. Tallman sentenced Blackeagle's murderer to 235 months in federal prison for second degree murder, five years of supervised release upon completion of his prison sentence and a \$2,500 fine.

"Ms. Blackeagle's murder is a tragic reminder of the dangers Native American women face in the community," said U.S. Attorney Gonzalez. "Generations of Native Americans have experienced violence or mourned a missing or murdered family member or loved one, and the lasting impacts of such tragedies are felt throughout the country. Native Americans face unacceptably high levels of violence, and are victims of violent crimes at a rate much higher than the national average. Native American women, in particular, are disproportionately the victims of sexual and gender-based violence, including intimate



partner homicide. Our focus remains centered on refining coordination between our office and our tribal partners so

that no family must endure this kind of heartbreak in the future," Mr. Gonzalez concluded.

"The FBI extends its

deepest condolences to the family and friends of Bessie Blackeagle. The pain and sorrow of a life taken in an act of egregious violence is a weight Bessie's loved ones will carry indefinitely," said Special Agent in Charge Dennis Rice of the Salt Lake City FBI. "Though nothing can bring Bessie back, the FBI remains dedicated to working with our tribal partners to investigate the most serious crimes affecting our tribal communities."

Native Americans in Idaho average of missing persons rate is approximately 10.6 per 100,000 people the average rate for Indigenous people is nearly 19 per 100,000, and more than 60% of them have been missing for more than a year.

The Nez Perce reservation honors Blackeagle and other Indigenous people and their families on May 5 by wearing red, decorating their homes with red lights, sharing stories on social media and attending community events.

**NIMIIPUU TRIBAL TRIBUNE**

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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**Nimiipuutímtki-  
The People's Language  
(Nee-mee-poo-timt-key)**

<b>May</b>	'Apa'áal (up-uh-all)	'ápa (biscuit root loaf) season, early May
<b>Mom</b>		íice'
<b>Wife</b>		'iwéepne
<b>Paternal Grandma</b>		'éele'
<b>Maternal Grandma</b>		qáac'a
<b>Paternal Aunt</b>		ciica'
<b>Maternal Aunt</b>		qéeqe'
<b>Great Grandmother</b>		poxc
<b>Woman</b>		áayat

**píkepim léehayn (Mothers Day)  
Sunday, May 8th, 2022**

## Save the Date: Nimiipuu Place Names Celebration Set for June 25

KAMIAH, Idaho—Join the Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests, Nez Perce National Historic Trail, Nez Perce Tourism, LLC, and Discover Your Northwest at the Lolo Pass Visitor Center invite the public to attend a commemoration and celebration of the Place Name Initiative and the annual camas bloom in Packer Meadow.

The event will take place at Lolo Pass on Saturday, June 25, 2022.

The event will celebrate the implementation of the Place Name Initiative, a collaborative project between the Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests and Nez Perce Tourism, LLC that is identifying and signing culturally significant areas within the National Forest with their Nimiipuu (Nez Perce) place names. The event will commemorate the completion of several Place Name projects in the Lolo Pass area, sharing with attendees

the place names for different locations and the cultural history behind the names.

The date of the event coincides with the annual camas bloom at Packer Meadow, located west of Lolo Pass Visitor Center, allowing another opportunity to learn about Nez Perce Tribal culture and the importance of camas to the Nez Perce tribe.

All are welcome and invited to attend this celebration, and more details will be provided closer to the date.

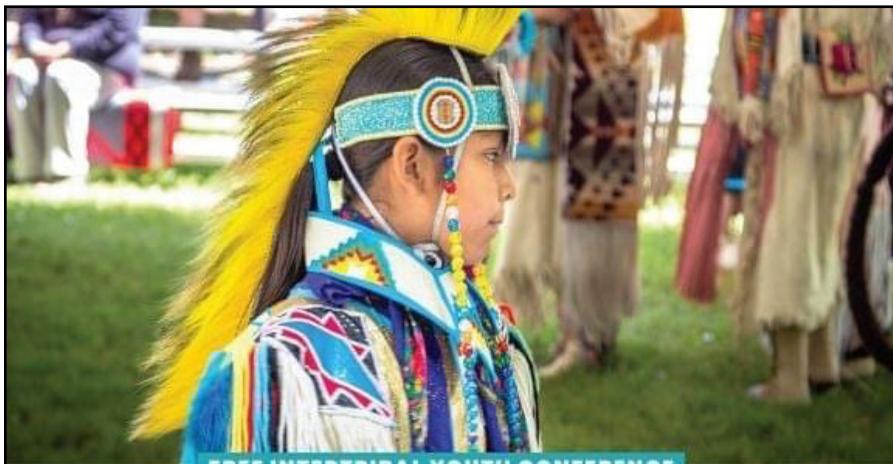
If you should have any questions about the upcoming event, please contact the Lolo Pass Visitor Center at (208) 942-3113.

For more information about the Place Name Initiative, please contact Christine Bradbury, Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests at 208-816-6822, or you can also contact Stacia Morfin with the Nez Perce Tourism, LLC at 208-790-8873.



*Traditional*  
**PLACE NAME AND CAMAS IN BLOOM  
COMMEMORATION**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022**  
**1-5 PM PACIFIC TIME**  
**PACKER MEADOWS**



FREE INTERTRIBAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

## Culture is Prevention

*Promoting the Traditional Artists Journey  
to Reservation Youth Ages 5-18 Years*

**SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022**  
**10 AM - 4 PM**  
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*U of I Extension - Nez Perce Reservation*

This class is being brought to you by the U of I Extension - Nez Perce Reservation through grant funding. There is no cost to participate in this 4-H Cultural & Traditional Arts Conference. All supplies, lunch and breakfast will be supplied.

