

## Community update

The incidence of Covid-19 among the tribal community has been increasing in recent weeks, though fortunately the tribes have not seen a significant increase in hospitalizations and serious illness from the recent spike in cases. Still, the potential for spread of the virus remains a risk, said Caroline Cruz, general manager of Health and Human Services.

There are various means of tracking the incidence of covid in a community. Positive cases, for instance, are reported to the clinic. Additionally, a health organization—the OSU Covid-19 Wastewater Surveillance Team—provides covid spread estimates based on samples taken from community wastewater.

A recent report from the team, provided to Warm Springs IHS, Community Health and the tribes' Response Team, showed covid concentrations in wastewater samples of the Sunnyside and Warm Springs Agency lagoons as "some of the highest numbers we have had in a Warm Springs sampling since this form of testing began last summer."

The sample levels are rated as Low, Moderate, Strong and Very Strong. The samples from late July into August were in the Very Strong category. This requires the tribes to continue the precautions of masking in public tribal buildings, social distancing, sanitation of work places, testing, vaccine boosters, etc.

There were 30 known active cases among the tribal community as of mid last week, according to the recent report from the tribes' Covid-19 Response Team, IHS and Health and Human Services. This number brought the total confirmed cases in the community to 2,355 since the pandemic began in early spring 2020. Fortunately, no community member was hospitalized with covid, as of last week. Total hospitalizations since the pandemic began is at 130; and deaths, 36. *See page 5 for more details.*

### Statement of the tribes

The following remains the policy of the Confederated Tribes within the reservation jurisdiction:

Everyone is encouraged to continue to take precautions to reduce the possible spread of covid.

Continue to avoid crowded spaces especially indoors, and consider wearing a facemask around large groups. Facemasks are required in tribal buildings. Use a home test kit for testing; and if it's positive, call Health and Wellness, 541-553-1196. There are treatments that can help, if administered shortly after contracting the virus.

Every home is eligible to order a free at-home covid test kits.

You can order online at covid.gov/tests

Or call 1-800-232-0233. Locally, you can pick up a home covid test kit at Emergency Management located at the former elementary school. And during evenings and on weekends, test kits are available at the Warm Springs Fire and Safety station on campus.

## Tribes welcome new S-T, committees

Tribal Council has named Robert 'Bobby' Brunoe as Secretary-Treasurer of the Confederated Tribes. His first day on the job will be next Monday.

Mr. Brunoe has been the general manager of the Branch of Natural Resources since 1998. In all, he has worked for the tribal organization for 31 years.

"I want to help the tribes, and was asked to consider the position," Bobby says of his interest in taking on the responsibilities of S-T/CEO.

At Natural Resources the general manager, for now as interim, will be Austin Smith Jr., Wildlife biologist and Range and Agriculture manager.

Mr. Brunoe is taking over the tribes' S-T/CEO responsibilities from Glendon Smith, who has served in the role since July of last year.



Robert Brunoe, new S-T/CEO.

### Committee appointments

The tribes also welcomed new committee and board members during a swearing in ceremony last week at the Agency Longhouse. Many members, including Tribal Council were on hand for the swearing-in occasion.

Council Chairman Jonathan Smith opened the meeting, welcoming the new committee members.



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Culture and Heritage Committee members take the oath of office.

Councilmen Alvis Smith III, Jim Manion and Lincoln Jay Suppah also gave words of encouragement: "I want to thank you for stepping up," Councilman Suppah said to the new committee and board members.

The Twenty-Ninth Tribal Council weighed the applications of many great candidates for the eight committees plus the Gaming and Credit boards, Councilman Manion said.

Bureau of Indian Affairs Agency superintendent Brenda Bremner then administered the oath of office to the new members. The eight tribal committees are Culture and Heritage, Education, On-Reservation Fish and Wildlife, Off-Reservation Fish and Wildlife, Health and Welfare, Land Use Planning, Range, Irrigation and Agriculture, and the Timber Committee.

COMMITTEES *continues on 5*

## Whitewater journey for tribal youth

In the sport of whitewater kayaking 'first descents' are major milestones: The term 'first descent' refers to being the first person or team to successfully kayak down a wild river—clearly a rare milestone for any kayaker. Two young kayakers of the Confederated Tribes—Julia Wolfe and Kiahna Allen—are training to make their unique first descents.

Julia and Kiahna are part of the Paddle Tribal Waters team, preparing to lead the first descent—perhaps in this case 'rescent'—of the Klamath River.

The girls are members of the 12-person indigenous youth team now taking intensive whitewater kayak training, in anticipation of



Courtesy

Kiahna Allen kayaking whitewater during recent training.

the removal of dams that are blocking the Klamath River.

Four dams on the river are set for removal by 2024. In the meantime, Kiahna, Julia and the others with the Paddle Tribal Waters team are honing their skills for the first descent of the undammed river.

Kiahna and Julia and Paddle Tribal Waters traveled recently to the Klamath basin in Northern California for kayak training. With the Warm Springs girls were tribal mem-

bers form the Yurok, Karuk, Hoopa Valley and Quartz Valley tribes, all of Northern California; as well as youth of the Klamath Tribes. To join the team all of them had to show good grades, letters of reference and well-written essays.

The groups Maqlaqs Paddle and Rios to Rivers organized the two-and-a-half-week training.

First, the team was greeted by the Yurok Tribal Council, who presented them with gifts courtesy of

Yurok Economic Development. For the training sessions themselves, Paddle Tribal Waters provided the team members with the diversity of skills required to safely run the river in a kayak.

The acclaimed World Class Kayak Academy and local Otter Bar Lodge Kayak School taught the teens every aspect of swift-water boating. This included how to identify risks and maneuver through large rapids.

The group also learned self-rescue techniques, how to read the water and much more. During the skill-building exercise, the youth worked on developing river advocacy skills too.

Paul Wilson, Rios to Rivers Storyteller, is co-founder of Maqlaqs Paddle, and a Klamath Tribes member. "Paddling has given me a way of experiencing rivers," Mr. Wilson said, "outside of just showing up to fight for rivers' health or for our traditional foods."

KAYAKERS *continues on 5*

## New federal bill includes \$5 million for water

Federal funding to help address the Confederated Tribes water infrastructure is included in a new bill before the U.S. Senate. The Fiscal Year 2023 Senate Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations bill includes \$5 million for the Confederated Tribes drinking water infrastructure. This is in addition to funding that was already allocated in the federal Bi-Partisan Infrastructure law of November 2021.

Oregon's U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden announced the latest \$5 million addition earlier this month. Both Senators for the past number of years have been advocating for a solution to the tribes' water infrastructure problems. This effort took on added emphasis in

2020, during the first year of the pandemic, when the tribes were contending with covid, along with a protracted water outage and boil water notice. A similar crisis happened again last summer.

Hearing of the proposed new federal legislation, Tribal Council Chairman Jonathan Smith commented, "Once again, Senators Merkley and Wyden have stepped up to help the Warm Springs tribes address our ongoing water crisis."

