



*Nez Perce*

TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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June 15, 2006

Oranna Bumgarner Felter  
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Re: Response to Your Letter Dated June 1, 2006

Dear Ms. Felter:

We have received your letter requesting that the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC), the governing body of the Nez Perce Tribe, support your efforts at seeking status as a federally-recognized tribe.

It is the policy of NPTEC to specifically not support or oppose efforts by groups/organizations to become recognized. As you know, these actions can be very sensitive and complex, with underlying issues we may know nothing about. Rather than research and study each request for support, we are simply letting organizations know that we do not take a position one way or another.

This letter is sent to verify that we've received your letter and that we will not be taking a position on your request. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Samuel N. Penney*

Rebecca A. Miles

*for* Chairman