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## StrongHearts Native Helpline Honors Our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives on May 5

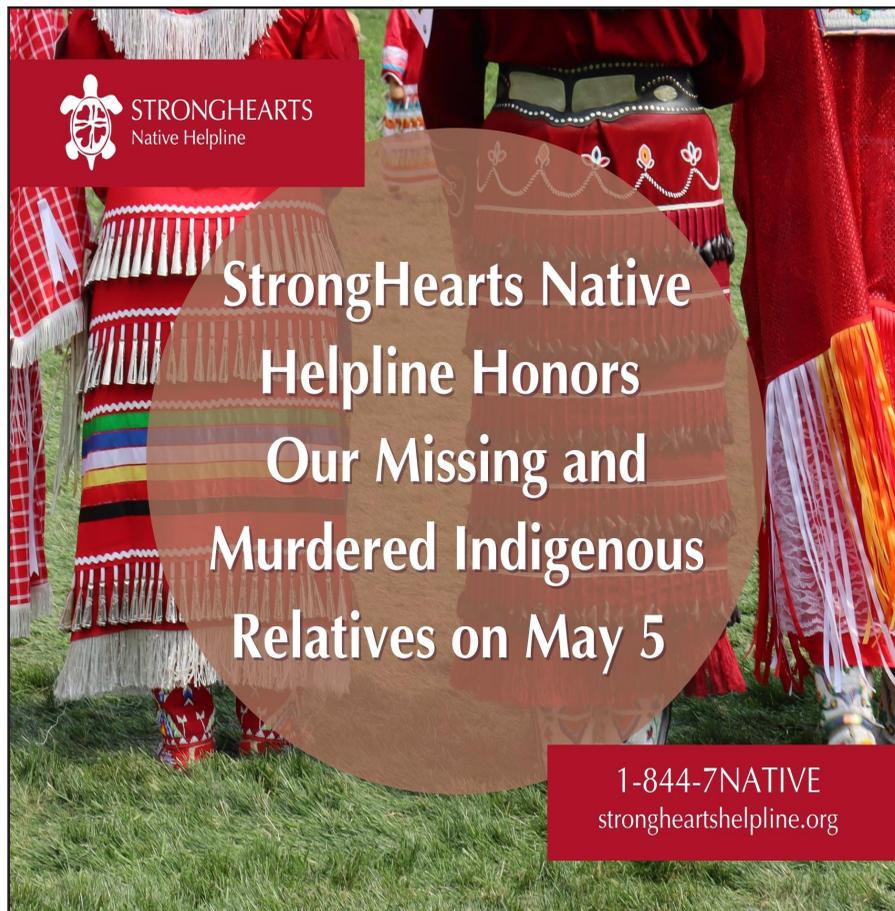
As a helpline dedicated to serving Native Americans and Alaska Natives impacted by domestic, dating and sexual violence, StrongHearts Native Helpline honors our relatives and communities impacted by Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) and those working to end this crisis.

StrongHearts understands the issues of MMIR are related to domestic, dating and sexual violence. We know that missing and murdered victims can be children, elders, Two-Spirit, men and those with disabilities. This crisis affects all of our relatives.

Research shows that women are more likely to be killed by an intimate partner (husband, boyfriend, same-sex partner, or ex) than by anyone else. Over 84 percent of Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime. Nationally, across all racial and ethnic groups, approximately two out of five female murder victims are killed by an intimate partner. Homicide is a leading cause of death for American Indian and Alaska Native women. Many killings linked to domestic violence occur right after recent breakups or during separations. Leaving an abusive relationship is the most dangerous time for a victim of domestic violence.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, Native peoples also face being killed by strangers. For Native male victims, 12.3 percent of the time, the suspect is a person known to the victim but the exact nature of the relationship was unclear. For Native female victims, 7.9 percent of the time, the suspect was or is a person known to the victim but the exact nature of the relationship was unclear.

Complicated legal systems, jurisdictional confusion, and lack of resources continue to leave many Native victims of violence and their families without support or justice. Whether the violence is com-



ing from inside the home, or from strangers living near tribal communities or in urban centers, meaningful action must be taken to prevent more of our relatives from going missing or being murdered. Our relatives deserve justice.

Each year, the MMIR issue gets more visibility in the United States. An important milestone was reached on November 15, 2021 when President Joe Biden signed Executive Order 14053, aimed at improving public safety and criminal justice for Native Americans and addressing the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous people. The Executive Order builds on work that was already in place under the Attorney General's MMIP Initiative and Operation Lady Justice (established in November 2019), and the tasks required by Savanna's Act and the Not Invisible Act. Published in November 2021, "When a Loved One Goes Missing: Resources for Families of Missing American Indian and Alaska Native Adults" is an Operation Lady Justice guide that provides critical information and resources to assist family members with the search for a missing adult loved one.

When Native American and Alaska Native victims of intimate partner violence and sexual violence have access to culturally-appropriate advocacy, they are less likely to end up in a situation where they murdered. StrongHearts Native Helpline is a safe, anonymous and confidential helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives affected by domestic, dating and sexual violence. StrongHearts advocates understand the unique barriers to safety and justice that Native peoples face.

Advocates are available 24/7 by texting or calling 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) or via online chat at [strongheartshelpline.org](https://strongheartshelpline.org). Advocates can provide lifesaving tools and immediate support to enable survivors to find safety and live lives free of abuse.