"This legislation would allow the tribes to dramatically improve reliable access to clean, running water to thousands of people living on the Warm Springs Reservation."

The bill also includes funding to strengthen forest health, protect public lands and the environment,

tackle climate change. As the chair of the U.S. Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee, Sen. Merkley drafted the bill, helping ensure the priorities for communities across all of Oregon.

The Interior bill also includes funding to support wildfire management, as well as funding to support efforts to address the water crisis in the Klamath Basin. Some other points of interest in the proposed legislation:

**The Columbia River Indian Treaty Fishing Access Sites:** The bill provides \$4.5 million for Columbia River In-Lieu Treaty Sites, including \$1.3 million for fishing sites construction, to implement Senator Merkley's Columbia River In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites Improvement Act.

**Tribal Programs and Ser-**

**vices:** The bill includes \$11.4 billion in critical funding for tribal communities across the country; and for the first time, \$8 million to establish the Indian Reservation Drinking Water Program.

This program will address other tribal water infrastructure challenges like those facing Warm Springs.

The proposed law also provides an advance appropriation for fiscal year 2024 for the Indian Health Service to protect health care services funded by IHS to over 2.5 million Native Americans from future lapses in funding due to government shutdowns and unpredictable budget years.

The bill would provide \$8 million to expand tribal law enforcement programs to tribes that have historically been excluded from the programs.



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# Design phase for new Academy classrooms

The new classrooms project at the Warm Springs K-8 Academy is currently about half-way through the design phase. The planned new classrooms are funded through the voter-approved school district 509-J bond measure, approved last fall.

There is a district website that allows you to follow the progress on the project, as well as those at the high school, Bridges and other schools of the district. Visit the site at:

509JSchoolBond.org  
The Academy classroom project is expected to see a construction start date in January 2023. Completion would be late that summer, with preparation and moving in during the fall of next year. Of the total \$24 million approved in the November 2021 bond measure, \$4 million goes to work at the Academy.

There will be six new early learning classrooms; plus safety items like a new key-access control system.

The Confederated Tribes and school district 509-J built the Academy cooperatively back in 2013-14. The tribes and district shared the \$10.7 million construction cost 50-50.

Tribal members had ap-



The central courtyard area of the Warm Springs Academy, with its rooftop solar panel component.

proved the referendum in favor of the new school by a 3-1 margin in July of 2012. The school district voters then approved a bond in favor of the project, allowing planning and design to begin that year, followed by the construction start in 2013.

The Warm Springs Academy replaced the previous elementary school, constructed mostly in the 1930s.

For the Academy dedication ceremony in August of 2014, five-hundred tribal members, leaders and other guests showed up at the school for the occasion.

The Warm Springs K-8 Academy was built to

accomodate up to 750 students. The classroom addition project will provide new and added space for learning.

### Other district projects

The \$24 million overall bond measure of 2021 is specifically for “health, safety and security” throughout the district schools. Work at the Bridges High School began in the spring, and is scheduled for completion in January.

The \$935,000 Bridges work includes the new key-access control system, four new classrooms, gym floor improvements, and new flooring on the lower level.

Madras High School work will include a new roof and insulation; upgrades to the Career and Technical Education area; heating, cooling and ventilation improvements; a new soccer concession and restroom area, and facility and field lights.

This project, also in the design phase, will see construction begin early next year, with completion scheduled for early fall 2023.

The 2021 bond measure was the first 509-J school dis-

trict bond proposal since 2012—the one that helped pay for construction of the Warm Springs Academy.

The 2012 measure also funded the Madras Performing Arts Center at the high school.

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Bridges High School work is under way.

## On Tribal Council agenda

The following are some of the items coming up soon on the Tribal Council agenda (subject to change at Council discretion):

### Monday, August 15

9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer update with the S-T/CEO Robert Brunoe.

9:30: September agenda and review minutes with the S-T.

10: Legislative update calls, federal and state.

11: Covid-19 update with the Response Team.

1:30 p.m.: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson, Vital Statistics.

2:30: Indian Health Service update with Hyllis Dauphinais, clinic chief executive officer.

3:30: Tribal attorney update regarding National Wildlife Federation and National Marine Fisheries Service litigation—Hydro-system, Endangered Species Act, and National Environmental Protection Agency lawsuit.

### Monday, August 29

9 a.m.: Tribal attorney

update regarding the Columbia River Treaty.

**Note:** All draft resolutions and ordinances, including any attachments or exhibits, are due by the first Friday of each month by 5 p.m. You can email in word form. No exceptions.

Note to Presenters: Please bring 15 sets of copies to distribute to Council. Reminder: Mandatory mask requirements are enforced in all tribal buildings. Please wear your mask.



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Warm Springs Vital Stats reminds tribal member graduates that you need to submit your diploma and transcript for the fall Trust Fund payment. You can make contact at the school district by calling 541-475-7265 extension 2316; or 541-475-4820 extension 2800.



# Plan for clinic expansion, renovation

The Indian Health Service plan for capital improvements and renovations to the Warm Springs clinic are moving forward. The project—called the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center Planned Consolidated Community Campus—is approaching the full design phase.

IHS has issued the results of its environment impact study of the expansion and renovation. The study found there would be no significant impact to the environment



The clinic will see major expansion and renovation work.

(see page 6).

The recent IHS environmental assessment summarizes the planned scope of the expansion work as follows:

The project is a phased

series of capital improvement projects to renovate and expand the existing Health and Wellness Center.

A long-term benefit of the project will be the con-



Field by the parking area of the Warm Springs Clinic, off of Kot-Num Road.

solidation of healthcare departments into one building on site with sufficient capacity to serve the 10-year projected user population.

Clinic chief executive director Hyllis Dauphinais this year proposed and received approval for a larger expansion, as the project was first proposed some years ago. A

delay happened because of covid. The added space to the expansion is intended to give longer service life to the facility, Mr. Dauphinais said.

The proposed expansion and renovation “reflects the Warm Springs Joint Health Commission’s preferences as reflected in the Tribal Council approved 10-year master plan for the proposed facility renovation and expansion,” the IHS report says.

Phase 1 will be the Primary Care and Pharmacy building expansion. This phase also includes renovation of the Lab, Imaging and

specialty Care areas.

Phase 2 will be the Dental building expansion, including renovation of Eye Care, Audiology, IT, and Property and Supply.

Phase 3: Rehabilitation and Administration building expansion, including added space for business offices and other clinic services.

Phase 4: Behavioral Health renovation, and Administration building expansion, including building expansions for public facilities, education and group consultation, and Community Wellness.

## Council seeks this to fill a number of board positions

Tribal Council seeks to fill the following board vacancy positions:

**The Telecom Board of Directors:** Three positions open. Class I positions: Two tribal members. Class III: One tribal member. The business and affairs of the Telecom are managed by the board.

Letters of interest and resume of applicants who are interested should be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on August 18.

