



Welcome to the Nez Perce National Forest—2.2 million acres of beautiful and diverse land. From the dry, rugged canyons of the Salmon River to the moist cedar forests of the Selway drainage, the forest offers something for everyone.

This vast, diverse area is managed to provide a variety of goods and services including breathtaking scenery, wilderness, wildlife, fisheries, timber harvest, livestock grazing, mining, pristine water quality and a wide array of recreation opportunities.

The Forest is best known for its wild character. Nearly half of the Forest is designated wilderness. It also sports two rivers popular with thrill-seeking floaters—the Selway and the Salmon. *Located in North-Central Idaho*

### **Origin**

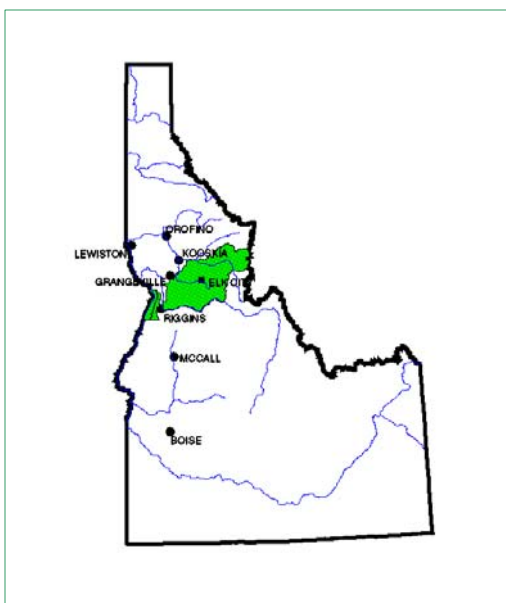
The Nezperce National Forest (NPNF) was created by Executive Order No. 854 signed by President Theodore Roosevelt. That Order, which became effective July 1, 1908, established the Forest from lands given up by the Bitter Root and Weiser National Forests.

### **Name**

The Forest was the traditional home of the Ni Mii Pu (The People). The Ni Mii Pu were later named the Nez Perce Indians by the Lewis and Clark expeditions. We are proud of this name and the rich heritage it represents.

### **Location**

The Nez Perce National Forest is located in the heart of north-central Idaho. It stretches from the Oregon border on the west to the Montana border on the east; and is roughly bounded by the Selway River drainage on the north to the Salmon River on the south. It is located entirely within Idaho County and comprises approximately 50% of the entire county landbase.



*Nez Perce National Forest 2002 Activities*  
April 2003

**Acres on the Forest:**

- ◆ 2.2 million total
  - 870,000 total wilderness acres on the Nez Perce Forest

**Total Contracts & Small Purchases including fire:**

- ◆ \$3,362,500

**Cultural Resources:**

- ◆ 7,487 acres inventoried
- ◆ 8 new archaeological sites recorded
- ◆ 33,887 total acres inventoried on agency-managed land resources.

**Customer Service:**

- ◆ 16,000 people served at Forest/District front desks
- ◆ 8,000 customers requested information by telephone and mail

**Employment:**

- ◆ 217 permanent employees (full-time and part-time)
- ◆ 429 people were employed at the "peak" season
- ◆ Total payroll in excess of \$12 million

**Special Employment Programs Value**

Senior Community Service	\$ 191,657
131 Volunteers	
7,964 hours	\$ 99,663
5 Youth Conservation Corps	
825 hours	\$ 11,063
Host Programs – Campground Hosts	
	\$302,383.00

**Fire: Nez Perce**

- ◆ 116 Lightning-caused fires  
    129 Acres
- ◆ 12 Human-caused fires  
    3,372 Acres
- ◆ 16 Prescribed natural fires  
    3,250 Acres
- ◆ 144 Total Fires  
    6,751 Acres
- ◆ Prescribed fire for fuel reduction  
    6,877 Acres

**Fisheries:**

- ◆ 1/2 mile of anadromous fish habitat improvement was accomplished
- ◆ 5 miles of anadromous fish habitat improvement with partnerships (Nez Perce Tribe)

**Lands:**

- ◆ 118 special use permits
- ◆ 2 miles of boundary surveys
- ◆ 30 miles of maintenance surveys

**Mining:**

- ◆ 5 small scale exploration projects
- ◆ 9 Notices of Intent processed

**Range:**

- ◆ 25 active allotments on 578,810 acres

**Recreation:**

- ◆ 29 developed campgrounds
- ◆ 33 outfitter permits

**Recreation Activity on the Nez Perce N.F.**

- ◆ Maintained 1168 miles of trails
- ◆ Groomed seven miles cross-country ski trails 475 miles of system snowmobile trails, 350 miles groomed in cooperation with Idaho Parks & Recreation
- ◆ Maintained three cabin rentals
- ◆ Hiking, Horseback & Boating
- ◆ Winter Sports
- ◆ Hunting
- ◆ Fishing
- ◆ \*OHV activity continues to increase each year

**Total System Roads = 3856**

- ◆ 1005 Open yearlong to all motorized
- ◆ 982 Open specific times to all motorized
- ◆ 540 Open specific times to snowmobiles
- ◆ 1329 Miles open to foot and stock only
- ◆ **Total System Trails = 3206**

**Soil & Water:**

- ◆ 62 acres of soil and water improvements
- ◆ 80,500 acres inventoried for watershed conditions, which includes the Red River watershed

**Timber:**

- ◆ Timber Sold 20.4 MMBF  
Valued at \$1,282,158.50
- ◆ Timber Target 10 MMBF \*
- ◆ Accomplished 20.4 MMBF
- ◆ Timber Harvested – 13.5 MMBF  
Valued at \$1,614,095.46
- ◆ Timber uncut volume under contract as of 12/31/02 46.2 MMBF in 10 timber sale contracts
- \*MMBF = 1 Million Board Feet  
10 MMBF=10 Million Board Feet
- ◆ Acres Thinned 118

**Wild & Scenic River Systems:**

- ◆ 162 total miles (Rapid River, Salmon River, Selway River, and Middle Fork of the Clearwater River)
- ◆ 368 miles of suitability studies completed on candidate streams (Clearwater and Nez Perce National Forests)

**Wilderness:**

**Wilderness**-Three Wilderness areas maintained by the Nez Perce National Forest.

**Gospel-Hump**-reconstructed trails that access the lakes from Sheep Hill and Dry Saddle.

**Frank Church-River of No Return Selway-Bitterroot**

11 Miles of trail reconstruction was deferred in Fiscal Year 2002 due to funding for fire activity.

**Wildlife:**

- ◆ 15,741 acres of big game range improved through prescription burning
- ◆ 15,909 acres of big game habitat improvement