**How You Can Help:** Wear red on May 5 and post a photo on social media with the hashtag #MMIR. Read *How to Support a Loved One in an Abusive Relationship*. Read *Colonization and Domestic Violence*. View and share these three new short MMIR PSA's on StrongHearts' YouTube channel. Like, follow and share organizations working on the

MMIR crisis on social media. Learn about the cross-jurisdictional issues facing missing and murdered Native peoples. Learn about your area's MMIR, their names and MMIR open and closed cases. Learn about your local law enforcement's definition of a missing person (child or adult) and how to advocate for yourself and your missing loved one when talking to the police. Although it's understandably a very stressful situation when you need to report a missing relative, it's important to be calm, state the facts, and be prepared to offer any helpful information that will aid a search (list of friends and acquaintances who might have information, clothing description and recent photographs). Engage with your local news media about MMIR. When a relative goes missing, contact your local news media (print, TV and radio) to encourage them to get the word out. News media can be reached by phone, email or on their social media pages. Volunteer to join searches for missing persons. Searching for a missing relative can be an emotional, overwhelming experience and especially traumatic if they are found murdered. Talking with friends, family members, tribal and spiritual leaders, or a professional therapist can be comforting and provide strategies for processing grief. Attend, support or organize a community event in your area to raise awareness of MMIR — a community walk or run, vigil or any type of fundraiser/awareness event. Donate to organizations working on the MMIR crisis.

**Organizations:** Wear red on May 5 and post a photo on social media with the hashtag #MMIR. Center BIPOC voices on your platforms. Donate to organizations doing the work. Partner with organizations doing the work on events, calls to action and awareness campaigns. Provide information and support via employment assistance programs.

# National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People is May 5, 2022

## National Statistics\*

**29** years old  
is the median age of the victims



**1/3** Native women are sexually assaulted during their lifetime



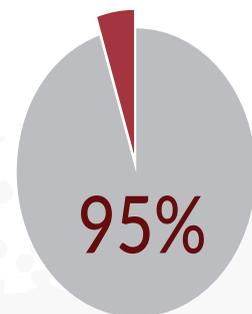
**67%** of these assaults are perpetrated by non-Natives



**MURDER #3**  
is the third-leading cause of death among American Indian and Alaska Native women

**10x** Native American women are murdered and sexually assaulted 10x the national average

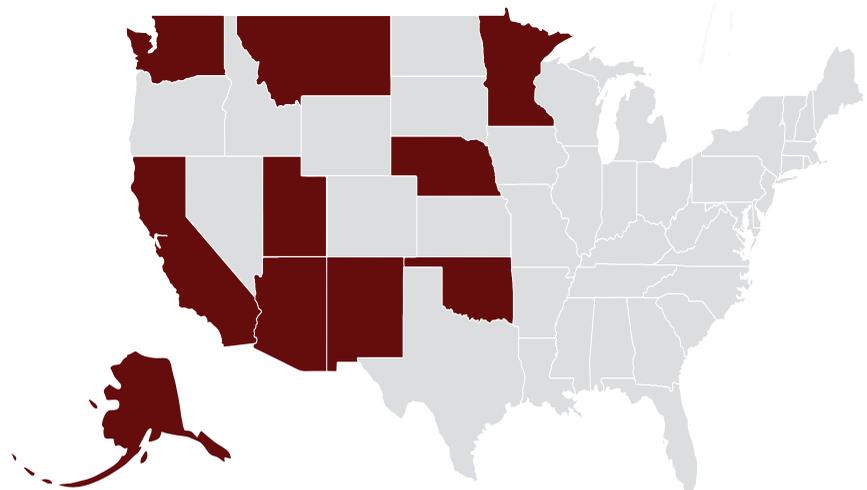
According to the 2018 Urban Indian Health Institute Research Report regarding MMIWG cases in 2016...



were logged into the federal database

of cases were NOT covered by national or international media

Top 10 states with highest number of MMIWG cases



## Cascading Disaster Effects, Mental Health, and Resilience

By Northwest Portland Area  
Indian Health Board

So much has changed for all of us. Just over two years ago the first laboratory-confirmed coronavirus case in the United States was identified in Washington State.

By February 3, 2020, the United States had declared a national public health emergency and on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic. It hardly seems possible that our lives could change so much in such a short time. We have had to adapt not only to a life-threatening disease and national shutdowns, but also to the impacts they caused on our social, mental, and financial wellbeing. The effects of COVID-19 have cascaded through our lives, communities, and the world.

"Cascading effects" is a term usually applied to the aftermath of extreme natural disasters. It refers to how the impacts of a disaster spread throughout society, in a branching manner similar to how a waterfall spreads and branches through nature. Cascading effects increase over time and generate unexpected, secondary events which can be as severe, or even worse, than the original event.

**Mental Health Impacts:** While it will take many years to analyze all the effects of the pandemic, it is known from previous disasters that mental health impacts are likely to linger long after the threat of COVID-19 illness has passed. Many of us have suffered personal tragedies and the pandemic has also caused collective tragedies such as social isolation and loneliness. In addition, national and world events such as climate-caused natural disasters or the war in Ukraine add to what one expert has termed "an ongoing set of cascading collective traumas". All of these things can impact our mental health.

Increases in depres-

sion and anxiety have particularly impacted AI/AN people. According to a survey taken during the Delta outbreak, "more than half of the Native American (74%) households reported anyone experiencing serious problems with depression, anxiety, stress, or serious problems sleeping". Youth are especially vulnerable – the CDC reports that attempted suicide during the pandemic was higher among AI/AN students than White, Black, Hispanic, or Asian students.

Long-term trauma, anxiety and depression can lead to chronic stress which in itself can lead to changes in behavior. Some examples include: Higher alcohol consumption – Fueled by stress, alcohol consumption increased by 21% during the pandemic, with increases up to 41% among women. Increased vehicle accidents and deaths, despite fewer people on the roads. Some experts attribute this in part to lack of social engagement, anger, and anxiety from the pandemic. Low income and AI/AN communities have been hit the hardest. Compassion fatigue in healthcare workers. AI/AN people have suffered the highest rates of loss of all Americans during the pandemic. Healthcare workers experienced traumatic exposure of threats to their own lives from treating severely ill patients and high levels of secondary traumatic stress witnessing other's losses. This has led to increasing levels of burnout.

**Recovery and Resilience:** Just as Tribes aggressively responded to protect their communities from coronavirus disease – initiating vaccine distributions, closing territories, protecting elders, and more; now that the pandemic has entered a new phase, it is equally important to respond to the "tail" of mental health impacts.