Drop off at the tribal administration building addressed to the Secretary-

Treasurer/CEO. By mail send to:

Secretary-Treasurer/CEO; PO Box 455, Warm Springs, OR 97761.

Please sign a criminal and credit background check form. The forms can be emailed or mailed to you. If you mail in the letter of interest and resume, the forms will be mailed to you once your letter and resume are received. The information submitted is confidential to the S-T/CEO.

**Warm Springs Composite Products Board of Directors:** Four positions

are open for tribal member applicants and non-member applicants. Process for applying is same as above.

**Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises Board of Directors:** Two positions open: One tribal member and one non-member. Applicant procedure same as above.

**Warm Springs Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) Commission:** Five positions open—Two 1-year terms, and three 2-year terms. Any Indian 18 years and older who works or resides on the reservation is

qualified to be appointed to the commission. Application procedure same as above.

**Water Board:** Two positions. Application procedure as above.

**Warm Springs Local Housing Authority Board of Commissioners:** Two positions. Application same as above.

**Warm Springs Ventures—the Warm Springs Economic Development Corporation—Board of Directors:** Two positions—One tribal member and one non-member. Same application process as above.

## Employment with the Confederated Tribes

The following are positions recently advertised with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. For information, contact the Human Resources office, located in the tribal administration building, 1233 Veterans Street, Warm Springs.

Staff are available to answer questions related to the application process and can be reached at 541-553-3262 or [hr@wstribes.org](mailto:hr@wstribes.org)

Tribal Member preference is exercised in hiring processes as de-

fined in Tribal Personnel Policy PER 202.

General tech (15 limited duration). Investigation secretary. Corrections Sergeant. Corrections officer.

Communications officer. Child abuse detective. Hydrologist. Soil scientist/Watershed planner.

Warm Springs Housing Authority maintenance worker.

Fisheries technician II. Forest manager.

Registered dietician. Travel accountant. Com-

pensation and benefits administrator. Public administrator.

Certified recovery mentor. SUD office administrator. Transitional support coordinator. Tribal Court administrator.

Maintenance worker. Accounts payable specialist II. Payroll/GL specialist. Project Archaeologist/Principal investigator.

Field technicians (part time). Restoration technician (seasonal). Restoration field crew member (limited duration). Deputy clerk.

Fire/Medic (3 full-time positions). Property management specialist. Budgets, contracts and grants analyst.

Assorted work experience jobs (youth).

## Jobs with Indian Head Casino, Plateau

The following is a recent list of job openings with **Indian Head Casino**. For details see the website: [indianheadcasino.com](http://indianheadcasino.com)

Cage cashier. Cage main bank cashier. Coffee stations attendant.

Controller. Cook. Count team member. Custodian. Executive chef. Food and beverage supervisor. Guest service operator. Kitchen steward. Lead cook.

Lounge bartender. Maintenance man II. Player development supervisor.

Player’s Club Am-

bassador. Player’s Club Lead Ambassador. Revenue auditor. Security officer. Server. Slot keyperson. Table games dealer.

Tule Grill attendant and Tule Grill cook.

The following are recent job listing at the **Plateau Travel Plaza** in Madras. There is a job fair at the Travel Plaza this Thursday, August 11, as hosted by the Human Resources division of the Indian Head Casino. The recent Plateau listing:

Store cashier. Store supervisor. Custodian.

Fuel attendant. Host cashier/server.

Line cook. Security officer.

The Warm Springs Early Childhood Education Head Start Round Up Physicals are scheduled at the Health and Wellness center for August 24. You can call 541-553-2610 to schedule. The visit will include a physical with a medical provider, a dental screening and a limited vision screening.

**2022 ECE ROUND-UP AT I.H.S**

Incoming 3-year-old & returning 4-year-olds to the Early Childhood Education Center, Head Start Program.

August 24th, 2022



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*Scheduling for the ECE Round-up at I.H.S includes*

- Medical provider appointment for a physical
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- Limited vision screening

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## Letters to the editor

### Pet clinic this Saturday

Fences for Fido and partners this Saturday, August 13 will host the Warm Springs Pet Wellness and Vaccine Clinic. The clinic will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Warm Springs Fire Department, 2112 Wasco Street.

There is no registration required—Service is first-come, first-serve. This is free to Warm Springs residents only. Masks are required while on the premises.

Dog and cat services include physical exam, vaccinations, parasite prevention, treatment of minor wounds and infections, and flea and tick prevention. Please have your dog on a leash, and cat in a carrier.

For more information please contact Fences for Fido: info@FencesForFido.org

Or you can call 402-416-6506. Sincerely, **Fences for Fido.**

### Birth

*Ellona J'Dae Kalama*

Simeon Kalama and Sarah Kalama of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Ellona J'Dae Kalama, born on July 16, 2022.

Grandparents on the father's side are J'Dean and the late Foster Kalama of Warm Springs.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Gwen and the late Charles Leutwiler of Madras.

### In-state tuition for all Native students

Enrolled members of all federally recognized tribal nations will pay only the in-state tuition at Oregon State

University beginning this fall. The in-state tuition will apply to Native students regardless of where they live.

The policy will apply to both new and currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students and covers all for-credit courses at OSU.

The university was established under the Morrill Land Grant College Act of 1862. The act resulted in the seizure of nearly 11 million acres belonging to 250 sovereign tribal nations, with little or no compensation.

Students who are enrolled members of one of Oregon's nine tribes may also be eligible for the state's new Oregon Tribal Student Grant Program. This provides assistance up to the cost of attendance at public and private non-profit colleges and universities in the state.

Meanwhile, Portland State University also offers in-state tuition to any student who is part of a federally recognized Native American tribe.

The university says the tuition discount is an effort to provide a welcoming environment to Native students on campus.

PSU's program is separate from the Oregon Tribal Student Grant. That covers tuition and expenses at colleges in the state for students from Oregon's nine recognized tribes.

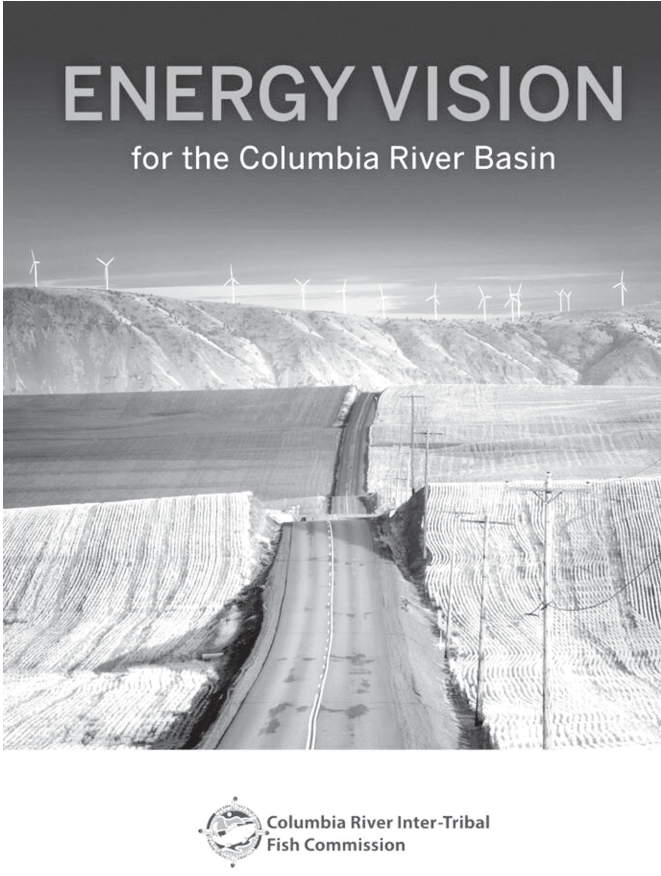
**The Airshow of the Cascades is coming to the Madras Airport on August 26 and 27. The Friday show will be in the evening and on Saturday the performance is in the afternoon. Tickets are available online at cascadeairshow.com**

