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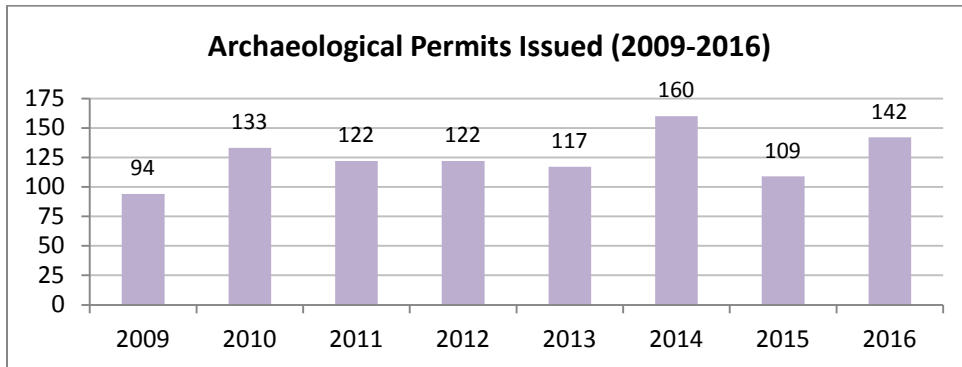
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### 3. *Major Areas of Work with Oregon Tribes:*

During 2016, Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) has had ongoing consultation with Oregon tribes.

- OPRD archaeologists, including Nancy Nelson, Mollie Manion, Steve Jenevein, and Leslie O'Rourke, have been working with all of Oregon's tribes, and consultation has occurred on a multitude of projects, planning efforts, and site visits throughout the year.
- OPRD representatives attend Cultural Resources Cluster, Natural Resources Cluster, Interagency Cultural Resource Council, and Legislative Committee on Indian Services meetings, and the annual State-Tribal Governments Summit.
- State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeologists, Dennis Griffin, John Pouley, and Matthew Diederich, continue to work closely with all of Oregon's tribes on a range of topics including the continued identification and protection of archaeological sites in the state, repatriation of discovered human remains, and the prosecution of people found in violation of state statutes that protect these fragile, non-renewable resources. Archaeological permits are processed by SHPO. As of the end of November, a total of 142 permits were sent out to the appropriate tribe(s) for consultation in 2016. The graph below provides an overview of the last eight years of approved archaeological permits.



- In April 2016, OPRD provided the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Archaeology Awareness Training in The Dalles, which is a training opportunity for state agency staff responsible for working with cultural resources and Native American tribes, and for staff responsible for managing programs and lands in the state of Oregon. The training consisted of 3½ days of exceptional instruction, practical demonstrations, and applicable hands-on fieldwork including onsite visits to archaeological sites. The training provided an overview of archaeological issues as they affect state and private lands in Oregon. Also addressed were the recognition of both precontact and historic sites, the importance of archaeological preservation, and applicable federal and state regulations and agency policies. All sessions provided an integrated perspective from both the scientific and Native American communities. This integration broadens the cultural awareness of state employees, and provides information on the consultation process with appropriate tribes in breakout sessions. The training was facilitated by OPRD archaeologist, Nancy Nelson and the following presenters, who are federally recognized tribal members and staff, state agency staff, university staff, and archaeologists:

Dr. Dave Brauner, Oregon State University  
Perry Chocktoot, The Klamath Tribes  
Dr. Tom Connolly, University of Oregon  
Patrick Flanagan, Oregon Department of Justice  
David Harrelson, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon  
Roberta Kirk, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon  
Sue Licht, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department  
Dr. Mollie Manion, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department  
Johnson Meninick, Yakama Nation  
Carey Miller, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation  
Leslie O'Rourke, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department  
Terry Ozbun, Archaeological Investigations Northwest  
John Pouley, Oregon State Historic Preservation Office  
Chelsea Rose, Southern Oregon University  
Stacy Scott, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians  
Esther Stutzman, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians  
Dr. Mark Tveskov, Southern Oregon University  
Fred Wallulatum Sr., Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon  
Olivia Wallulatum, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon  
Bridgett Wheeler, Coquille Indian Tribe

- Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Documentation and Consultation

As a Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) documentation and consultation grant recipient, OPRD has been working with Oregon's tribes to make sure that OPRD repatriates NAGPRA items back to the appropriate tribe(s). NAGPRA consultation letters, the final summary, and photos have been delivered to Oregon's tribes with the hope that grant funds for consultations for travel reimbursements and stipends can be utilized before May 1, 2017 when the grant expires.