For many of us, returning to normal activities may come easily, but for others it may be difficult. Many



people have experienced grief during the pandemic and some have experienced multiple losses; the loss of a loved one, the loss of jobs and income. Adolescents may grieve the loss of important high school years with friends and graduation ceremonies.

And, our communities have experienced collective traumas and losses. Income that supported social services has been lost, traditional gatherings postponed; most importantly, many elders have been lost and one of every 168 AI/AN children has lost a primary or secondary caregiver, the highest rate of loss in the United States. Without support and acknowledgement, the impacts of these personal and collective traumas may persist.

Tribes have a long history of resilience in the face of historic trauma. Close connections with family, traditional lifestyles, and spiritual and cultural identity all contribute to this resilience. These connections and lifeways can now help with the mental health impacts from the pandemic.

Acknowledging trauma, grief, and loss : The first step to healing is acknowledging the trauma, grief, and loss our communities and ourselves may have experienced. Individuals can seek to build re-

silience within themselves by taking care of their physical, mental and spiritual health. Schools and organizations can create resilience through: Good, clear, timely communication, information, and training. Fostering team spirit and cohesion. Promoting wellbeing through flexible, responsive resourcing. Promoting wellbeing through flexible, responsive resourcing. Psychological and wellbeing resources for staff and students Tribal Communities can help build resilience by acknowledging the collective traumas their citizens have experienced and providing opportunities to grieve together and access mental health and supportive care.

Communal grief allows: "The community to share the weight of the grief, with particular focus on helping the family. People gather to support each other through the sharing of stories, offerings of healing for those suffering through prayers and practices."

Compassion for self is important: "People need to consider being more gentle with themselves through reassurance and prayers and forgive themselves for making mistakes while adjusting to the new norm." Glorinda Segay, Healthcare provider - Navajo Department of Health.

## After Someone Dies: Moving Back Into Your Routine

By NAHOVA,  
wernative.org

**Managing life after the memorial service.** After the service, you might have to start thinking about returning to your everyday routine including school and/or work. It's likely that you're still grieving, which can make it hard to get back into a balanced routine. Everybody is different, and it's a good idea to get back into your routine at a pace that suits you. Over time, it's likely that you'll get back into the swing of things.

**Talk to your teacher or boss.** If you're going back to school and/or work, it might be a good idea to talk with your teacher or boss about what you want others to know about your loss. Discussing your workload with your teacher or boss might also help you ease back in. Also, keep in mind that difficulties with concentration and memory are common during

the grieving process, and they might affect your performance.

**Take time out.** It's important for you to manage how you're feeling. It might be helpful to set aside some time in the day to deal with your thoughts. During this time, you might want to write in a journal, draw, listen to music or exercise to let off some steam.

**Value your memories.** Memories help you to remember the person you've lost, and over time the pain will fade into happy memories. Remember that it's O.K. to cry and be saddened by the memories at first.

**Talk to someone.** Sometimes talking to someone about how you're feeling helps you manage your emotions and make sense of them. You might want to talk to a family member, friend, teacher or counselor, or other mental health professional.

**If you need to talk to someone here**



We R Native (Craig Mitchelldyer Photo)

**are some resources:** you 24/7.

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) hotline which is free and has trained volunteers available to speak with
- 24-hour Online Chat (208)398-4357
- Nimiipuu Behavioral Health (208)843-7244
- Crisis Textline 741 741

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- Purchase order numbers
- Pre-authorizations

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- Outside Provider Claims

Yvonne reviews and approves outside provider claims for payment.

### Nimiipuu Health

## Purchased/Referred Care (PRC)

(formerly known as Contract Health Service)

### Meet Your PRC Team!

#### Who's in PRC and What do they do?

**Contact the PRC Staff at 208-843-2271**

**PRC Fax: 208-843-2687    PRC Hotline 208-621-4955**

Have you received a bill for medical or dental services? Please submit the bill to the PRC office. Bills can be dropped off at the Lapwai and Kamiah Nimiipuu Health Clinics; faxed to the PRC office at fax number 208-843-2687 or e-mailed to [chereel@nimiipuu.org](mailto:chereel@nimiipuu.org).

Did you go the emergency room? You must report the emergency room visit to PRC within 72 hours (3 days) by contacting any PRC staff member or calling the PRC Hotline 208-621-4955. When leaving a message please be sure to provide the patient's name and date of birth, the name of the facility where the care was provided, the date of the visit and the purpose of the visit.

Don't know if you are PRC eligible? Contact a Patient Care Coordinator (PCC) at the Lapwai or Kamiah Nimiipuu Health Clinics. A PCC can assist you with a patient chart update and PRC eligibility.

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## Earth Day: A Future Filmmaker's Start with AmeriCorps

By Dr. renée holt,  
www.americorps.gov

Meadow Wheaton is an AmeriCorps member serving in the VISTA program with Nez Perce Tribe Wapayatat Water Resources Climate Program in Idaho.

During her service, Meadow created a short documentary about the love, protection, and continuation of the ancestral practice of gathering camas – one of the Nez Perce's first foods which is still harvested annually. The documentary focuses on her family and Tribal ecological knowledge – traditional knowledge and, like Western science, based on the accumulation of generational observations. Meadow has been finalizing the documentary at Musselshell Meadows, part of the Clearwater National Forest in Idaho. As a part of her year-end service, Meadow presented her work on the importance of land stewardship as a Nez Perce tribal member to the program's regional director Dylan Davids. She shared some details about how her experience has helped to shape her future.

"It started snowing on us as my great-grandma and I dug roots on a hilltop. We



From L to R from the Nez Perce Tribe Water Resources Climate Change team, AJ Whiteplume Two Moons, Meadow Wheaton, Thomas TallBull, and Stefani Krantz

laughed at the audacity as the skies changed to rain and hail, but still I was elated because the moment was special. That was the first time I had ever gathered [camas] roots. I was not a little girl then. It was 2021 and I was 24.