## Columbia tribes, CRITFC release new Energy Vision

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission and its member tribes envision a future where the Columbia Basin electric power system supports healthy and harvestable fish and wildlife populations, protects tribal treaty and cultural resources, and provides clean, reliable, and affordable electricity.

Dramatic changes in Columbia Basin salmon populations and the West Coast energy planning environment prompted CRITFC to undertake the second major revision of its energy-related recommendations intended to protect the tribes' treaty-secured fish, wildlife, cultural and other resources.

Many Columbia Basin salmon and steelhead populations are near extinction. The climate crisis is now decades underway. Without strong action, this will further re-



duce the survival of salmon and steelhead and damage every part of the region's economy and environment. Renewable resources will play a larger role in meeting

future electricity needs in the region. Under the right conditions they can reduce greenhouse gases and benefit salmon.

Without proper integra-

tion and siting, renewable resources can make things worse for Columbia River salmon and other tribal resources.

A major theme of this Energy Vision is to ensure that renewable resources in combination with increased storage, reductions in peak demand, and increased energy efficiency can provide clean, adequate, reliable, and affordable electricity, support the restoration of healthy, harvestable salmon populations, and prevent future damage to salmon and steelhead and other tribal resources caused by the electrical system.

*For the full and thorough explanation of the Energy Vision see the CRITFC website:* critfc.org

**Aja DeCoteau**, Executive Director, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

### For years of service

Portland Electric and the Confederated Tribes unveiled a new plaque at the viewpoint overlooking the Reregulating reservoir, honoring the service of Jim Manion to the river, fish and wildlife, and power generation in the region.

With his transition earlier this year from Power and Water Enterprises to the Tribal Council, PGE wishes to recognize Councilman Manion's contributions to the partnership on the Deschutes River.



Courtesy PGE

**On hand at Power and Water for the dedication and unveiling of the commemorative plaque.**

The plaque unveiling ceremony included leaders from the tribal organization, including the Branch of Natural Resources, and the PGE team. Visitors can stop by to see the plaque at a pullout on Pelton Dam Road.

Councilman Manion first joined Warm Springs Power and Water in 1981 at the age of 21, working first as an inspection trainee in the Engineering Division for the tribes' hydro plant and the Re-reg dam, then under con-



struction.

In time he took on a supervisory role, working his way over the years to the general manager position.

During his tenure as general manager, Councilman Manion oversaw the expansion of Power and Water, the tribes' acquisition of ownership interest in the hydro system, and many other projects.

**Allison Dobscha**, Portland General Electric.

### Correction and apology

The previous Spilyay Tymoo contained an egregious error in the publication of the Howlak Tichum of Alvis Wesley Smith IV. The Spilyay apologizes for the error, and is printing the Howlak as submitted, at right. Sincerest apologies for the mistake.

**David McMechan**

**The veterans group 'For Veterans-By Veterans' meets every Monday from 4-5 p.m. at the Jefferson County Community-Senior Center. Veterans of all eras, active-duty military, guard and reserve are invited to join for an afternoon social hour.**

### ~ Howlak Tichum ~

**Alvis Wesley Smith IV ~ 1992-2022**

Alvis Wesley Smith IV of Warm Springs passed away June 30, 2022. He was 29.

Alvis was born September 7, 1992 to parents Alvis Smith III of Warm Springs and Juanita Kalama, in Madras.

Alvis attended Madras High School, graduating in 2011. He played football, baseball, basketball and wrestling. He also participated in boxing and rodeo.

Alvis worked at Bright Wood Corporation, and in Range and Agriculture.

He loved the outdoors—hunting, fishing,

A black and white portrait of a young man, Alvis Wesley Smith IV, smiling. He has dark hair and is wearing a light-colored shirt. The photo is framed within a dark border.

wild horse racing, rodeo, horses and family time. Alvis was a caring, loving, smart, hard-working man. He touched many lives in his walk here—He will be missed greatly.

Alvis is survived by his

father, Alvis Smith III (Vivian Smith) of Warm Springs; mother, Juanita Kalama of Madras; fiancée, Nicole Goudy and unborn child of Madras; children, Jaida, Raysin, Nakota and Leel; siblings, Sophie, Mallory, Aaron, Sydney, Mateo, Chloe, and Skytus all from Madras and Warm Springs; niece Catalana; nephew, Xavien, and two unborn; and the Kalama and Smith Families.

He was preceded in death by paternal grandparents Alvis W. Smith Jr. and Lorene M. Smith (Sissy); and all loved ones before him.

A service was held July 4 in Warm Springs with burial at the Agency Cemetery.

## Aquatic Center seeks to fill one board of vacancy

The Madras Aquatic Center Recreation District is accepting applications to fill one open position on its board of directors. The vacancy is the result of board member Teresa Baggett resigning from the board. The appointee will serve the remainder of the position 5 term, ending in June 2025.

The MAC board of directors is comprised of five members. Each member is elected by the registered voters of the district to serve a

four-year term. Applicants must be registered to vote in Jefferson County and reside within the district's boundaries.

Interested candidates can download an application on the district's website: [macrecdistrict.com/governance](http://macrecdistrict.com/governance)

For more information on the application process or timeline, please contact Courtney Snead at 541-475-4253 or via email at: [executivedirector@macrecdistrict.com](mailto:executivedirector@macrecdistrict.com)

To learn more about serving on the board, please contact Jinnell Lewis, board chair, at: [macrdboard2@macrecdistrict.com](mailto:macrdboard2@macrecdistrict.com)

She would love to share her experience and lessons learned as the district's most veteran board member. The deadline to submit an application is Friday, August 12 at 5:30 p.m.

The Madras Aquatic

Center Recreation District was formed in 2004 as a park and recreation district located in Jefferson County.

The MAC mission is to be the hub of a vibrant and healthy community by providing fun, affordable, and safe recreational programming.

For more information on our goals, please refer to our 2020-2025 Strategic plan, available on our website at: [macrecdistrict.com](http://macrecdistrict.com)

A stylized graphic showing several athletes in various poses, suggesting movement and sports. Below the graphic is the text "TIME TO SPORT VECTOR ILLUSTRATION".

**2022 SPORTS PHYSICAL DATES AT I.H.S**

The State of Oregon require annual physicals prior to participating in any school sport

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## Tribal health survey results

This summer, during the tribes’ Health Fair, the St. Charles Health System conducted a health survey among the membership. Question in the survey were in regard to tribal cultural beliefs, and specifically regarding the treatment of amputated body parts and organs. Here survey questions and results:

**Question:** Did you know Oregon law does not allow hospitals to release amputated body parts?

**Answer:** Yes: 14. No: 62.

**Question:** How would you like to see St. Charles honor the cultural practices around burial of body parts?

**Answers:** Return it to patient to be buried (63 people gave this response). And some comments from the survey takers:

“We were born with it. We want it back.”

“Tribal law is older than Oregon law. It should be given back to us.”

“It should be frozen then returned for burial or given back when the person dies for burial (six people gave this or a similar response).

“Freeze it for 10 years.”

“We even save our hair to take with us. The body part

should be given back for burial.”

“Cremate then return ashes to the person.”

“I’d want it back to bury on my own tribal land.”

“Honor the people’s choice.”

“Have a burial for it.”

“We should have exceptions from the Oregon law.”

“This is disturbing (about people not getting their body parts back).”

“It’s my body, give it back.”

“Release it to our undertaker for burial.”

“Talk to our elders.”

“I wouldn’t want it back but our people’s wishes should be honored.”

“I don’t know.”

“Follow our tribal practices.”

“Consider the religious freedom act.”

“There used to be a tribal spiritual leader here who would go to St. Charles, get the amputated limbs or parts of our Native people, and keep them in a freezer until the death of the person, then they were released for burial.”

“Some of us don’t even want our blood removed.”

“Just decide what is going to happen and try to make sure everyone agrees.”

## Incidence of Covid-19

These charts provided by IHS, Community Health and the Response Team show the incidence of covid in the community as of mid last week. There has been an increase in cases of late, meaning



## Staffing challenges at St. Charles Health System

Pushed beyond their limits by increasing demands for services—and a nationwide shortage of nurses—hospitals in Oregon face challenges in meeting community needs for health care. And the St. Charles Health System has been especially hard-hit, according to the Oregon Health Authority.

The labor crisis is the result of many factors including health care workers fleeing the industry, and staff who are temporarily out because of covid illness or vacation, said Dr. Doug Merrill, St. Charles chief medical officer.

Other factors: The nationwide shortage of nurses that has been brewing for years due to an aging workforce; the impact of the aging population’s increasing need for health care services, and a nursing education system that has not grown fast enough to meet demand, Dr. Merrill said.

Joan Ching, chief nursing executive for St. Charles, says, “The industry has seen this coming, and now it’s here.

“Retirement is a factor. Pandemic stress and burnout are factors. And beyond all of that, we as a country are not producing nurses fast enough to keep up with the increasing health care needs of our aging population.”

The nurse shortage affects organizations across the spectrum of health care, not just St. Charles, which leads to the second part of the problem:

St. Charles hospitals discharge many patients, who need additional care, to facilities known Skilled Nursing Facilities, of SNFs. These are long-term acute care hospitals, inpatient rehab clinics, memory care facilities and other specialized services.

But SNFs and other such post-acute facilities across Central Oregon are also short-staffed and at times at capacity.

This means there is nowhere to send hospital patients who are being actively treated for acute injury and illness, including those who present to a St. Charles Emergency Department and are medically sta-

### Excellent paid training program

The St. Charles Health System certified nursing assistant training program is a path to a career in patient care for caregivers in non-medical positions. These might include health jobs in areas such food services and housekeeping. The program is a way for people to get into health care.

The certified nursing assistant—CNA—program trains people for positions that perform important patient-centered tasks in collaboration with nurses and physicians.

Recruiting and retaining CNAs has historically been a challenge for St. Charles, which is why the health system created the CNA trainee program. Here are features of the CNA training program:

- Participants get paid a full-time wage while taking the course
- St. Charles also pays the course tuition

• Participants get wide-ranging, hands-on experience in various departments across the health system

• People who complete the course are guaranteed a job with the health system.

• St. Charles fills an important CNA position with an educated, experienced person who already knows the health system’s policies, processes and culture.

“We love this program because it really gives us the opportunity to develop people, and it’s a pipeline to bolster our workforce,” said Rebecca Berry, St. Charles vice president of Human Resources.

“It provides an opportunity for growth, development and career advancement for our caregivers, and it strengthens our organization by helping to attract and retain proven employees, which ultimately is good for our patients.”

## Kayakers: training for first descent

(from page 1)

Mr. Wilson continues, “To also be able to recreate on my ancestral waterways inspires me endlessly.” In previous years, Ríos to Rivers has organized river trips with indigenous youth from North and South America, including teens from local tribes. This year, in anticipation of dam removal, the river advocacy organization decided to invite tribal California and Northwest youth to share the experience.

The young people in the Klamath River kayak project are between 14 and 18 years of age. For many, this is their first time

kayaking.

Some other notable points from the recent whitewater kayak training: Jackson Kayaks donated 16 high-end, fully furnished boats. Werner Paddles donated kayak paddles, and Northwest River Supplies donated life jackets, helmets and other safety gear. The kayaks and gear will stay in the Klamath Basin for more local youth to learn boating skills before the dams are removed.

Filmmakers Paul Wilson and Rush Sturges are making a documentary film about the process of the tribal youth learning to kayak and preparing to be the first people to navigate the river after dam removal.

## Committees: Newly appointed

(from page 1)

Tribal Council also appointed members for the Gaming board of directors, and the Credit Enterprise board of directors. The new tribal committee members are:

**Culture and Heritage Committee.** Warm Springs: Roberta Kirk and Lorraine Suppah; Warm Springs alternate is Raphael Queahpama. Wasco: Radine Johnson and Lepha Smith; Wasco alternate is Carina Miller. Paite: Myra Orange and L. Rosie Tom.

**Education Committee:** Jaylyn Suppah, Reina Estimo and Ardis Smith; and alternate Leona Ike.

**On-Reservation Fish and Wildlife Committee:** Raphael Queahpama, Cyril Jim and Erland Suppah Jr.; alternate Michael Leecy.

**Off-Reservation Fish and Wildlife Committee:** Ron Suppah Sr., Emerson Squiemphen and Bruce Jim; alternate Frank Smith.

**Health and Welfare Committee:** Eugene Greene Jr., Frank Smith and Reina Estimo; alternate Charlene Dimmick.

**Land Use Planning Committee:** Lyle Katchia, Levi VanPelt and Martha Winishut; alternate Dustin Seyler.

**Range, Irrigation and Agriculture Committee:** Jimmy Tohet Sr., Joel Florendo and Una Johnson; alternate Dustin Suppah.

**Timber Committee:** Michael Leecy, Tony Holliday and Yvette Picard; alternate Phillip Florendo.

The new members will serve through the term of the Twenty-Ninth Tribal Council.

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# In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

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**CTWS, Petitioner, vs DAWN ROWLAND, Respondent; Case No. JV32,33-17. TO: DAWN ROWLAND, ROBERT WARNER SR.:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a AS-SISTED GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW 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 **1<sup>ST</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 2022 @ 2:00 PM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs AMBROSIA SUPPAH, Respondent; Case No. JV46,47-20. TO: AMBROSISA SUPPAH, JEREMY KILLSFIRST:**  
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**13<sup>TH</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 2022 @ 2:30 PM**  
**CTWS, Petitioner, vs JESSICA JIM, Respondent; Case No. JV1-21. TO: JESSICA JIM, CPS, JV PROS:**  
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**CORINNA SOHAPPY, Petitioner, vs MARTIE GRANILLO, Respondent; Case No. DO95-21. TO: CORINNA SOHAPPY, MARTI GRANILLO:**  
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**2022 @ 11:00 AM**  
**CTWS, Petitioner, vs DAWN ROWLAND, Respondent; Case No. JV02-06, JV37-17. TO: DAWN ROWLAND, JAMES SMITH JR:**  
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**CTWS, Petitioner, vs REX ROBINSON-ANGLES, Respondent; Case No. DO110-09. TO: REX ROBINSON ANGELLES:**  
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**FRANK BRUNOE, Petitioner, vs BOBBI CLEMENTS, Respondent; Case No. DO157-19. TO: FRANK BRUNOE, BOBBI CLEMENTS:**  
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**CTWS, Petitioner, vs BRITTNEY KALAMA, Respondent; Case No. JV74-14; JV6-21. TO: BRITTNEY KALAMA, FRANCES SPINO JR., CPS, JV PROSECUTION:**  
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**CTWS, Petitioner, vs**

**MANDY SWITZLER, Respondent; Case No. JV25-13. TO: MANDY SWITZLER, BENJAMIN HOLLIDAY, MARIA MACHIC-HOLLIDAY:**  
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**CTWS, Petitioner, vs KISTA FLOREZ, Respondent; Case No. JV109; 110-09. TO: KISTA FLOREZ, DIAMOND TEWEE, CINDY & JOSE CHAVEZ:**  
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**CTWS, Petitioner, vs CHARLYNNE SUPPAH, Respondent; Case No. JV116;117;118-14, JV56-18. TO: CHARLYNNE SUPPAH, ULYSSES SUPPAH SR.:**  
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### A note from W.S. Behavioral Health

Warm Springs Behavioral Health offers intakes daily at 11 a.m. Assessments can be done in the morning and afternoon every day by appointment. If you have al-

ready done your instake, you can do your assessment without an appointment at 1:30 on Thursday. Behavioral Health is located in the Old Girls Dorm on Campus.

## Trauma resilience key to advocacy

*by the StrongHearts Native Helpline*

### How advocates help

In the field of domestic and sexual violence, an advocate’s work bridges the gap between a victim-survivor and service providers. They help their contacts recognize abuse, assess the risk of danger and to plan for safety. They offer peer support, crisis intervention and assistance locating resources. Ultimately, the work of an advocate can be lifesaving.

### Impact and vicarious trauma

Advocacy may sound like a rewarding job because saving lives is undeniably an honorable profession. That may be true, but the fact of the matter is the work of an advocate is steeped in trauma. Those who work in the field may even be victim-survivors and their work can be triggering. Nonetheless, advocates are committed to their work. Despite the risk of having to relive their own trauma—the desire to help others—is as important to them as it is to their contacts. Vicarious Trauma is work-related trauma exposure. It includes secondary stress, compassion fatigue

and all the negative impacts of work-related trauma exposure. It is often experienced by people in the fields of child welfare and protection or domestic and sexual violence. It can leave advocates feeling overwhelmed with worry but hopeful they did enough to help.

### Resources, support and safety

When it comes to Native Americans impacted by domestic and sexual violence, advocates are faced with resource disparities beyond compare. In StrongHearts’ database, there are 272 Native-centered service providers compared to more than 3,500 non-Native service providers. The picture is even bleaker when looking at shelters, where there are only 59 tribal shelters compared to more than 1,500 non-tribal shelters. When advocates realize that they are limited by available resources, they develop an even stronger desire to provide emotional support and lifesaving safety planning. In many cases, it’s all they can do. It’s what our relatives have done for centuries.

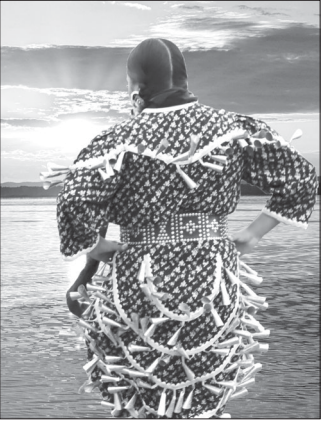
### Resilience, transformation, satisfaction

By observing resilience in their clients and helping them to overcome challenges, ad-

vocates themselves can gain vicarious resilience, vicarious transformation and compassion satisfaction. **Vicarious Resilience:** Survivors are hearty and their ability to move forward and beyond their experience can encourage resilience in the work of advocacy. **Vicarious Transformation** is about the engagement with survivors, what we learn and what we get out of it, and how it can transform us.

**Compassion Satisfaction** is about feeling good in the work of advocacy. It happens when advocates are able to help people efficiently and effectively. It may involve a policy change in the work environment that came as a result of an advocate’s suggestion. The benefits of vicarious trauma are a sense of strength and resilience gained only through contact with survivors, what we learn

through them, and the difference made not to one, but everyone impacted by domestic and sexual violence.



**Culture is key** “Trauma resilience is a common bond between Native peoples,” said StrongHearts Chief Executive Officer Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). “Our advocates have the shared goal to eradicate violence and to help our people find a path toward healing. Our people have come this far because it is our way not to leave anyone behind. Culture is key to ensuring a better future for the next generation.”

### Public Notification of Finding of No Significant Impact to the Environment

#### Indian Health Service

#### Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center Planned Consolidated Community Campus

This notice advises the public that an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center Campus Consolidation project is available for public review for a period of 30 days. This EA is available for your review by contacting the Portland Area Office of the Indian Health Service (IHS):

CDR Christopher J. Vaught, P.E., PMP, Facilities Management Engineer Consultant  
Indian Health Service, Portland Area Office (PAO)  
1414 NW Northrup St, Ste. 800  
Portland, OR 97209  
Office: 503-414-7773  
[Christopher.Vaught@ihs.gov](mailto:Christopher.Vaught@ihs.gov)

Scope of project (See attached figure):

- Phased series of capital improvement projects to renovate and expand the existing Health and Wellness Center. Consolidate all healthcare departments into one building on one site with sufficient capacity to serve the 10-year projected user population. The Proposed Action reflects the Warm Springs Joint Health Commission’s preferences as reflected in a Council approved 10-year master plan for the proposed facility renovation and expansion.
  - Phase 1: Primary Care and Pharmacy building expansion. Renovation of Lab, Imaging, and Specialty Care. Includes Diabetes Management, ENT, and Podiatry.
  - Phase 2: Dental building expansion. Includes renovations of Eye Care, Audiology, IT, and Property and Supply.
  - Phase 3: Rehabilitation and Administration building expansion. Includes added space for Business Office, HIM, PRC, CRS, HPSS.
  - Phase 4: Behavioral Health renovation and Administration building expansion. Includes building expansions for Public Facilities, Education and Group Consultation, and Community Wellness.

