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A plan for the use and distribution of $725,000 awarded by the Indian Claims Commission to the Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation in Washington is being published in the Federal Register, the Bureau of Indian Affairs announced today.

The award is compensation for lands taken from the Joseph Band of the Nez Perce in 1875.

According to the plan approved by Congress, effective May 1, the portion of the award going to the Colville Tribes will be distributed on a per capita basis to the members.

The Nez Perce Tribe will use twenty percent of its portion for tribal industrial, recreational, agricultural and financial investment programs. The remainder will be distributed per capita to tribal members.