Growing up, I wasn't taught the traditional ways, but through filmmaking I found an avenue of learning. As my final project for VISTA service, I decided to produce a short documentary about Musselshell Meadows. The camas there is being affected by climate change and human interference, and the climate change team agreed

that what's happening in the meadow could be a learning opportunity about the loss of our traditional foods.

Before I started the project, I was unsure if I'd be able to complete it due to the oversaturation of the field. But I was able to explore ideas and project opportunities with the climate change team.

My supervisor and mentor, Stefanie Krantz, is the climate change coordinator for the Nez Perce Tribe. With her guidance and support, I was able to make this film and learn about climate change and how it's impacting my people's traditional homelands.

It's been a long time coming, but my AmeriCorps experience and this project helped me realize how indigenous perspective is sorely needed in media and scientific communications. This lesson was the deciding factor for me to pursue a degree in broadcasting and digital media at the University of Idaho. I'll be starting Fall 2022.

It's my goal to be an advocate for our homelands through film."

From an Indigenous perspective, Meadow's film highlights how her community today continues to defend the land. The Nez Perce people are effectively working to bring change through increasing awareness of and protecting ancestral practices. Like many young adults who choose to serve with AmeriCorps programs, Meadow's experience also helped her confirm her career path as a filmmaker—and will provide her financial support from the Eli Segal Education Award to help fund her degree.

For more information on the Nez Perce Tribes Water Resources Climate Change program, email Meadow at MeadowW@nezperce.org.

### Congratulations Graduates of the ITD Hands-On Training



L to R: Calvin Allen-TERO, Noah Munoz, Marcelle Bourgeau, LaToya Sisto, Cyra Cunningham, Melvin Wheeler-TERO, Veszono George, Santee Penney, James Lawrence III, BTI, ITD & TERO Program Grads.



## What's Idaho Doing to Fight Climate Change?



By David Nelson

In Idaho, policymakers are at the very early stages of talking about the risks of climate change. I've participated in these conversations as they take shape, but that work is happening at much too slow of a pace, and politics keep delaying real progress. The threats are very real for all of us — no matter one's political party — and our children and grandchildren will pay the price if we don't address this issue.

The Idaho Legislature is past the time of total denial, but most of our efforts so far have been to mitigate the current impacts of climate change on the state. Idaho agriculture, especially in the south, is dependent on a reli-

able supply of water and water storage to deliver water to crops when most needed. Loss of snowpack and early runoff places larger risks on agriculture. How will our farmers combat these changes? This year we committed to spend \$325 million through 2027 on water storage enhancements.

We are also spending more each year on fighting and trying to prevent forest fires. In 2022, we spent \$80 million on direct firefighting costs, a fourfold increase from the previous year, and we added almost \$6 million to the fire operating budget. Money aside, our summers have become more and more plagued with smoke, reducing our enjoyment of the outdoors — the very thing that brings or keeps many of us in Idaho. By 2050, Idaho's annual burn amount is projected to double or triple if we don't act. Even now, August already seems lost to the smoke. Could this lead to

us losing the entire summer?

Senate Bill 1319, which I sponsored, did pass this year. It allows school districts to participate in the federal clean school bus program, which helps Idaho school districts buy electric and other clean-fuel school buses. This is a low-risk step to take. All the major school bus manufacturers produce electric buses, which have the safety and weather features we need in Idaho, and charging infrastructure can easily be added to school bus garages. Best of all, school districts will save significantly on fuel and maintenance costs. I encourage people to urge their local districts to use these grants and update the schools' fleet with electric school-buses.

Idaho needs to be more proactive in other areas of climate change mitigation. The Idaho Transportation Department must work aggressively and use federal

and state dollars to add charging stations along our highways. Traveling from Boise to Coeur d'Alene should not involve a trip through Oregon and Washington to charge up! There are also big opportunities for Idaho forestry and agriculture to modify some of their practices to store carbon and earn a secondary income stream doing so.

Idaho is at just the beginning of dealing with climate change risks and to date, cities and counties are the ones leading the charge. As citizens, I urge you to speak to your legislators, both state and federal, and share your expectations about their role in dealing with this threat. This does not have to be an ideological war. The future of our children and grandchildren, Republican, Democrat, Independent, and everything in-between, is on the line. We can find solutions across party lines to our mutual benefit — the time is now.

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-- Chantel Greene

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Project Venture (PV)

**Summer Activities 2022**

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PV OUTDOOR SESSION  
JUNE 30

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JULY 5

\*HIAWATHA BIKE TRAIL  
JULY 14

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JULY 19

\*BACKPACKING PREP  
JULY 20

FISHING  
JULY 21

\*HIKING-OVERNIGHT CAMPING  
JULY 26-28

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Project Venture is for youth entering 5th-8th grade for 2022 school year. The program is free and open to youth living on or near the Nez Perce Indian Reservation. Waivers (depending on the event) will need to be signed by parents or caregivers prior to attending. These forms will be given to you after your project venture application is received.

## Annual Ceremony Pays Tribute to Nez Perce Tribal Heritage, Culture

'We vow to never let this story die'



Estelita Little Star Robinson, a U.S. Army veteran, looks to the sky while the drum and singing circle performs during the Chief Redheart ceremony Saturday at the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site. The memorial event pays tribute to the Nez Perce tribal leader and his band of 33 members who were captured from their homeland in Idaho and imprisoned at Fort Vancouver in 1877. (Elayna Yussen/ The Columbian Photo)

By Lauren Ellenbecker,  
The Columbian

Sounds of ceremonial singing and rhythmic drumbeats hung through the air Saturday morning as members of the Nez Perce tribe dedicated the moment to their ancestors.

