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The Honorable Gregory Chilcott
Chair Ravalli County Commissioners
215 S 4Th St Ste A County Courthouse
Hamilton MT 59840-2703

Dear Gregory Chilcott,

Over the next couple of months, the U.S. Forest Service will be conducting public meetings to assist in the update and revision of the Comprehensive Plan (CP) for the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT). These meetings will focus on obtaining specific input on Proposed Objectives, Practices and Program Guidelines for the CP revision.

The U.S. Forest Service is also starting the process to legally describe the right-of-way for the NPNHT. This process will require meetings with private landowners, local elected officials, and local federal land management staff to agree upon proposed NPNHT alignment.

As Regional Forester of the Northern Region I am delegated the responsibility from the Chief of the U.S. Forest Service for the day-to-day administration of the NPNHT. The Chief of the U.S. Forest Service is the deciding official for the NPNHT CP revision and the trail right-of-way description.

This Congressionally designated trail location passes through the States of Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Washington, and Wyoming and commemorates the flight of the Nez Perce people in 1877. With input from the public, our CP revision process will address the interpretation and stewardship of this historic trail, as well as the natural resource values and recreation opportunities associated with the trail.

You are invited to participate in any of the public meetings which will be held along the NPNHT in September and October 2014. A full schedule of meetings can be found on the NPNHT website at www.fs.usda.gov/npnht. The public can also provide comments on management of the NPNHT at these meetings. If you are unable to attend a public meeting(s) you may also provide written comment via the website listed above.

The U.S. Forest Service is the lead agency for this CP revision and we are cooperating with other federal agencies, including the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as well as state and local government agencies. The CP revision will encompass several phases over the next few years and there will be subsequent opportunities for public engagement.



For additional information about the NPNHT CP revision, please visit our website: www.fs.usda.gov/npnht. You can also contact the NPNHT Administrator, Sandi McFarland, by email or phone at smcfarland01@fs.fed.us or (208) 476-8334. We look forward to working with you.

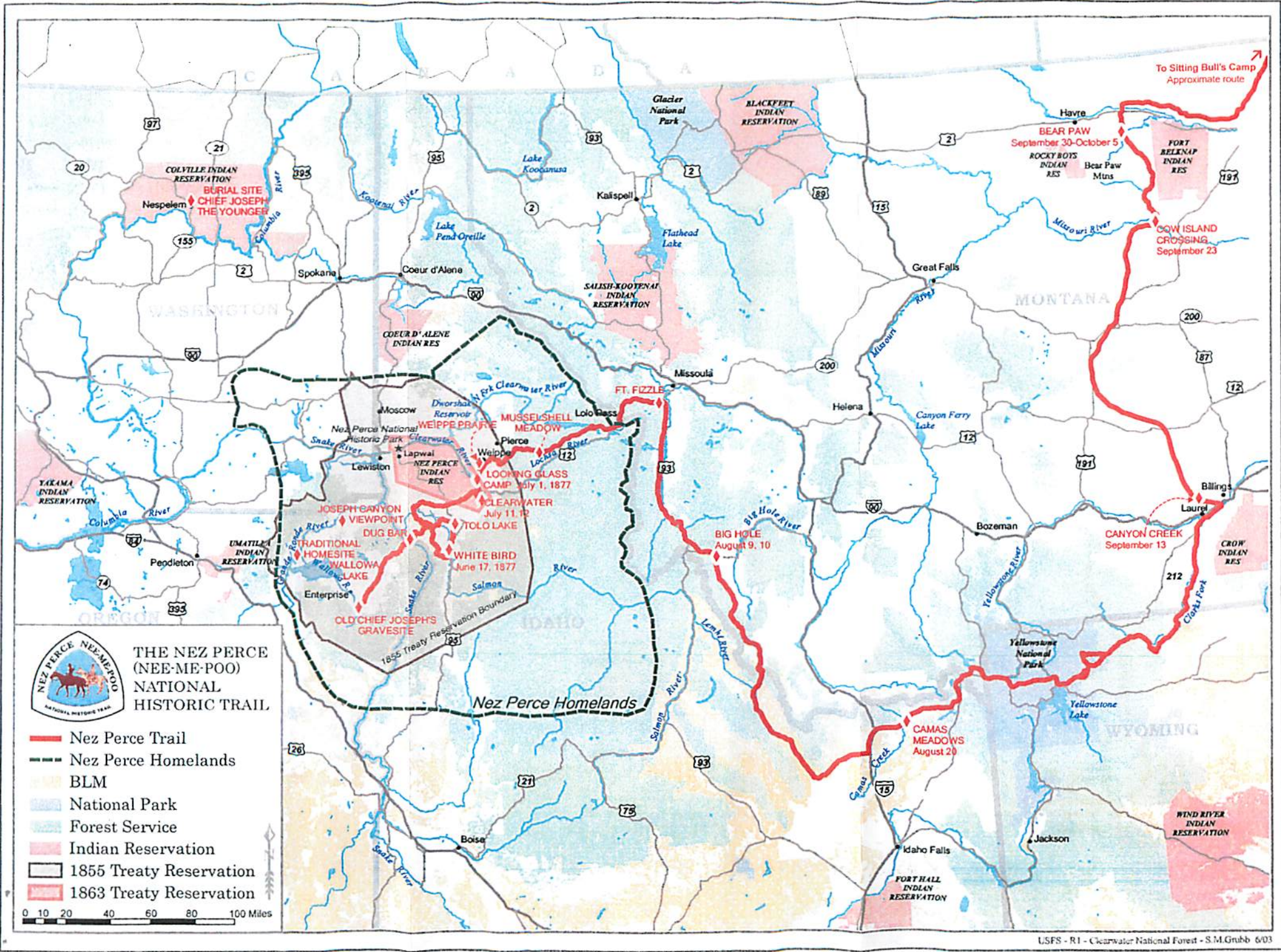
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Faye L. Krueger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

FAYE L. KRUEGER
Regional Forester

Enclosure

cc: George M Bain; Forest Supervisor



THE NEZ PERCE (NEE-ME-POO) NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL

- Nez Perce Trail
- Nez Perce Homelands
- BLM
- National Park
- Forest Service
- Indian Reservation
- 1855 Treaty Reservation
- 1863 Treaty Reservation

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