



Chinese Remembering Lewiston, Idaho

June 21-22, 2012

Dear Memorial Supporter:

Next year will mark the 125th anniversary of the massacre of as many as 34 Chinese gold miners in Hells Canyon at Chinese Massacre Cove. We cannot give the victims justice after so many years, but we can honor their memory.

With this e-mail, we are beginning a fundraising appeal for a memorial at the massacre site. It will be a simple memorial of granite stone roughly four by five feet on a bluff overlooking the Snake River near walls built by the Chinese miners. The purpose is not to attract attention to the site, but to honor the victims.

Engraved wording will be in three languages, English, Chinese and Nez Perce, with the English to read:

CHINESE MASSACRE COVE
*Site of the 1887 massacre of
as many as 34 Chinese gold miners.
No one was held accountable.*

Our goal is to have the memorial installed and ready to dedicate at the next Chinese Remembering gathering in Lewiston, June 21-22, 2012. Following a program in Lewiston the first day, we will journey to the cove by jet boat on June 22 for the dedication and healing ceremony. We hope you will put these dates on your calendar and plan to attend. It will be a very special event.

We are requesting financial assistance for purchase of the stone, engraving, placement on site and a maintenance fund. Cost will be approximately \$3,000. Any left over funds may be used to help replace the deteriorating interpretive sign at the former Chinese cemetery in Lewiston. We also have in mind a possible future project in Lewiston to recognize the contributions of 19th century Chinese immigrants to the development of the Pacific Northwest.

Contributions to the massacre memorial can be made in one of two ways: through a PayPal account on our website, www.chineseremembering.org or by check. Checks should be made out to Confluence Press with "Massacre Memorial" in the subject line and sent to:

Confluence Press
c/o Chinese Memorial
2220 2nd Street
Lewiston, ID 83501



Your contribution is tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Confluence Press in Lewiston is a partner in our project and is a 501(C) (3) organization.

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All contributions will be acknowledged and you will receive periodic updates on the project.

A photograph of the selected site and a map of the area around Chinese Massacre Cove are attached. The project has been approved by the U.S. Forest Service. More information is available on our website.

We have included you on this list of memorial supporters because you have attended our past gatherings, or otherwise expressed interest in this project. If you wish to be removed from the list, just let us know.

Thank you.

The Chinese Massacre Memorial Committee

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Lyle Wirtanen and others locate site for memorial.