The observance marked the day when Chief Redheart and his band of 33 Nez Perce members were released from their unjust imprisonment in 1878 at Fort Vancouver. Despite the event's somber undertones, tribal members highlighted the profoundness of their heritage, culture and history. At the same time, sun rays pierced through the clouds and illuminated the gathering in the grassy field.

"We come here to honor our ancestors and to recognize the other people that were associated with our ancestors years ago," said Wilfred "Scotty" Scott, Nez Perce tribal elder.

In the summer of 1877, Chief Redheart and his 33 cohorts were held in captivity by the U.S. Army despite committing no crimes.

The men, women, children and elders were captured in Idaho, sent down the Columbia River and held in a cramped stockade in Vancou-

ver for eight months, park superintendent Tracy Fortmann said. A majority of the members survived after enduring a frigid and wet winter, but tribe member Little Bear's young son died while in confinement. He was buried in an unmarked grave at the barracks.

Gen. Oliver Otis Howard spearheaded the campaign to imprison notable Nez Perce leaders, such as Chief Redheart, to set an example of tribal members who refused to follow the 1863 land treaty, she said. The proposed deal — also referred to as the "Thief Treaty" — reduced the Nez Perce's sovereignty of nearly 7 million acres of land to 1 million acres.

"We all have a responsibility to look at our history and, with a thoughtful eye, move forward," Fortmann said.

Gifts for healing: The Cowlitz Tribe joined Chief Redheart's descendants to address this history but to also contribute to the healing process. They provided gifts such as salmon, beaded jewelry and wool blankets, and they performed "The Warrior's Yell." Attendees also recognized military veterans.

Jessica Redheart, a di-

rect descendant of Chief Redheart, said her attendance was painful because she recently lost her daughter. But she had to be there for Scotty, whose wife died in January 2021.

"He needs us here," she said through tears. "Since Scotty can be that tough, I can be that tough, too."

Mary Wood of Eugene, Ore., the great-granddaughter of an aide to Howard, recalled her attendance at the first Chief Redheart ceremony in 1998. At that time, Wood and her 6-week-old son received a blanket to signify the memory of the infant boy who died at the location more than 130 years before.

It was a move to reconcile the past.

The mother returned the gesture to the Nez Perce by gifting a blanket that would be given to an infant boy in the tribe. She said every Chief Redheart memorial impresses the value of reconciling the past upon its attendees.

"Every time we come here, we learn a lesson ...," Wood said. "We vow to never let this story die."

Vancouver Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle read from a proclamation during the cer-

emony to mark the significance of observing the memorial. Other city council members were present, as well as Vancouver's mayor from 1996 to 2010, Royce Pollard, who played a role in establishing the annual event.

"The Nez Perce lived in harmony with nature and were a peaceful nation inhabiting Southeast Washington, Northeast Oregon and Northern Idaho, and the Nez Perce coexisted with new settlers for many decades until the treaty rights and human rights of the Nez Perce were violated," McEnerny-Ogle read.

The Fort Vancouver National Historic Site was one of many stops for Nez Perce tribal members traveling from Lapwai, Idaho, to perform memorial ceremonies.

Although the Saturday ceremony was sizeable considering the COVID-19 pandemic, members acknowledged empty seats and the absence of the traditional riderless horse ceremony. A vehicular accident in Lapwai a week prior killed two young people and injured several others, causing some in the community to stay behind.

"Our community is in sorrow right now," Scotty said.

## NPT Transportation Crew Complete Road Scholar & Road Master Programs



Nez Perce Tribe Transportation crew received awards for completion of LHTAC. L to R: Harry Taylor, Chad Marks, Joe Guzman.

The Nez Perce Tribe Transportation Program initiated a much needed Road Maintenance Division approximately six years ago and operates with an annual budget of \$45,000 for supplies & materials. The Tribe's Transportation funding is provided through USDOT Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) allocations that is formula based.

The Tribe's Road Maintenance Division moved from one full-time and one part-time

staff to the current, three full-time Road Maintenance Team. The Transportation Manager recognizes the importance of encouraging and providing training opportunities so staff are able to upgrade their skills, knowledge, and education. The Road Maintenance team attended key conferences and workshops that are offered throughout the year but most importantly, the Team took initiative and the opportunity of the programs that LHTAC offers.

The Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) offers a variety of trainings regarding road design and techniques, equipment, safety and project management. The Road Scholar and the Road Master's are two key and essential programs that the NPT Road Maintenance Team successfully completed over the past few years. The Road Scholar and Road Master Programs are designed to provide the fundamentals of safety, management, and advanced technologies, as well as provide exposure to a wide variety of other topics relevant to the transportation field. Road Scholar-Level I consists of seven core classes and four electives. The classes include classroom work, field work, an occasional field trip, and a competency exam. Passing exams, 80% or greater, on the core classes will qualify the participant to be classified as a Road Scholar.

Road Master-Level II

(after completing Level I) consist of four core classes and five electives. The classes will include classroom work, field work, an occasional field trip and a competency exam. Passing exams (80% or greater) on the core classes will qualify the participant to be classified as a Road Master.

The Nez Perce Tribe and NPT Transportation Program recognize the importance of providing the opportunity to develop the Nez Perce Tribe's greatest asset - its employees. Congratulations on the accomplishment and achievements of Chad Marks, Harry Taylor, and Joe Guzman who successfully accomplished both levels of the Road Scholar Program.

"I am proud to honor the achievement of my Transportation Crew," said Mary Beth Frank Clark Nez Perce Tribe Transportation Manager. "The best part of managing is watching the team grow and excel. Congratulations!"

## Pesticide Drift/Misuse Enforcement Program

By Johna Boulafentis,  
ERWM Air Quality Program

Throughout the year and particularly in the spring, our office receives comments or questions about aerial pesticide applications. Herbicide application occurs mid-April through mid-May depending on spring weather and elevation. Typically, people share an experience about chemical spray drift on their property and resulting plant damage. In return, we let folks know about the Tribal Pesticide Enforcement Program (Program).

