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(Excerpts only copied for your guidance  
as to boundary descriptions.)

Article 1-The said Nez Perce tribe of Indians hereby cede, relinquish and convey to the United States all their right, title and interest in and to the country occupied or claimed by them bounded and described as follows, to wit: Commencing at the source of the Wo-na-ne-she or southern tributary of the Palouse River; thence down that river to the main Palouse; thence in a southerly direction to the Snake River, at the mouth of the Tucanon River; thence up the Tucanon to its source in the Blue Mountains; thence southerly along the ridge of the Blue Mountains thence to a point on Grand Ronde River, midway between Grand Ronde and the mouth of the Woll-low-how River; thence along the divide between the waters of the Woll-low-how and Powder River; thence to the crossing of Snake River, at the mouth of Powder River; thence to the Salmon River, fifty miles above the place known(as) the "crossing of the Salmon River;" thence due north to the summit of the Bitter Root Mountains; thence along the crest of the Bitter Root Mountains to the place of beginning reservation

Article 2-There is however, reserved from the lands above ceded for the use and occupation of said tribe, and as a general reserva-

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tion for other friendly tribes and bands of Indians in Washington Territory, not to exceed the present numbers of the Spokane, Walla-Walla, Cayuse and Umatilla tribes and bands of Indians the tract of land included within the following boundaries, to wit: Commencing where the Moh-na-na-she or southern tributary of the Palouse River flows from the mouth of the Ti-nat-pan-up



Creek; thence southerly to the crossing of the Snake River ten miles below the mouth of the Al-po-wa-wi River; thence to the source of the Al-po-wa-wi River in the Blue Mountains; thence along the crest of the Blue Mountains; thence to the crossing of the Grand Ronde River, midway between the Grand Ronde and the mouth of the Woll-low-how River; thence along the divide between the waters of the Woll-low-how and Powder Rivers; thence to the crossing of the Snake River fifteen miles below the mouth of the Powder River; thence to the Salmon River above the crossing; thence by the spurs of the Bitter Root Mountains to the place of the Beginning.

All which tract shall be set apart, and, so far as necessary surveyed and marked out for the exclusive use and benefit of said tribe as an Indian reservation; nor shall any white man, excepting those in the employment of the Indian Department be permitted to reside upon the reservation without permission of the tribe and the superintendent and agent; and the said tribe agrees to remove to and settle upon the same within one year after the ratification of this treaty. In the mean time it shall be lawful

for them to reside upon any ground not in the actual claim and occupation of citizens of the United States, and upon any ground claimed or occupied, if with the permission of the owner or claimant guarantying, however, the right to all citizens of the United States to enter upon and occupy as settlers any lands not actually occupied and cultivated by said Indians at this time, and not included in the reservation above named. And provided that any substantial improvement heretofore made by any Indian, such as fields enclosed and cultivated, and houses erected upon the lands

ceded, and which he may be compelled to abandon in consequence of this treaty, shall be valued under the direction of the President of the United States, and payment made therefor in money, or improvements of an equal value be made for said Indian upon the reservation, and no Indian will be required to abandon the improvements aforesaid, now occupied by him, until their value in money or improvements of equal value shall be furnished him as aforesaid.

Article 3--And provided that, if necessary for the public convenience, roads may be run through the said reservation, and on the other hand, the right of way, with free access from the same to the nearest public highway, is secured to them, as also the right in common with citizens of the United States, to travel upon all public highways. The use of the Clear Water and other streams flowing through the reservation is also secured to citizens of the United States for rafting purposes and as public highways.

The exclusive right of taking fish in all streams where running through or bordering said reservation is further secured to said Indians; as also the right of taking fish at all usual and accustomed places in common with citizens of the Territory; and of erecting temporary buildings for curing, together with the privilege of hunting, gathering roots and berries and pasturing their horses and cattle upon open and unclaimed land.

(Articles 4 to 11 inclusive follow.)

Signers copied for reference in checking names that might be encountered in further studies.

Isaac I. Stevens , Governor and Superintendent Washington Territory.

Joel Palmer Superintendent of Indian affairs.



Aleiya, or Lawyer, Head-chief of the Nez Perces  
Appushwa-hite or Looking -glass

Joseph

James

Red Wolf

Timothy

U-ute-sin-male-cun

Spotted Eagle (copy)

Stoop-toop-nin or Cut-hair.

Tah-moh-moh-kin

Tipplelanebupooch

Hah-hah-stilpilp

Cool-cool-shua-nin

Silish

Toh-toh-molewit

Tuky-in-lik-it.

Te-hole-hole-soot

Ish-coh-tim

Wee-as-cus

Hah-hah-stoore-tee

Wee-maht-sin-pooch

Tow-wish-au-il-pilp

Kay-kay-mass

Speaking Eagle

Wat-ti-wat-ti-wah-hi

Howh-no-tah-kun

Tow-wish-wane

Wahpt-tah-shooshe

Bead necklace

Koos-koos-tas-kut

Levi

Pee-oo-pe-whi-hi

Hah-hah-stil-at-me

Wee-yoke-sin-ate

Wee-yoke-sin-ate

Wee-ah-ki

Necalahtsin

Suck-on-tie

Ip-nat-tam-moose

Jason

Kole-kole-til-ky

In-mat-tute-kah-ky

Moh-see-che

George

Nicke-el

Say-i-ee-ouse

Wis-tasse-cut

Ky-ky-soo-te-lum

Kwin-to-kow

Pee-wee-au-ap-tah

Wee-at-tenat-il-pilp

Pee-oo-pee-u-il-pilp

Wah-tase-tum-marnee

Tu-wee-si-ce

Lu-ee-kah-koose-sin

Hah-tal-ee-kin

Treaty with the Nez Perces, 1863

Article 1--The said Nez Perce tribe agree to relinquish, and do hereby relinquish, to the United States the lands heretofore reserved for the use and occupation of the said tribe, saving and excepting so much thereof as is described in Article II for a new reservation.

Article 2--The United States agree to reserve for a home, and for the sole use and occupation of said tribe, the tract of land included within the following boundaries, to wit: Commencing at the northeast corner of Lake Wa-ha and running thence northerly to a point on the Lapwai, thence down the north bank of the Clearwater to the mouth of Hatwai Creek; thence due north to a point seven miles distance; thence eastwardly, to a point on the north fork of the Clearwater, seven miles distance from its mouth; thence to a point on Oro Fino Creek, five miles above its mouth; thence to a point on the north fork of the south fork of the Clearwater five miles above its mouth; thence to a point on the south fork of the Clearwater, one mile above the bridge on the road leading to Elk City, (so as to include all the Indian farms now within the forks;) thence in a straight line westerwardly, to the place of beginning.

etc..

Article 3--the President shall immediately after the ratification of this treaty, cause the boundary-lines to be surveyed and properly marked and established.....(MAP EVIDENTLY EASILY AVAILABLE.)

etc. through Article 10 names repeated..some the same, some new.