## 'apaqa'ánno' 'ee kaa 'epeqíicxnu' wéetesne

- Respect and take care of the earth.

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The Nez Perce Tribe Solid Waste & Recycling Program worked with a recycling mentor provided through the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP). On August 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> we hosted Tracy Horst (shown above with Jon) from the Choctaw Nation in Oklahoma. Tracy met with our staff, reviewed our program and facility, and spent two very hot days picking through trash with us to do waste audits for waste from the tribal offices and Clearwater Casino.

## Check back next month for the waste audit results!

## "Talkin' Trash" Waste Audits

A waste audit is a process that can be used to determine the amount and types of waste that are generated by an organization. It can identify what types of recyclable materials and waste the organization generates and how much of each category can be recovered for recycling or discarded. Steps to a waste audit include:

- Plan the audit and study area
- Collect the waste to be examined
- Sort the waste by category
- Weigh each type of waste
- Analyze the waste data



## **Community Recycling!**

We encourage & celebrate community recycling as shown here — Mr. Williams recycling in Sweetwater in August !

Totally Awesome!!



On our way to ZERO WASTE .... Thank you all for your help!!