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Eagle Eye's band of Mountain Shoshoni, identified as Weiser Indians when they consulted with W. H. Danielson at Fort Hall, got their name from their Upper Weiser aboriginal homeland of Indian and Council valleys. Prior to 1860, they operated from that base to some high Seven Devils' elk hunting ridges and to Little Salmon Meadows, where a lower Salmon Nez Perce band also roamed. After Buffalo Horn's 1878 Bannock campaign, they fled into complete mountain isolation north of Payette Lake, where they spent a year before they dared to come out of exile and hiding. Then they settled at Dry Buck, where they lived while working in a sawmill, among other occupations.

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[After his plans to drive all miners and ranchers away from his Salmon River lands failed to gain support from his Nez Perce band, Eagle From the Light joined Eagle Eye's people in Council and Indian valleys until 1875, until he settled with his nephew, Duncan MacDonald, on a Montana Flathead reservation.]

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