PERMIT APPLICATION
2019-2020 NEZ PERCE TRIBE TREATY BUFFALO HUNT

1. Applicant Name: ____________________________ NPT I.D. #: __________________
   Address: ___________________________________ Cell Phone #: __________________

   Are you requesting a Designated Hunter? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, please complete section below.

The Nez Perce Tribe Fish & Wildlife Commission (NPTFWC) may issue a Treaty Buffalo Hunt Permit to a
Designated Hunter under the following circumstances: 1) a Nez Perce Tribal member or organization wishes
to serve buffalo meat at an event or ceremony; or 2) a Nez Perce Tribal member is unable or unwilling to hunt
for herself or himself, for whatever reason.

Reason for Designated Hunter: ______________________________________________________

Designated Hunter Name: ____________________________ NPT I.D. #: __________________

DESIGNATED HUNTER SIGNATURE: ____________________________ Date: ____________

2. 2019-2020 Treaty Buffalo Hunt Permits are valid Wednesday through Tuesday of each week during the hunt
season. I am applying for:

   ☐ 2019-2020 BEATTIE GULCH PERMIT
      Requested Hunt Start Date: (1st Choice) ____________ (2nd Choice) ____________

   ☐ 2019-2020 GENERAL PERMIT
      HUNT LOCATION (select one): North Yellowstone ☐ West Yellowstone ☐
      Requested Hunt Start Date: ____________________________

3. I am applying to harvest a total of _________ Animals (Animals are defined as buffalo and elk).

4. I will be hunting with a (select one): Firearm ☐ Hunting Bow ☐ Any Applicant legally prohibited from using
   or possessing a firearm in any jurisdiction will be issued a Hunting Bow Treaty Buffalo Hunt Permit and
   will be required to follow specific regulations including being accompanied by a permitted Designated
   Shooter carrying a firearm.

   Designated Shooter Name: ____________________________ NPT I.D. #: __________________

5. Did you attend a NPTFWC Buffalof Hunter Orientation (BHO) this year? Yes ☐ No ☐ BHO Date: ____________

6. If you received a 2018-19 Buffalo Hunt Permit, did you submit a Harvest Report to NPTFWC? Yes ☐ No ☐

7. Assistant(s) must attend a NPTFWC BHO for the 2019-2020 season and are NOT allowed to shoot an Animal.
   Assistant Name: ____________________________ NPT I.D. #: __________________ BHO Date: ____________
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8. BY SIGNING BELOW:

Applicant agrees to comply with the Nez Perce Tribal Code and the Nez Perce Tribe 2019-2020 Treaty Buffalo Hunt Regulations. Applicant understands that the U.S. Forest Service and state of Montana possess concurrent jurisdiction in North Yellowstone and West Yellowstone and can cite Nez Perce Tribal members exercising their treaty-reserved hunting rights for violating some federal and state laws and regulations.

Applicant agrees to apprise all Assistants of the restrictions that pertain to their participation in the Treaty Buffalo Hunt.

Applicant acknowledges having received and read the Nez Perce Tribe 2019-2020 Treaty Buffalo Hunt Regulations, the inter-tribal Memorandum of Agreement, executed on October 24, 2017, and the Brucellosis Informed Consent form.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: ___________________________ DATE: ___________________________

NPTFWC CHAIR (OR REP.) SIGNATURE: ___________________________ DATE: ___________________________

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS**

For questions regarding the Nez Perce Tribal Code or regulations governing the 2019-2020 Treaty Buffalo Hunt, contact Nez Perce Tribe Conservation Enforcement at 208-843-7143 or toll free at 1-877-790-3474.

The NPTFWC must deny a Permit Application for any Applicant convicted or found to have violated, within the last three (3) years, any provision of Title 3 of the Nez Perce Tribal Code or the Treaty Buffalo Hunt Regulations in Nez Perce Tribal Court or convicted or found to have violated, in any other court of competent jurisdiction, a hunting or fishing law or regulation. NPTFWC must also deny any Permit Application from an Applicant who received a Permit to hunt buffalo the previous season but failed to submit a Buffalo Harvest Report.

Permit Applications submitted fewer than five (5) days prior to Applicant's requested hunt start date will be rejected. An Applicant may only request one Permit at a time during the Treaty Buffalo Hunt season—one (1) General Permit or one (1) Beattie Gulch Permit. Permit Applications are processed and filed on a first-come, first-served basis. **INCOMPLETE PERMIT APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.** For questions regarding your Permit Application, contact Nancy McAllister, at the NPTFWC office, at 208-843-9376, ext. 4649.

