



Nez Perce

TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Dear Nez Perce Tribal membership:

Tac'Meeywii. We, the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) are writing to inform membership that we, along with staff, are monitoring executive orders and are working hard to address any impacts from the President's unconstitutional action to freeze all federal funding.

The Tribe's motivations have never been about whether a grant or contract is provided or taken away. We are driven by our history, traditions, and our children's future. Regardless of which administration is in office, we will continue to move forward to do whatever is necessary to keep the Nimiipuu strong.

It is important to remember that much of the federal monies utilized by the Tribe to provide services to our people such as law enforcement, social services, health care, education, and natural resources to name a few, are treaty-negotiated obligations on the part of the United States. These constitutional obligations are sacred, and we will do everything in our power to ensure that the government lives up to these promises bargained for in the Treaty of 1855.

We will fight to protect our sovereignty and ensure that our trust partner is fulfilling their sacred obligation. The well-being of our tribal membership remains our priority, with the highest being our children and elders. History, traditions are who we are; we will always safeguard this way of life secured by our ancestors for generations to come.

Qe'ci yew'yew,

Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee