Community update

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November 29, 2021
The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Chairman Raymond Trump at Roll call: Lincoln Jay Sappah, Raymond ‘Captain’ Moody, Glendon Smith, Anita Jackson, Wilson Wewa Jr., Chief Joseph Moses. Minnie Valine, Recorder.

- Forest management deduc- tion resolution discussion with Vernon Wolf, Forestry.
- Motion by Brigette adopting Resolution No. 12,885, that the amount of $300,000 is approved for the funding of the Warm Springs Intensive Forest Management Program, as shown on attached Exhibit A. That the funds shall be reimbursed from timber sales no later than quarterly to the Confederated Tribes from Forest Management Deduction account.

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- Motion by Brigette adopting Resolution No. 12,887, pursuant to Article V, Section 1(t), as amended, of the Tribal Constitu- tion and By-Laws and Ordinances 67, that the foregoing budget is approved with an effective date of January 1, 2022. That the sum of $16,627,983 is hereby appropriated for expenditure pursuant to the foregoing annual budget for the twelve-month period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 and the Secretary of Interior of the Confederated Tribes from the Senior Distribution Fund for calendar year 2022. Second by Wilson.

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- Motion by Brigette adopting Resolution No. 12,884, that an amount not to exceed $2,144,100 is hereby authorized for expendi- tures for intensive forest management activities pur- pose to Exhibit A shall:

- Be consistent with the Tribe’s Intensive Forest Management Fund Policy; Be in compliance with Public Law 1C1-630, the Na- tional Indian Forest Resources Management Act; Not exceed 7 percent of gross timber sale in- come or revenue. Second by Cap- tain. Discussion; Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Brigette/yes, Delvis/yes, Anita/yes, 7/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

- Finalize the 2022 Budget dis- cussion with Glendon Smith, Secretary-Treasurer, and Isaac George, Finance.

- Motion by Brigette adopting Resolution No. 12,883, that an amount not to exceed $16,440,000 is hereby authorized for expendi- tures from the Senior Distribution Fund for calendar year 2022.

- Discussion; Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Brigette/yes, Delvis/yes, Anita/yes, 7/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.
Water system upgrades slated for tribes

The massive infrastructure bill signed in late November promises to bring change to Native American tribes that lack clean water or indoor plumbing, through the largest single infusion of money into Indian Country.

The law includes $3.5 billion for the federal Indian Health Service, which provides health care to more than 2 million Native Americans and Alaska Natives. The legislation also delivers money for water projects through other federal agencies.

Tribal leaders say the funding is welcome yet won’t make up for decades of neglect from the U.S. government. A list of sanitation deficiencies includes more than 1,500 tribal projects, from septic systems to indoor plumbing, through the largest single infusion of money into Indian Country.

Projects, from septic systems to pipelines. A number of these—from the water main to plant to the delivery pipe—are on the Warm Springs Reservation.

Inside the Warm Springs water treatment plant, slated for upgrades and eventual replacement.

Jobs recovery for region

Unemployment continued to fall across Central Oregon in late fall and early winter. Rates on average were only 1.5 points or less off their historic low levels before the pandemic.

The improvement to the unemployment rate is due to rapid hiring across the non-farm sectors.

Jefferson County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in November, down from 5.8 percent in October.

The unemployment rate for the county—including Warm Springs and most of the reservation—is fast approaching levels of February 2020, when it was 4.1 percent.

Jefferson County is nearing an employment recovery from the pandemic shock with employment in late November—early December only down by 0.6 percent, or 40 jobs, from levels in November 2019.

Job gains in the county over the past year were concentrated in local government (plus 120 jobs), manufacturing (plus 60 jobs), and leisure and hospitality (plus 50 jobs).

There were notable job losses in private education and health services, shedding 50 jobs from November 2020; and professional and business services, down 40 jobs from the same time last year.

Deschutes County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped significantly in November to 4.6 from 4.9 in October.

The unemployment rate remains higher than before the first impacts from Covid-19 in February 2020, when it was at a record low of 3.3 percent; however, levels of unemployment are well below the 10-year average of 6.9 percent.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that Deschutes County posted very strong hiring in November.