Environmental impacts:

- This project may impact operations of the existing helipad located on the campus. Continued use of the helipad will be determined by the local Authority Having Jurisdiction, which is the Warm Springs Emergency Management department.
- Public Health is expected to be beneficially impacted by this project. Health risks after implementation of this project are expected to decline, and patient experiences at their local health clinic are expected to improve.

Determination:

Based on the environmental assessment, the IHS has determined that the environmental impacts of the proposed construction project are not significant.

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# Tribes meet at Falls for Lamprey Celebration

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs joined the Yakama Nation for the Willamette Falls Lamprey Celebration in late July at the falls. The tribes hosted the salmon bake, drums and exhibition dancers, tribal leader speakers, and a lamprey filleting demonstration.

“Our people have acknowledged the lamprey since time immemorial. We have legends about the eels and how they gave themselves up to become a food in the time of creation for feeding our people,” said Tribal Councilman Wilson Wewa.

The gathering was near the banks of the Willamette River in Gladstone. Earlier in the morning, the Warm Springs and Yakama tribal members caught almost 800 lamprey from the falls for the bake.

“For millennia, Willamette Falls has provided sustenance to the tribes, and is an important site for us to gather and exercise our treaty rights, to fish and harvest lamprey,” said Davis ‘Yellowash’ Washines of the Yakama Nation.

Councilman Wewa commented that the Willamette Falls are a smaller version of what was the mighty Celilo



Tribal Councilman Wilson Wewa addresses the 2020 Willamette Falls Lamprey Celebration, July 30, at Gladstone by the Willamette River.

Falls of the Columbia River, once the primary fishing area and tribal settlement that existed for thousands of years before construction of the Dalles Dam. Like the salmon, the lamprey have seen their numbers decline in recent decades due to dams, habitat degradation and other human activity.

Also like the salmon, the adult Pacific lamprey live in the ocean, returning to freshwater to spawn and die, according to the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. The lamprey hatch-

lings move to calmer waters and burrow into stream sediment, feeding on algae and microorganisms for several years until they are big enough to migrate to the ocean.

Pacific lamprey numbers in the Columbia River have declined drastically, but they remain fairly abundant in the Willamette River, one of the few remaining locations where tribes can harvest them.

“It tastes kind of halfway between chicken and fish, and pork,” said Bruce Jim of

the Warm Springs tribes. “It’s a taste that you can get used to. It depends on how they cook it. We used to cook it over fire. Don’t be afraid to try it. It’s good food.”

While they may look like eels—slender and silvery, but with a gaping sucker mouth filled with teeth—lamprey aren’t related to them. Oregon is home to several species of lamprey. The Pacific lamprey in particular has long been, and is culturally important to Native American tribes for food, medicine and ceremonies.

## Economic Development hiring finance manager

The Warm Springs Economic Development Corporation seeks to hire a finance manager. The finance manager is responsible for planning, directing and controlling financial, human resources and administrative functions for Warm Springs Economic Development and its subsidiary enterprises by following the policies and procedures in accordance with federal and tribal laws.

The finance manager will report directly to the Economic Development Corporation chief executive officer, and provide financial and human resources advice and guidance to the CEO and subsidiary enterprises.

The new finance manager will prepare financial reports, billings and accounts receivable; managing the payroll system, maintain accurate and current records, perform the annual audit and work with auditors, and on occasion report to the Economic Development Corporation board of directors.

Candidate minimum requirements: A combination of education and experience equivalent to bachelor’s degree in accounting/finance, and three to five years of financial experience. Bachelor’s degree in accounting/finance is preferred.

Knowledge, skills and abilities: GAAP, computerized accounting, preparation of financial statements and reports, MS-Office (strong Excel skills).

Working conditions: Must manage many requests, situations, tasks and projects both long- and short-term at the same time. They may be interrupted frequently and may find the environment to be busy and noisy. The person must meet deadlines and due dates for a variety of reports, events and projects. Will need excellent organizational, time and stress management skills. Location of the position is in Warm Springs. Salary: Based on qualifications and experience Standard tribal fringe benefits. Submit resume to:

jim.souers@wstribes.org

For a more detailed job description email to: sdanzuka@wstribes.org

The position is open until filled.

## Clackamas Meadows timber sale public survey

The Clackamas Meadows timber sale is located in the northwest corner of the Warm Springs Reservation.

The sale will be used to treat and manage 24,161 acres of tribal forest lands.

The sale will be used to address forest health issues, provide local employment for Warm Springs tribal communities, provide economic income for the tribes and in some places help enhance cultural plant communities, such as huckleberry.

Project goals include:

Commercial thinning plantations that were harvested in the 1960’s and early 1970’s.

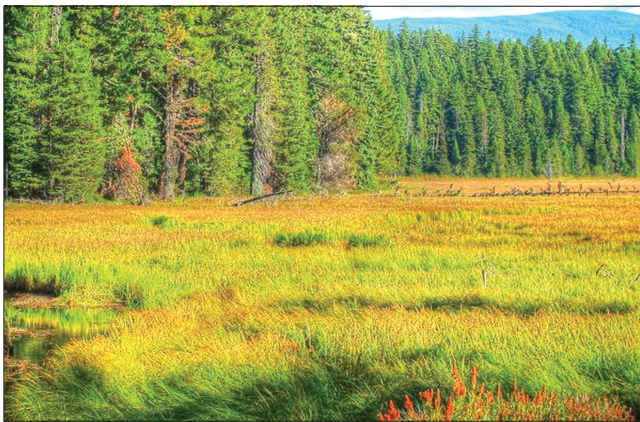
Treating forest stands that have root disease, mistletoe and other biotic factors.

Limiting the footprint of the timber sale by consolidating treatment areas.

Provide economic benefits to the tribes.

Assess areas that show potential for huckleberry habitat improvement.

Two wildlife management zones are protected during



Clackamas Meadows on the reservation.

the duration of the project through seasonal closures to logging.

The Wilson Creek Wildlife Management Zone is approximately 8,039 acres while the Big Meadows Wildlife Management Zone is 5,636 acres.

Shutdowns in these zones are for various reasons but include fawning times in the spring and summer for elk and other game species.

