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Josephy Center for Arts and Culture Presents “The Nez Perce in Oregon: Removal and Return” May 5 through June 30 on Oregoncapitol.com as Part of the Capitol History Gateway Exhibit Program

Salem, Ore. – The Josephy Center for Arts and Culture presents “The Nez Perce in Oregon: Removal and Return” now through June 30. [This virtual exhibit](#) will be available to explore through the Oregon State Capitol website (oregoncapitol.com) as part of the Capitol History Gateway program. This digital presentation was funded by the Oregon State Capitol Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c) 3.

“The Nez Perce in Oregon: Removal and Return” puts the oft-told story of the Nez Perce War and Chief Joseph into national and Oregon context. The Nez Perce today are descendants of tribal peoples living in the Intermountain west for millennia. Recent archeological findings at Coopers Ferry on the Salmon River put human habitation back to 16,000 years ago; there is a Nez Perce name for the site. The Nez Perce, who befriended and helped Lewis and Clark on their journey, had lands taken by treaty and by homesteader encroachment--and finally by war. Nez Perce were subjected to boarding schools, allotment, and other assimilationist efforts. But the people are resilient, and the Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland, a non-profit with tribal and local representatives, has a dance arbor and a Longhouse on 320 acres near the town of Wallowa; Tribal Fisheries is restoring salmon runs in Eastern Oregon; and the Nez Perce Tribe owns land in the Wallowa.

This exhibit runs through June 30 and was one of three exhibits that were awarded Capitol History Gateway exhibit sponsorships in its first round, which are funded by the Oregon State Capitol Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Since the historic portion of the Capitol is not accessible due to construction until 2025, the physical exhibit will not be scheduled in the Capitol Galleria until then. For those interested in learning more about the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture, visit <https://josephy.org/>.

For more information about future events and exhibits at the Capitol, visit www.oregoncapitol.com.