Completed and signed Permit Applications must be submitted by one of the following methods:

**Delivery to:**
NPTFWC Office, 315 B Street, Lapwai, ID

**Facsimile to:**
208-843-7381

**Email to:**
nancymac@nezperce.org

**U.S. Mail to:**
Nez Perce Tribe Fish & Wildlife Commission
Attn: Nancy McAllaster
P.O. Box 365
315 B Street
Lapwai, ID 83540-0365

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**For NPTFWC Office Use Only:**

Date Application Received: ___________________________
Received By: ___________________________
Is Application Complete? Yes ☐ No ☐
Comments: ___________________________

Date Additional Information Received: ___________________________
Verified By: ___________________________
Comments: ___________________________

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION APPLIES TO HARVESTED BUFFALO AND ELK FROM YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK (YNP) and surrounding areas, also known as Buffalo Country. This material also covers anthrax that can be found in wild game. Everyone in your hunting party (i.e., assistant hunters, transports, cooks, volunteers, and processors) that handles raw buffalo/elk meat from buffalo country needs to understand the risk of Brucellosis. All animals harvested from Buffalo Country should be treated as though they are infected with Brucellosis. There are no outward signs an animal is infected; the bacteria can neither be seen nor smelled.

What is Brucellosis? Brucellosis is a serious infectious bacterial disease, Brucella species are small, Gram-negative, nonmotile, nonspore-forming, rod-shaped (coccobacilli) bacteria. The causal relationship between the organism and disease was first established in 1887 by Sir David Bruce (1855-1931). There are different strains of Brucella bacteria; in cattle, this disease is called B. abortus. Brucellosis, also known as Bang's disease, Crimean fever or undulant fever, is a bacterium that concentrates in the reproductive organs of a live animal. The most common clinical signs of cattle infected with B. abortus are high incidences of abortions, arthritic joints, and retained placenta.

Brucellosis was first transmitted to buffalo and elk by cattle, and no records exist of brucellosis in ungulates native to America until the early 19th century. Cattle can be vaccinated against Brucellosis, but not people. In the United States, veterinarians are required to vaccinate all young stock, thereby, further reducing the chance of transmission. The first state–federal cooperative efforts towards eradication of brucellosis caused by Brucella abortus in the U.S. began in 1934.

Transmittal to Humans Transmittal to humans can occur through open wounds, by directly inhaling the bacteria while handling game, or by consuming undercooked game of animal product infected with the Brucella bacteria. This risk is generally greater for people working in slaughterhouse, such as meat-packing employees.

Symptoms Brucellosis can cause a range of symptoms that can include fevers, chills, sweats, weakness, loss of appetite, headache, pain in muscles, joint or back, arthritis, chronic fatigue, depression, neurologic symptoms (in up to 5% of all cases), and swelling of internal organs (i.e. liver, heart). Some symptoms may persist for long periods, others may never go away or they may reoccur.

Treatment Tests are done to look for the brucella bacteria in samples of blood, bone marrow or body fluids. Once a diagnosis is made, a doctor can prescribe antibiotics. Similar to tuberculosis, the brucellosis bacteria can require that you take two antibiotics at the same time for long periods (months) to get rid of the bacteria because the infection resides in areas where there is little blood flow (the blood carries the antibiotic to the infection site to kill the bacteria). Depending on the timing of treatment and severity of illness, recovery may take a few weeks to several months. Death from brucellosis is rare, occurring in no more than 2% of all cases.
Prevention  Anybody that handles or eats wild game from Buffalo Country must handle the meat, carcasses and the hide as though it is contaminated with the Brucellosis bacteria. Remember, Brucellosis bacteria can neither be seen nor smelled.

➢  All buffalo and elk from Buffalo Country should be cooked until well done, do not consume undercooked game from Buffalo Country. Thorough cooking kills the Brucellosis bacteria. The bacteria lies dormant when frozen, so meat still needs to be treated carefully after thawing.

➢  Ensure that bacteria from potentially infected animals does not get into eyes or inside a cut or abrasion on the skin of people who handle animal tissues (entrails and hide). Anybody handling the raw meat, entrails, or hide should protect themselves by using rubber gloves, goggles/work glasses and aprons.

➢  Do not cross contaminate Buffalo Country game with other game or fish. Wrap well in two or more layers and label well. Surface areas exposed to the raw meat should be cleaned, rinsed, and then disinfected with a bleach solution (1:10 bleach/water dilution, using unscented bleach), and it is suggested that you clean your freezer with a bleach solution when emptied.

➢  Because brucellosis bacteria live in wet environments outside of an animal or person, be careful about your boots and clothing that is exposed to animals directly after handling Buffalo Country animals. We suggest that you place them in garbage bags and wash them immediately using hot water in a laundry mat.

Applicant has read and understands the information regarding the prevention and risks of brucellosis. Applicant understands the risk of brucellosis, and will inform all individuals handling animals harvested under his/her permit (assistant hunters, transporters & processors) of the risk of brucellosis.

Applicant understands that the Nez Perce Tribe accepts no liability for illnesses, accidents, injuries, death, monetary assistance or other incidents that occur during the course of the hunting trip to Buffalo Country or the processing or preparing of wild game from Buffalo Country.

Signature of Hunter/Applicant: _______________________________ Date: ________________

FWC rep initials: ______

If youth applicant between 15 & 18 years of age:

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _______________________________ Date: ________________