The Program conducts pesticide use investigations and enforcement. If pesticide use impacted your property or health you can contact the Program to request an investigation. Although the "Circuit Rider" is based at the Coeur d'Alene Tribe Natural Resources Department, their job is to respond quickly to complaints on the Coeur d'Alene, Colville, Kalispel, Kootenai, Nez Perce,



TRIBAL PESTICIDE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

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and Spokane Reservations. Eric Gjevre, the Tribal Pesticide Inspector, begins the investigation by discussing the situation with the affected individual and organizing an inspection visit. The Inspector has authority to inspect property and equipment through the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). The Inspector collects information by conducting interviews, examining application records and pesticide labels, and taking

photographs and physical samples from the application site and other areas. The Inspector uses an unbiased approach to obtain facts about the possible misuse of a pesticide. During the investigation, you can follow the progress and request laboratory analysis results. However, some information may be withheld if it could disrupt the investigation or potential enforcement action. Once an investigation is complete, the Pesticides & Toxics

Unit at EPA reviews and evaluates the incident for potential FIFRA Violations. You will be notified if a regulatory action is to be taken and you can request a copy of the report. If action is taken, EPA may issue a letter of warning; stop sale, use or removal order; or assess a civil penalty for each violation.

NOTE: It works best if potential pesticide use violations are reported immediately, so contact the Inspector right away. The sooner Mr. Gjevre can get to the area, the better the evidence and resulting investigation.

For more information about Tribal Pesticide Enforcement Program or to report a potential violation, contact Eric Gjevre at 208-686-5507 or egjevre@cdatribe-nsn.gov.

Visit the National Pesticide Information Center's website at <http://npic.orst.edu/> or EPA's website at [www.epa.gov/pesticides/](http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/) for information about pesticides.

Moses Yellowhorse Pappan, 16, Lapwai, ID



Moses Yellowhorse Pappan entered this world Sept. 26, 2005, at 9 pounds, 2 ounces. He went back to the Creator on Saturday, April 16, 2022. He was 16 years of age.

Moses was an enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe and a direct descendant of two grandmothers who survived the war against the Nez Perce in 1877, Hamiqosaqoy and Hiyumkiyum'mi. Moses was a student at Lapwai Elementary, and at the time of his death was a proud student at Lapwai High School. He was a member of the future class of 2024.

Moses was an athlete who loved to play basketball and football. He was a member of the Baby Wildcats football

team. He played in the Play in Your Moccasins (PIYM) tournament in Lapwai that brought more than 90 teams from all over the country to play basketball in the annual basketball tournament. He was part of the PIYM family that traveled to other tournaments and had fundraisers throughout the year, building up to the big PIYM tournament. He was on the team Wip Wip. He loved to travel with friends and family all over the Northwest for basketball tourneys and even as far as Reno and Las Vegas to win championships. He enjoyed all of his coaches, mentors, sponsors and teammates and they all became an extended family to Moses.

Like many native youth, Moses spent a lot of his time at the Nez Perce Tribe's Boys and Girls Club in Lapwai. He attended Nez Perce Tribal Cultural Camp in Joseph, Ore., for many summers. He participated in the Nimiipuutimki (Nez Perce Language) Bowls, traditional basket weaving and tule mat making. He comes from a family of expert dip net making and expert fishermen, learning many things from his Papa AK Scott. Moses participated fully in his culture and so speaking Titooqatimkti (speak-

ing his Indian language) was something he truly enjoyed.

Anyone who knew Moses knew him to be funny. He was full of laughter and always smiling. He was known by his friends as being "cool," he had lots of patience and respect, and such a gentle demeanor. As the oldest of his siblings, the "big brother," he always took care of his siblings. His siblings and family knew him to be an exceptional big brother.

Moses was preceded in death by pook Loretta Burke Scott; pook Eugene John; taqa Douglas Holt Marconi; qaaca Loretta Doney-Hawley; and great-grandparents Beatrice Oatman Miles and George Burke.

Moses is survived by his 'iic'e Lalonni Burke; toota Littlehawk Pappan; qanis Timani; nipe Douglas and nipe Benjamin Pappan; qaaca Marilee Burke-John; palaqa AK Scott; palaqa Vincent Hawley; qeque Liz Burke, Teri Hawley and Paula Hawley; taqa Justin Hawley; ee'le Donna Shay Gannon; qalaca Joseph Pappan; brothers, Christopher Bohnee, DJ Wheeler, Seth Whitman, Joey and Rafael Taylor; sister Marina Ellenwood; and friends and family who knew and loved him.

Services will take place

Wednesday, beginning at 1 p.m. with a dressing at Malcolm's Brower-Wann Funeral Home, 1711 18th St., Lewiston. At 4 p.m., the traditional service will be held at Pineewaus of Lapwai, followed by a light supper 4:45-5:30 p.m. An open denomination led by Mary Jane Miles will take place at 6 p.m. with Waluhsut Services let by Andre Picard to follow. A midnight traditional foods meal will take place that evening. On Thursday, the day will begin with a light breakfast at 5:30 a.m., followed by a sunrise service at 6 a.m. There will be a sunrise burial at the Nez Perce Cemetery of Lapwai. At 9:30 a.m., there will be a Handshake Ceremony, Crying Ceremony at Pineewaus followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m. The services will end with a 1:30 p.m. giveaway and closing.

Quotes: "Both suffering and happiness are of an organic nature, which means they are both transitory; they are always changing. The flower, when it wilts, becomes the compost. The compost can help heal the flower again. Happiness is also organic and impermanent by nature. It can become suffering and suffering can become happiness again." — Thich Nhat Hanh

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## Amrin Oliver Mason-Montanez, 15, Lapwai, ID



Amrin Oliver Mason-Montanez, 15, of Lapwai, passed away April 16, 2022. He was born in Lewiston to Cheyna C. Swift.