At this time, OPRD houses 5152 Native American items, and 5071 of those artifacts are affiliated with The Klamath Tribes and housed at Collier Memorial State Park. This year OPRD, The Klamath Tribes, and the Oregon State Museum of Anthropology (also known as the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History), have been working on a memorandum of understanding to loan the artifacts to The Klamath Tribes. At this time, the parties are still negotiating this agreement.

- OPRD Tribal Use Policy

In 2003, OPRD developed a policy for tribal use of OPRD lands by Oregon's federally recognized tribal members to conduct traditional cultural and religious activities, and to collect vegetation for personal use. Today, OPRD still honors this policy and we look forward to collaborating with Oregon's tribes on stewardship projects for these resources. Below are the specifics of the policy.

Purpose: OPRD recognizes the stewardship role that tribes and their members play in the harvesting of natural resources. In support of that role, the department will waive the day-use fee to tribal members that wish to conduct ecological sustainable harvesting practices of vegetation on state park lands. The policy is also intended to waive the day use fee for tribal members wishing to participate in traditional cultural, religious, or community ceremonies activities. The policy is not intended to create any effect on the rights and relationship of Tribal, Federal, and State governments, nor any treaty rights.

Policy: In the spirit of promoting positive tribal relations, the Oregon Park and Recreation Department hereby waives the day-use fee for Oregon Tribal members wishing to access sacred Indian sites located within Park Units for traditional cultural, religious, or ceremonial community activities, and permitting the conducting of ecologically sustainable cultural practices and traditions of collecting Park Resources by individual members of the Tribe for personal use.

- OPRD archaeologist Steve Jenevein consulted with the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon (CTWSRO), Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and the Burns Paiute Tribe after the Scott Canyon Fire at Cottonwood Canyon State Park. Steve, and Tom Peterson, Cottonwood Canyon State Park manager, met with representatives from the CTWSRO cultural resources department on a site visit to the park to discuss the effects of the fire on natural and cultural resources.
- OPRD Mountain Region Eastern District manager Matt Rippee, Blue Mountain Unit manager, Iris Benson, archaeologist Steve Jenevein, natural resource specialist Jean Jancaitis, and forester Craig Leech worked closely with Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) cultural and natural resource staff on issues related to the Weigh Station Fire that burned along the Blue Mountain State Scenic Corridor. OPRD coordinated with the CTUIR Cultural Resources Protection Program to inventory and document historic resources affected by the fire, and consulted with the CTUIR Tribal Historic Preservation Office for permitting OPRD work on reservation land.
- Willowa Lake Management Unit manager Nancy McLeod and Mountain Region Eastern District manager Matt Rippee consulted with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation during the annual Iwetemlaykin State Heritage Site Collaborative Committee meeting.
- OPRD archaeologist Mollie Manion consulted with the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, and the Coquille Indian Tribe regarding interpretive signs along the Oregon coast within state parks for the New Carissa mitigation project.
- Ben Fisher, Bullards Beach State Park manager, entered into an MOA between OPRD and the Coquille Indian Tribe to consult with them on cultural resource impacts at Bullards Beach State Park, cultivating a camas garden, and allowing reburial in the Bullards cemetery if human remains need to be relocated away from the water's edge.
- OPRD archaeologist Mollie Manion and OPRD natural resource specialist Vanessa Blackstone consulted with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and the Coquille Indian Tribe regarding plover habitat restoration at the Bandon State Natural Wildlife Area.
- OPRD archaeologist Mollie Manion consulted with the Coquille Indian Tribe (CIT) and the University of Oregon to initiate and support a field class in cooperation with the CIT regarding coastal archaeology (located currently within state parks), to educate college students about cultural resources along the southern Oregon coast.
- OPRD Coastal Region specialist Billie Seeger sent notification to the appropriate tribe(s) for comment on all of the Ocean Shores permitting.
- Bullards Beach State Park ranger Pete Hockett consulted with the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians during outreach at their annual wellness fair.