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

CERTIFICATION GUIDE
**Site Guidelines:**

1. The commemorative memorial should be located at a place directly relevant to the history of the Nez Perce Trail.
2. The site should be commensurate with the importance of the Nez Perce Trail.
3. The memorial should enhance and be designed to respect the theme or scale of the site, and should not encroach upon other existing or proposed commemorative works, or adjacent environmental values.

**Design Guidelines:**

1. The commemorative memorial should have a direct relationship to the Nez Perce Trail; it should evolve from the site and not be pre-determined.
2. It should accurately depict the history of the Nez Perce relative to the site or vicinity.
3. It should evoke a reflective, respectful mood as appropriate for that time in history; it should avoid mythic or stereotypical qualities.
4. It should be compatible with surroundings and not stand out or detract.
5. It should be designed so that inappropriate activities which would detract from the visitor experience are not promulgated at or near the site.
6. Information should be provided at the site to expand public understanding of the Nez Perce Trail story through factual, well written and appropriately displayed signs, exhibits, visual and auditory media, etc; contemplation and education should both occur at the site and be programmatically integrated from the earliest planning stage.
7. It should be fully handicapped accessible.
8. It should successfully communicate its message to an ethnically diverse audience.
9. Inclusion of names of individuals or organizations which contributed to the memorial should be discretely provided, if at all.
10. The relevant American Indian Tribes should be consulted from the earliest planning stages to permit appropriate input.
11. The memorial should not be wasteful of space, but be a concise punctuation of the subject.

12. It should provide a logical sequence of experiences for the visitor.

13. It should be durable and relatively maintenance-free, and otherwise designed for realistic maintenance levels and skills.

14. It should be designed to reflect seasonal variation (e.g. foundations are attractive when drained, plant materials are attractive in winter); it should consider day/night experience (e.g. light fixtures do not intrude during the day). Lighting should down lit fixtures so as to not intrude on the night sky.