

**NEZ PERCE NATIONAL FOREST
LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN
AMENDMENT NO. 39**

**PROJECT-SPECIFIC AMENDMENT TO:
CULTURAL RESOURCE STANDARDS #2 AND #4 AND
MANAGEMENT AREA 3 – CULTURAL RESOURCE STANDARD #4**

FOR THE CROOKED RIVER VALLEY REHABILITATION PROJECT AREA

The purpose of this amendment is to allow the Forest Service to implement restoration activities in the Crooked River Valley Rehabilitation project area, which contains one eligible cultural resource site that meets the National Register Criteria for Historic Places.

The goal of the Forest Plan is to identify and protect cultural properties that are considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. These properties are considered historic properties (36 CFR 800.16(l)(1)) and must be protected, avoided, or mitigated, during federal undertakings.

The Nez Perce National Forest Plan – Cultural resource standards #2 and #4 (Forest Plan, page II-17) and Management Area 3 standard #4 (Forest Plan, page III-9) apply to lands in the Crooked River Valley Rehabilitation project area (USDA Forest Service 1987a).

Cultural Resource standard #2 currently reads as follows:

“Sites will be evaluated and protected on a site-by-site basis unless larger areas such as historic or prehistoric districts are involved.”

Cultural Resource standard #4 currently reads as follows:

“Protect and preserve National Register and National Register-eligible cultural resources.”

Management Area 3 – Cultural Resource standard #4 currently reads as follows:

“Protect National Register or eligible sites from deterioration or destruction.”

Cultural Resource standards #2 and #4 and Management Area 3 – Cultural resource standard #4 direct the Forest to identify and prevent management from damaging historic or National Register-eligible cultural resources, but does not provide for the rehabilitation actions of the magnitude needed for the Crooked River Valley Rehabilitation project. The project area includes one eligible site (SHC-32).

This project-specific amendment would exempt the Crooked River Valley Rehabilitation project (site SHC-32 in the project area), from Forest Plan – Cultural resource standards #2 and #4, and Management Area 3 – Cultural resource standard #4 in order to facilitate the rehabilitation of the Crooked River Valley.

*** End of Amendment **