The county added 160 jobs in November at a time when a loss of 300 would be more typical based on normal seasonal patterns.

Employment levels in November 2021 exceed November 2019 levels.

Crook County: The unemployment rate dropped significantly to 5.9 percent in November, down from 6.2 percent in October.

Great option for tribal community pets

Thank you is only a sliver of our gratitude for the families of Warm Springs for the trust placed in Fences For Fido to serve as a resource for their pets.

Today we celebrate our Warm Springs Fences For Fido partners, Smart Dog Hero and Humane Society of Central Oregon for their free veterinary services at the December spay-neuter event.

We provided vaccines to nearly 20 Fences For Fido Warm Springs dogs and cats from the reserva-

tion. It was such an impactful day for families and their pets! This helped make healthier and safer dogs and cats, while helping to re-
do the free spay and neuter and vaccine clinics on the reserva-

tion. We are continuing to search for a building for the clinic on the reservation so stay tuned for updates! Kelly Peterson, chair and co-founder, outreach coordinator, Fences For Fido.

KWSO now features phone app

The KWSO app is now available for phone and mobile de-

vices. The app makes it easy for you to listen to KWSO on your phone, and features the daily community calendar and local news plus more connec-
tions to news, events and lan-

guage lessons.

Find links to download the app to your device at the top of our website, kwsoradio.org.

Plaza space available

The Plaza at Warm Springs has a suite available on January 1, 2022.

The location is on Highway 26 next to Indian Head Casino.

The suite is approximately 525 square feet. If you are interested, please email your business plan to: Sandra.Danzuka@wstribe.org.

Or call 541-553-3565 if you have any questions.
From Confluence

Dear Warm Springs,

We have two exciting new resources to share with you that elevate Indigenous voices in our undercounting of the Columbia River Sys-

tem: Scholar Emily Washines (Yakama) has written a new article for the Coyote News. Library about why it is so important to learn about salmon, not just for environmental science but for the future of the Columbia and the Native cultures of our re-

gion.

Emily Washines

Emily Washines, MPA, is a scholar and enrolled Yakama Nation mem-

ber with Cowlitz and Snohomish lineage. Her blog, Dave McMechan,


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Letters to the editor

Spilyay Tymoo

Dear Travis Bobb.

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New Year of 2022

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New highway signs on the way for museum

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In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

All proceedings are held at the CTWS Tribal Court.

CIGANY SCOTT, Petitioner, vs. MAUREEN WINISHUT, Respondent; Case No. DO102-20. TO: RADINE JOHNSON, JUDGE.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT a TEMPORARY GUARDIANSHIP has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 25TH day of JANUARY, 2022 @ 2:00 PM.

CWS, Petitioner, vs. ALICIA YAZZIE, Respondent; Case No. JV44-20. TO: JERMAINE SUE BALDERAMA, JUDGE.

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BERTHOLD, Petitioner, vs. CTWS, Respondent; Case No. JV94-20. TO: LEONARD WILLIAMS, JUDGE.

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CTWS, Petitioner, vs. JESSICA GREENE, Respondent; Case No. DO153-21. TO: GERALD HOPTOWIT, JUDGE.

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CTWS, Petitioner, vs. SYLVIA SPINO, Respondent; Case No. DO16-21. TO: JAMES WELEY, JUDGE.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT an ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 25TH day of JANUARY, 2022 @ 2:00 PM.

TO: RADINE JOHNSON, JUDGE.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT a TEMPORARY GUARDIANSHIP has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 25TH day of JANUARY, 2022 @ 1:00 PM.

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CTWS, Petitioner, vs. LENORA WILLIAMS; Case No. JV53-07. TO: JAMES WELEY, JUDGE.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT a CONSERVATORSHIP has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 25TH day of JANUARY, 2022 @ 2:00 PM.

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CTWS, Petitioner, vs. FELICIA KENTURA, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV63-19. TO: LYNITTA SMITH III, JUDGE.