As far back as everyone can remember about Amrin is his fun nature, how he always had a hug or smile, and one of his crazy waves. Whatever the experience may had been at that moment, he was always filled with love, laughter, concern and yes, humor.

As many of Amrin's teachers throughout the years have always said, Amrin was either really focused or played the perfect part in being the class clown. As for most of Amrin's school years, and most of his years growing up, he and his sister (cousin) Arika had spent a lot of time at Grandma Coy and Grandpa OG's house on Lolo Street. Even though both Arika and Amrin were the first two grandkids, a joke that always stayed with the fam-

ily is that his big cuz would never let Amrin forget she was the "first born" grandchild.

Amrin was the second grandchild and eldest brother to four younger siblings, Raul, Danielle, Shanlynn and Lane Jr. He was so lovable and playful with them. They referred to their big brother as "Mamrin."

Amrin also had a very close and loving bond with his auntie Sunae who referred to her nephew as Hoc'. Both auntie and cousin would get a kick out of Amrin's spunky and outgoing personality. From the time he could walk and talk, he would literally go up to just anyone and spark up a conversation like he had known this person all along. Also, how no matter where he was, no matter what he was doing, he would even know those people and he would just wave at them. This was Amrin's nature.

He was a lot like his Grandpa OG and Grandma Coy. In their eyes, Amrin could do no wrong. Grandma and Grandpa always would sum Amrin up as a "old soul" and all those who know Amrin would say they agree. From the time he was a toddler, he would be so in-tune and comfortable sitting down with elders and many those of an older generation.

Amrin would not only hold a good conversation, but he would also give knowledge and sometimes help and say the right words at the right time. When that certain person needed to hear what-

ever, they may have needed to hear at that right time.

Amrin enjoyed hanging out and terrorizing with all his bros and the few close sisters that they have. All the boys would "vid-out" and listen to jams or a lot of the time it was just the music. Amrin loved being with the crew telling stories, laughing, teasing, always giving one another heck, but all this came with love, compassion, strength and understanding when needed.

A lot of Amrin's crew, with a couple of the uncs, were able to bring Amrin to Selway and Rapid River to show him the ropes. Many of those nights were also spent boarding with the boys throughout Lapwai and Lewiston.

Back when Amrin was younger, he spent countless nights over at the Pi-Nee or at the Club playing ball. Amrin traveled to many AAU and native basketball tourneys. Amrin enjoyed his time playing with the Rez Pups and Wip Wip teams. Amrin also played football for the Lapwai Baby Wildcats. His late dad, Daniel Montanez, was a strong supporter and always was there with Amrin's mom to encourage him.

Amrin comes from a strong line of descendency. His Nez Perce great-grandparents were Clifton "Butch" and Rena Katherine (Wetsesa) Ramsey. Ancestors from his great-grandma included Many Wounds (Samuel Lott), Sunset (Cecelia Showaway), Wot-

tolen, Wetsesa, Blackeagle and Red Grizzly Bear. Amrin's also a direct descendant of Chief Taholah out of the Quinault reservation in Taholah, Wash. Amrin comes from a family of strong medicine.

He is survived by his mother, Cheyna Montanez, and stepfather, Lane Rehfield Sr., of Lapwai; his grandpa OG Mason, of Lapwai; aunt Sunae Reuben and sister Arika Reuben (Taylor Thurlow), of Lapwai; his younger siblings, Raul Montanez, Danielle Montanez, Lane Rehfield Jr., and Shanlynn Rehfield, of Lapwai; his grandma Sandra Pena, of Kamiah; his grandparents Jon and Rosa Yearout, of Lapwai; his grandma Joanna Marek, of Lapwai; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandma Coy Mason; father Daniel Montanez; great-grandparents Butch and Rena Katherine Ramsey; grandpa James "Nick" High-eagle; great-grandparents Ollie and Jeanette Mason; grandma Lajuana Mason; and auntie Amy McMinds.

A rosary and memorial service was held at the Pi-Nee-Waus. The rosary was led by his family. Bill and Lori Picard facilitated the memorial.

Funeral services were held at the Pi-Nee-Waus. Bill and Lori Picard officiated. Burial at the Coyote Cemetery near Spalding. Following the burial, a Celebration of Life dinner was held at Lapwai City Park.

### Washington State Department of Revenue Notice

Tribal fishing, hunting, and gathering sales tax exemption

\*\*Please be aware some retail salespersons may not be aware of these sales tax exemptions. It is recommended that you bring the exemption form with you when making these treaty-related purchases in Washington State. This will assist with reducing any potential for confusion on the purchase.

#### Sales Tax:

State of Washington retail sales tax does not apply to sales of goods and retail services in Washington State that are directly used in tribal fishing, hunting and gathering activities. This exemption applies regardless of where delivery of the item or performance of the service occurs. Nez Perce tribal members, as well as members of other qualifying tribes and their citizens, may purchase sales tax-exempt goods and services used in their fishing, hunting and gathering activities. The purchases can be made anywhere in Washington State, no matter if the delivery occurs in Indian Country or not.

#### How to document the exempt transaction:

To document the exempt nature of this transaction, the Washington State retailer will complete a tribal fishing, hunting and gathering form, noting the sale is to a qualifying tribe, tribal member of a qualifying tribe, or qualifying intertribal organization and what qualifying item(s) was sold. The retailer may verify the purchaser's information by either looking at a copy of their tribal identification card, or any documentation issued by the tribe on tribal stationary. This form can be found on the Washington Department of Revenue's website at: <https://dor.wa.gov/taxes-rates/retail-sales-tax/tribal-fishing-hunting-and-gathering>.

#### What items or services qualify for the exemption:

Tangible retail goods and retail services directly used in tribal fishing, hunting, and gathering activities qualify for the retail sales tax exemption in Washington State. A nonexclusive list of items can be found at: <https://dor.wa.gov/tribal-fishing-hunting-and-gathering-list-exempt-goods-and-services>.

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