Guidance for this project is provided through an interdisciplinary group and guiding documents such as the Integrated Resources Man-

agement Plan (IRMP).

These processes have all been adopted through Tribal Council. As part of the requirement projects such as this timber sale are to provide opportunities for public input.

This public survey is one tool Branch of Natural Resources (BNR) uses to provide opportunities for public input. BNR invites you to take a moment to share your voice by participating in this survey.

Here is the online link for the online survey. [tinyurl.com/rvrwyx3](https://tinyurl.com/rvrwyx3)

## Motion to extend stay in case for endangered salmon

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs—with other tribes, fishing and conservation groups—have asked the U.S. District Court to extend a stay of litigation in a long-running lawsuit to protect endangered salmon and steelhead in the Columbia and Snake Rivers. The development involves long-running litigation to protect endangered salmon and steelhead in the Columbia and Snake Rivers. The tribes have asked for the stay of litigation to extend up to one year.

The request for a stay is based on commitments the current federal administration has made to develop and implement “a durable long-term strategy to restore salmon and other native fish populations to healthy and abundant levels, honoring

federal commitments to Tribal Nations, delivering affordable and reliable clean power, and meeting the many resilience needs of stakeholders across the region.”

The administration’s commitments also recognize that “in the face of climate change, urgent action is needed to restore salmon and other native fish populations to healthy and abundant levels.”

The motion to extend the stay states that any party can ask the court to lift the stay if the administration fails to take timely and sufficient action to meet the commitments it has made.

In the court battle that goes back more than 25 years, tribes, fishing groups and conservation organizations have challenged federal agency hydropower

systems operation plans, because of their failure to protect threatened and endangered salmon in the Columbia River basin.

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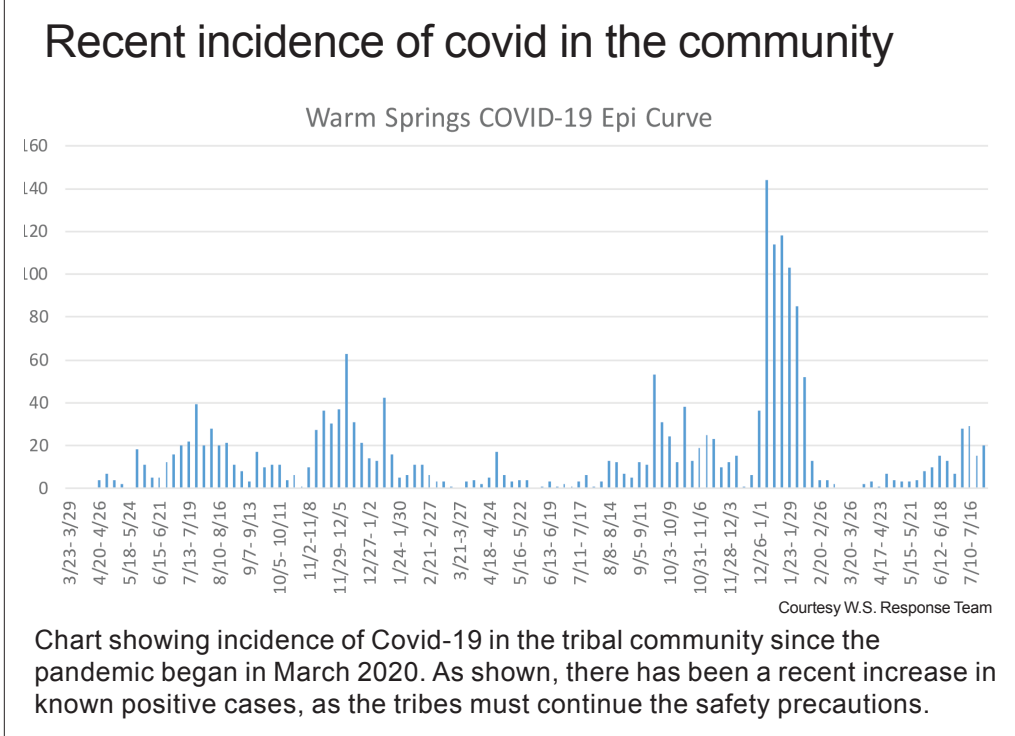


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Around Indian Country

Northwest tribes against Columbia energy project

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs have joined other Northwest tribes in opposing an energy project at the Columbia River.

Most of the federally recognized tribes in Washington—now joined by Warm Springs, the Umatilla and Nez Perce—are pushing the Washington state government to deny permits to a developer, because its project along the Columbia River would mean the unavoidable destruction or damage to sites sacred to the area’s tribal nations.

Although the tribe sup-

ports developing more clean and renewable energy projects, tribal leaders have pledged to withhold support from a project “if it’s going to impact what we hold dear,” Yakama Nation Tribal Council member Jeremy Takala said.

Councilman Takala added this isn’t the only clean energy project—including other pumped storage proposals—on or slated for Yakama treaty lands that has raised concerns for the tribe.

“The tribe has said loud and clear that we do support green energy, but not at the cost of the destruction of

irreplaceable sites, especially if they have food, gathering or medicine uses,” Councilman Takala said.

The Yakama Nation has opposed the proposal from the beginning. And the three other tribes who have also traditionally used the land for ceremonial and resource purposes—the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the Nez Perce Tribe—have said that the project would likely destroy or have serious consequences for sites and areas they also consider sacred.

Tribes: Agency is contributing to salmon decline

Damming the powerful waters of the Columbia River was a boon for cheap, clean electricity. But the fish that swam those waters are dying out. And the agency in charge isn’t stopping that.

Jeremy Takala, a biologist and member of the Yakama Nation Tribal Council, said the tribe has shovel-ready salmon habitat restoration projects waiting for funding.

“It’s really frustrating,” Takala said in a recent speech at a save-the-salmon rally in Portland. “BPA basically managing our funding source, it just does not make sense. It’s a really, really huge conflict that frustrates the tribes.”

Bonneville and its spending have factored heavily into

negotiations between salmon advocates and the Biden administration.

Jim McKenna, an adviser to Oregon Gov. Kate Brown who is involved in the negotiations, said Oregon, tribal nations and salmon advocates are asking the administration to greatly increase funding for fish hatcheries and habitat restoration, and to put tribes and other local fish and wildlife biologists directly in charge of how to spend the money.

“The bucket of money is woefully inadequate,” McKenna said. “And, Bonneville is not the agency that should be managing those funds.”

Ultimately, that funding is paramount to whether the government will honor the treaty, signed over 150 years ago, that assured the Yakama tribe of its right to take fish where they always had “at all usual and accustomed places.”

Bill Bosch, who has spent decades working for the Yakama Nation’s fisheries program, said the federal government must fully fund tribes’ hatcheries and habitat efforts, unless it intends to spend the money itself on removing dams and restoring the natural river.

“If you’re not willing to fund one or the other of those,” Bosch said, “then are you basically saying you’re going to abrogate the treaty?”

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