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Centennial Strategy for

"Nez Perce Natl. Historical Park

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Site: NEPE

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Vision Statement

By 2016 NEPE (including BIHO) will have clearly delineated the desired future conditions for all NPS owned sites and will have implemented most, if not all, of the actions necessary to achieve those conditions. This applies to resource preservation and protection, interpretation and education and recreation opportunities. Environmental leadership will be an important part of how we achieve these goals and will help the park remain fiscally solvent throughout the process. Tribal, Federal, state, local and private partners will be consulted and included in this process from beginning to end. Park sites that are culturally significant and/or sacred to our tribal partners, whether or not they are NPS owned, will be managed to respect and reflect that significance. Cooperative agreements for the management of other non-NPS owned park sites will incorporate, to the extent possible, the same principles of desired future conditions and we will work with our partners to achieve those conditions. The park will continue to commemorate and celebrate the living contemporary and future Nez Perce people and culture.

Park/ Superintendent/ Program Manager

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Site: NEPE

STEWARDSHIP

Improve the condition of park resources and assets.

Rehabilitate high-priority historic buildings to good condition, and help communities to preserve their history through programs like Preserve America.

Historic buildings, such as Watson Store, that are important to the history and culture of the Nez Perce will be rehabilitated and adaptively reused.

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Improve the natural resources in parks, as measured by the vital signs developed under the Natural Resource Challenge.

The camas monitoring at Weippe Prairie and the Big Hole Battlefield will continue long term to provide the scientific data needed to determine the best management practices to improve camas habitat.

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Complete all cultural resource inventories for designated priority resources.

Cultural Landscape Inventories will be completed for these high priority NPS owned sites: Big Hole National Battlefield, Bear Paw Battlefield, White Bird Battlefield.

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Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

The archival and museum object collections and the research center associated with them will be expanded to better serve tribal, academic and other communities

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STEWARDSHIP

Assure that no compelling chapter in the American heritage experience remains untold and that strategically important landscapes are acquired, as authorized by Congress.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

The compelling story of the culture and history of the Nez Perce people and how they contributed to the history of the United States and continue to contribute to the rich cultural diversity of the United States will remain a focal point of interpretation and education programs in the park.

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ENVIRONMENT

Reduce environmental impacts of park operations.

Reduce the environmental impacts of park operations on air and water quality.

New park facilities at Bear Paw, White Bird and Weippe Prairie and consolidated park facilities at Spalding will be developed in consultation with our tribal and other partners and will be designed to be light on the land while meeting the resource preservation and interpretation needs of the park and visiting public.

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Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

A solar voltaic system will be installed at the Big Hole Battlefield to offset power consumption and reduce the carbon footprint of the site by 50%.

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ENVIRONMENT

Inspire an environmental conscience in Americans.

Establish programs to showcase exemplary environmental practices and increase visitor awareness of how the practices apply to their daily lives, as measured by surveys.

As the park expands its use of alternative energy sources and the conservation of energy, the interpretive and education programs in the park will showcase those achievements.

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Demonstrate environmental excellence through increased use of alternative energy and fuels at every park.

Consolidated park facilities at Spalding will maximize the use of renewable energy sources, especially solar energy. Continue to push for hybrid or electric vehicles through GSA lease, partnerships or direct acquisition.

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RECREATION

Establish "volun-tourism" excursions to national parks for volunteers to help achieve natural and cultural resource protection goals.

Increase annual volunteer hours by 100 percent, from 5.2 million hours to 10.4 million hours.

Develop a strong volunteer recruitment program.

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RECREATION

Expand partnerships with schools and boys and girls associations to show how national park experiences can improve children's lives.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Our existing partnerships with schools and other youth groups will be expanded to include more programs focussed on reconnecting children to the national parks.

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RECREATION

Focus national, regional, and local tourism efforts to reach diverse audiences and young people and to attract visitors to lesser-known parks.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Expand our involvement with regional tourism efforts, such as the Northcentral Idaho Tourism Association, Travel Montana, and the Byways programs, to increase awareness of the park among the traveling public.

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EDUCATION

Cooperate with educators to provide curriculum materials, high-quality programs, and park-based and online learning.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Expand our educational outreach to make the park an even more important part of the local educational programs

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EDUCATION

Introduce young people and their families to national parks by using exciting media and technology.

Increase the number of web hits through the introduction of advanced, interactive features that attract young people to national parks.

Expand our use of advanced, interactive media to attract young people to the park.

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PROFESSIONALISM

Be one of the top 10 places to work in America.

Meet 100 percent of diversity recruitment goals by employing people who reflect the face of America.

Build a strong recruitment program for student employees from local high schools, colleges and universities.

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PROFESSIONALISM

Use strategic planning to promote management excellence.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Identify employees who are willing and show aptitude in developing leadership and best management practices. Assist these employees in learning how to lead and manage by offering them training and on the job experience with the best leaders and managers in the country.

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PROFESSIONALISM

Promote a safety and health culture for all employees and visitors.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Maintain an active safety committee and program with involvement of employees at all levels of the park organization and make safety first and automatically part of all park operations.

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PROFESSIONALISM

Model what it means to work in partnership.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

NEPE is a park that was established to work in partnership with many other tribal, federal, state, local and private entities. The park has been and will remain a model of what it means to work in partnership.

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