

STATE OF OREGON INVENTORY
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State Historic Preservation Office
Oregon State Parks, Salem 97310



County Wallowa
Theme 9-J
Name
(Common) Nez Perce Indian Cemetery
(Historic) (same)
Address North end of Wallowa Lake
Joseph, Oregon
Present Owner _____
Address _____
Original Use Indian Cemetery
Date of Construction _____

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Nez Perce Indian Cemetery is an area of about three acres at the north end of Wallowa Lake where the lake's outlet is located. The site contains within it the Chief Joseph Landmark. Two state of Oregon historical markers are located nearby on the west side of Highway 82. The remains of Ta Weet Tuekakas are interred at this place. One white couple, Frank David and Martha E. McCully of Joseph are buried in marked graves at this site. (see file sheet on the McCully house in Joseph).

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County Wallowa
 Theme 9-F, 9-J
 Name (Common) Chief Joseph Landmark
 (Historic) (same)
 Address Nez Perce Indian Cemetery
Wallowa Lake
Joseph, Oregon
 Present Owner _____
 Address _____
 Original Use Landmark
 Date of Construction 1926

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Chief Joseph Landmark is located in side a stone wall and lawn area in the Nez Perce National Indian Cembery at the outlet of wallowa Lake near Joseph, Oregon. The monument is a shaft constructed of rubble stones set on a stone base and possessing a stone capstone. Two plaques are mounted on the shaft and read:

"To the memory of Chief Joseph. Died 1870."

"Chief 'Old' Joseph 'Twaect Tu-Eka-ka' born about 1783-died 1872. Baptized as Joseph by Dr. Spalding. 1954"

The first plaque is a section of inscribed granite. The latter is made of bronze and has a likeness in bas relief of Joseph above the inscription.

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