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For Or Against

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Introduction: Recreationists have sought to open the Nez Perce Trail for riding 4-wheelers and mountain bikes on the trail. Recently, they were denied permission and the issue currently is in political limbo. Recreationists said the use of the trail won't disturb cultural sites, a statement that defies logic to many tribal people.

Directions: Below is a list of some fictional people who are involved in the issue of recreation and use of the trail. Pretend you are one of these people and are asked to present your argument for or against the use of the trail before the Tribal Council. On the space below write what your speech would say to make your points. Write down at least **four strong points** you would stress during your presentation to the Tribal Council. As a rap up discuss as a group what you agree on how the trail should be used. (horses, skiers, snowshoers, hikers, etc.).

- A. **Bob Smith** -- He is the founder of "All American Mountain Bikers Club." The club has 460 members and they travel across America riding on National Scenic and Historic Trails.
- B. **Edna Eagle on Top** -- Edna is a direct descendant of one of the Band Leaders that followed the trail in search of freedom in 1877. Her father and grandfather told her many stories of what it was like traveling the trail with sad memories of those relatives left dead along the trail.
- C. **Tom Tall Elk** -- He is a Spiritual Tribal Leader and continues to teach the entire trail is a sacred place.
- D. **Roger Miner** -- He is a Forest Service Employee serving on a team to hear all comments and his job is to come up with a decision regarding the use of 4-wheelers and Mountain Bikes on the Trail.
- E. **John Miles** -- He is currently running for re-election as a Legislator. It is a close political race and he is known for supporting the outdoorsmen's needs.
- F. **Betty Thomas** -- She is the President of "4-Wheelers Are Us." Their membership is growing by leaps and bounds. Their goal is to ride across the National Historic Trails. They are committed to retracing history on their 4-wheelers.

Below write your speech to the Tribal Council highlighting **four** points for *or* against the use of 4-wheelers (ATV's) and Mountain Bikes on the Nez Perce National Historic Trail.

