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Air Quality Advisory and Burn Ban Still in Effect for the Nez Perce Reservation
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Due to the wildfire smoke coming into our area from the wildfires east and southeast of the Reservation in <?xml:namespace prefix = st1 ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:smarttags" />Clearwater and Idaho Counties, an air quality advisory and burn ban continues to be in effect for the entire Nez Perce Reservation.

Air quality is currently in the "Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups" range in the Kamiah and other valley areas. Air Quality in the Lapwai area and Camas Prairie is in the "Moderate" range.

Under "Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups" conditions, people with heart or lung disease, the elderly, children and pregnant women should limit prolonged or heavy exertion, limit time spent outdoors, and avoid physical exertion. Sensitive individuals have an increasing likelihood of respiratory symptoms, asthma, and aggravation of heart or lung disease. People who have high exposure (those who work, exercise, or spend extensive time out of doors) should also take caution.

Under "Moderate" conditions, unusually sensitive people should consider reducing prolonged or heavy exertion.

Due to these poor air quality conditions from wildfire smoke, a burn ban is in effect for the Nez Perce Reservation. No EPA/NPT burn permits will be approved. Camping and recreational fires are also prohibited. This action does not apply to fires set for cultural or traditional purposes (FARR General Rule for Open Burning, Section 49.131).

These restrictions are in effect through 9:00am Wednesday, September 12th, 2007. Conditions will be reassessed at that time.

Please see the attached flyer for more information about actions you can take to protect yourself from wildfire smoke.

If you have questions, please contact:

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