# 2026
# SMALL BURN
## AIR QUALITY PERMITAPPLICATION

For burns 10 ft or less in diameter or 60 ft or less of ditch bank or fence line vegetation

EPA Nez Perce Reservation

**Burner Information:**

Person Conducting Burns (Print clearly)

Signature of Person Conducting Burns / Date

Burn Location (Physical Address or Legal Description)

Mailing Address of Person Conducting Burns

City / State / Zip of Person Conducting Burns

Phone Number(s) of Person Conducting Burns

PART “A” of PERMIT :

Fill Out and Return to the Nez Perce Tribe ERWM Air Quality Program

**By applying for this annual permit, you agree that burning shall be conducted in accordance with the Small Burn Permit terms and conditions regarding location, quantity and type of materials burned.**

**Land Owner Information**
(If different from burner):

Name of Land Owner (Print clearly)

Mailing Address of Land Owner

City / State / Zip of Land Owner

**Fire Safety Methods:** Please indicate the measures you will take to prevent escaped burns and smoke danger:

- ☐ water availability
- ☐ hand tool availability
- ☐ heavy equipment availability
- ☐ fire breaks or safety zones
- ☐ flaggers
- ☐ other _____
- ☐ other _____

Applicants must also obtain applicable fire safety permits. Contact your local fire district or sheriff’s office for fire safety permit information.

**To receive email notifications of burn bans, air quality advisories, and other periodic NPT Air Quality Program information, please write your email address below:**

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**Detach, Fold and Return Part A : Part A is your permit application. Keep Part B : Part B is your permit.**


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### BURN PERMIT PROCESS

1. Submit a permit application (Part A) at least one business day before you want to burn.
2. Call 208-843-9381 or 800-720-4089 after 9 a.m. each day you want to burn to find out if it is a burn day. Burn only on BURN DAYS and DURING ALLOWED HOURS.
3. **If it is a Burn Day and you are going to burn, stay on the line and leave a complete message with your name, phone number and what you are burning that day.**
   **Your permit application is not complete until you have left this message.**
4. Each time you burn, record information in the log to the right. This permit is good for the entire calendar year.
5. Burner must be prepared to prevent and extinguish escaped burns.
6. Applicants must also obtain applicable fire safety permits. Contact your local fire district or sheriff’s office for fire safety information.

PART “B” of PERMIT

**THIS IS YOUR PERMIT for calendar year 2026**

Keep available while burning.

Person Conducting Burns (Print clearly)

Signature of Person Conducting Burns / Date

Name of Land Owner (If different from burner)

### PERMIT LOG

| Date | Location, Quantity, Type of Materials Burned and Fire Safety Precautions |
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Burning conducted without permission from the NPT ERWM Air Quality Program and/or failure to follow the FARR permit procedures, terms and conditions are violations of FARR and the federal Clean Air Act and are subject to penalties up to $59,114 per day of violation.

# PERMIT CONDITIONS

| You May Burn | **You May NOT Burn** |
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| •Yard clippings, brush, and other vegetation<br>•Paper, paper products, or cardboard, only if:<br>• Used to start a fire<br>• Produced and burned at a single-family residence<br>• Produced and burned at a building with four or fewer apartments or housing units<br>**AND**<br>Piles 10 feet or less in diameter<br>**OR**<br>60 feet or less of ditch bank or fence line vegetation | • Garbage<br>• Plastic<br>• Hazardous waste<br>• Dead animals or parts of dead animals<br>• Junked motor vehicles<br>• Tires<br>• Asphalt<br>• Construction or demolition waste<br>• Treated lumber or timber<br>• Pesticides or packaging<br>• Batteries<br>• Light bulbs<br>• Asbestos<br>• Pathological organisms<br>• Insulated wire<br>• Any material that makes dark smoke other than vegetative materials |

For information about the Federal Air Rules for Reservation visit: www.epa.gov/FARR

*Burning must be conducted in compliance with 40 CFR 49.131 General Open Burning and 49.132 General Open Burning Permits*

Who to Contact for more Information:

**Nez Perce Tribe**
**ERWM - Air Quality Program**
P.O. Box 365, 163 Lolo St.
Lapwai, ID 83540
208-843-9381, 800-720-4089
Fax: 208-843-7411
www.nezperce.org
airquality@nezperce.org

US EPA: 800-424-4EPA (FARR Hotline)
www.epa.gov/FARR

Smoke impacts on public roads, schools, daycares, medical facilities, elder homes and other sensitive people or areas must be prevented as a condition of this permit. Burning is not permitted during burn bans or air pollution episodes, or when the Nez Perce Tribe or EPA determines that burning will cause an adverse impact to air quality. This permit is part of a federal air quality program administered by the Nez Perce Tribe to control emissions of air pollutants and manage smoke for air quality purposes. These rules apply to any person within the exterior boundaries of the 1863 Nez Perce Indian reservation.

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We appreciate your comments or feedback. Please write below.

*Q: Why do I need a permit?*
A: Smoke from open burning is an air pollutant with effects on air quality and public health (especially for children and the elderly).

*Q: What are some alternatives to outdoor burning?*
A: Chipping and shredding vegetation for composting. Also, household items such as glass, plastics and paper can be recycled and should not be burned.

*Q: How can I burn more cleanly?*
A: Make sure your fuel is as dry as possible, separate the fire from damp ground and be sure there is enough draft to keep the fire burning hot.

*Q: Are there exceptions?*
A: Cultural, traditional and recreational fires are exempt and do not require a permit.

Please enclose your permit application (Part A) in a stamped envelope addressed to:

**Nez Perce Tribe**
**ERWM -Air Quality Program**
**P.O. Box 365**
**163 Lolo Street**
**Lapwai, Idaho 83540**

Thank you.