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TREATY ROCK, POST FALLS

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This large, conspicuous rock (located near Post Falls--a major Spokane River power site) contains important examples of ancient Indian rock art. Petroglyphs (carvings) and pictographs (paintings) both are present there. When Frederick W. Post obtained a Coeur d'Alene Indian agreement to allow him to build a power plant and mill there in 1871, he added his name and date to those designs. His inscription did not represent a treaty, and Idaho's Coeur d'Alene people did not even gain a treaty for two more decades. He moved on west to Spokane Falls, but his early development at Post Falls led to a settlement there that grew up around his power and industrial site. Road signs guide tourists to Treaty Rock, located very close to Interstate 90.

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