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Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton announced today that he has asked the Bureau of Indian Affairs to send one of its forestry experts immediately into northern Idaho for an investigation of timber sale prospects on the Nez Perce Indian Reservation.

Members of the Nez Perce Tribe recently met with Secretary Seaton in Idaho and urged the need for a public offering of tribal timber at the earliest possible late. After hearing their presentation, the Secretary assured them that he would ask the Indian Bureau to investigate the problem at once and provide him with a report on the situation.