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Employment with the tribes

The following are employment positions recently advertised with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. You can reach Human Resources for information at 541-553-3262. All positions are full-time, permanent unless otherwise noted:

- Property management specialist
- Registered Nurse
- Medical aid
- Security officer
- Protective care provider
- Payroll specialist
- Water/Wastewater distribution system operator
- Maintenance worker
- Public Safety general manager
- Fire/Medic
- Administrative assistant/secretary
- General staff technician (limited duration)
- Assorted work experience jobs for youth
- Part-time surveillance observer
- Soil scientist/watershed planner

Employment at Casino/Travel Plaza

The following are employment positions recently advertised with Indian Head Casino and the Plateau Travel Plaza. For more information see the website: indianheadcasino.com

- Cage Cashier
- Coffee Stations Attendant
- Cook
- Count Team Member
- Custodian
- Director of Finance
- Guest Services Operator
- Lounge Bartender
- Players Club Host
- Players Club Host Lead
- Revenue Auditor
- Security Officer
- Server
- Slot Keyperson
- Tule Grill Attendant
- Tule Grill Cook
- At the Plateau Travel Plaza: Store cashier
- Host cashier/server
- Line cook
- Receiving coordinator
- Security officer

Happy New Year, Family and Friends — And Stay Safe!

From Donna and Bubba.
New Parks director faces a ‘huge task’

Record annual attendance numbers. Low morale among employees. Billions of dollars in maintenance needs.

Those are but some of the challenges Charles ‘Chuck’ Sams III will have to tackle as director of the National Park Service after officially taking leadership in a swearing-in ceremony in December. Sams becomes the first Native American to hold the position. His bosses Delia Hauland, Lagatha Pueblo, the Interior secretary and first Indigenous person to hold a cabinet-level position. Sams’ background and citizenship with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation also means some are optimistic he’ll work to improve how the agency and its hundreds of national parks, historic sites, monuments and recreational areas work with tribal nations and incorporate their history and culture.

“Everyone should have access to the outdoors no matter where they live, how much money they have, or what their background is,” Secretary Hauland said. “Chuck Sams understands the importance of connecting people to nature, and I am thrilled to work with him as the Interior Department strives to make our national park system accessible to all Americans.”

CRITFC welcomes new director

Aja DeCoteau grew up on the Yakama Nation Reservation in Washington, and she fondly remembers fishing in the Columbia River Basin and hunting with her family as she learned about the importance of Indigenous First Foods.

Still, she thought she’d end up working as a medical doctor someday. But after high school she got a job with her tribe’s forestry department, and then during breaks and summers in college, she kept finding herself working in natural resources.

“I have great memories of going hunting with my brother and sisters and fishing with my dad. I feel like I’ve always had an interest in my environment,” Ms. DeCoteau said.

“And, of course, knowing the importance of what we call First Foods to our culture and our religion is something that has always been a part of who I am.”

Those summers working in forestry for her tribe led her to a career in natural resources instead of medicine. Eventually, that led her to the Portland-based Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Commission, CRITFC, which represents the interests of the four Columbia River Basin tribes in policy, advocacy and management of the basin. The Confederated Tribes are among the charter members of the organization.

Now, 12 years after joining CRITFC, Aja was named its executive director, marking the first time a woman has ever held the position.

The organization announced DeCoteau as the new executive director in November, after she had served in the role on an interim basis since April, after the previous executive director, Jamie Pinkham, was appointed to a high-ranking job with the federal government.

It’s a position that DeCoteau—who is a citizen of the Confederated Tribes Bands of the Yakama Nation and descendents of the Cayuse, Nez Perce and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians—has always wanted to hold since coming to CRITFC.

“I am honored and excited to lead CRITFC and work together with our member tribes to bridge traditional knowledge, scientific expertise and cultural connection to ensure that we have salmon and other natural resources for generations to come,” DeCoteau said.

While she’s excited for the opportunity—and honored to be the first woman leader of CRITFC in its nearly 50-year history—she takes over at a pivotal time for the organization amid a series of challenges, including climate change, dwindling salmon populations and questions over the future of dams and hydropower.