



Photo No. 184

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1. Fort Fizzle Site,
2. Vicinity of Lolo, Montana.
3. Taken by Ed Deschamps, Resource Technician,
Missoula RD, Lolo National Forest.
4. Taken May 15, 1976. *Missoula County*
5. Negative at Missoula Ranger District, Lolo NF.
6. View from the ridge looking east, with portion
of U.S. Highway No. 12; Lolo Creek lies to the
right of Highway No. 12.

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1. Fort Fizzle Site.
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Missoula RD, Lolo National Forest.
4. Taken May 15, 1976.
5. Negative at Missoula Ranger District, Lolo NF.
6. View of area looking west.

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Missoula RD, Lolo National Forest.
4. Taken May 15, 1976.
5. Negative at Missoula Ranger District, Lolo NF.
6. View of Lolo Creek which lies south of U.S.
Highway No. 12 right-of-way.

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FORT FIZZLE

With General Howard three days behind, Nez Perce Indian Chief Joseph retreated eastward across the rugged Bitterroot Mountains in July of 1877. Captain Charles Rawn of the U.S. Army's 7th Infantry was dispatched from Fort Missoula with 4 other officers, 25 enlisted men, and 25 Flathead Indians. They were to stop the fleeing Nez Perce Indians here in the Lolo Creek Valley.

Approximately 150 local volunteers helped Rawn's men erect and occupy a digout and log redoubt July 25-28 on the small bench behind this sign. Joseph asked that his people be permitted to pass in peace. Rawn refused. The Nez Perce started a noisy demonstration and the infantry fired. But the Indians did not attack.

Under cover of the demonstration and the shooting Joseph took his 250 men, 450 women and children, and 2,000 horses up a gulch about 800 yards west of here on the north side of the valley. The Nez Perce outfanked the redoubt, came down Sleeman Creek and proceeded up the Bitterroot Valley. Howard attacked the fleeing band August 9 in the Big Hole Valley, about 12 miles east of Lost Trail Pass.

In 1934, a forest fire destroyed the last remnants of Fort Fizzle.

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FORT FIZZLE

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1. Fort Fizzle Site.
2. Vicinity of Lolo, Montana, on Lewis & Clark Hwy.,
U.S. No. 12.
3. Taken by E. DelMar Jaquish, USDA, Forest Service.
4. Taken June 1967.
5. USDA, Forest Service, Washington, D.C.
(Negative 517854)
6. Sign on U.S. Highway No. 12 at Fort Fizzle
Interpretive sign telling what took place at
this historic site during Nez Perce War of 1877.
Looking northerly from US. Highway No. 12
right-of-way.

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