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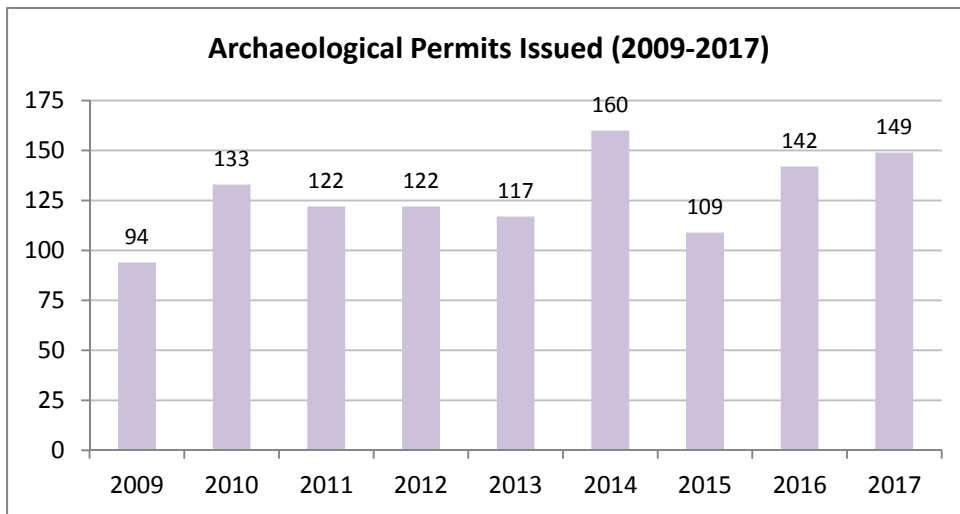
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### 3. Major Areas of Work with Oregon Tribes:

During 2017, Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) has had ongoing consultation with Oregon tribes.

- OPRD archaeologists, Nancy Nelson, Mollie Manion, Steve Jenevein and part-time temporary staff, Leslie O'Rourke and Kim Johnson, 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 149 permits were sent out to the appropriate tribe(s) for consultation in 2017. The graph below provides an overview of the last nine years of approved archaeological permits.



- In April 2017, OPRD provided the 13<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 were the presenters and instructors this year:

Dr. Dave Brauner, Oregon State University  
Perry Chocktoot, The Klamath Tribes  
Dr. Tom Connolly, University of Oregon  
Stephanie Woods Craig, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon  
Jessica Curteman, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon  
Briece Edwards, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon  
Patrick Flanagan, Oregon Department of Justice  
Steve Jenevein, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department  
Dr. Mollie Manion, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department  
Carey Miller, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation  
Armand Minthorn, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation  
Nancy Nelson, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department  
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Kassandra Rippee, Coquille Indian Tribe

Chelsea Rose, Southern Oregon University  
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

- Over the past several decades, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) has accepted donations from landowners near Chiloquin at Collier Memorial State Park and many of these donations were Native American artifacts, specifically ground stone tools such as grinding stones, pestles and stone bowls. Alfred “Cap” Collier also donated thousands of Native American artifacts to the state of Oregon that he had purchased for Dr. and Mrs. McLeod, who are well known for collecting and looting archaeological sites for ground stone tools in the Great Basin in the 1930’s and 1940’s, especially in southern Oregon and northern California. These are the traditional homelands and treaty lands of the Klamath Tribes.

For the last 5 years, OPRD has been consulting with 28 different tribes to repatriate Native American items (sacred items, funerary items or items of cultural patrimony) under NAGPRA: the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. In consultation with the Klamath Tribes, Nancy Nelson, OPRD archaeologist, learned that the Collier artifacts were not NAGPRA items. In fact, given that we do not have detailed provenience on the artifacts and they have undergone substantial cleaning, they have little scientific value for research. Under the OPRD Division 52 administrative rule, OPRD can transfer historic objects back to Oregon Tribes if they are non-NAGPRA items.



Figure 1. Day of transfer of 5,640 Native American artifacts back to the Klamath Tribes.

Subsequently, in consultation with the Klamath Tribes, the University of Oregon Museum of and Natural and Cultural History (the state’s curation facility) and the Legislative Commission on Indian Services, OPRD successfully transferred ownership of 5,640 Native American artifacts back to the Klamath Tribes in June 2017 (Figures 1 & 2). Perry Chocktoot, Klamath Tribes’ Tribal Councilman and Culture & Heritage Director commented: “Thank you very much for helping us with the return of our ancestor's belongings.”



Figure 2. Klamath tribal members moving their ancestor's belongings.

- 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, Nancy Nelson, met with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde regarding Champoeg State Heritage Area future projects, planning and archaeological testing. In addition, Nancy met with Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz regarding the Eagle Creek fire in the Columbia River Gorge.
- OPRD archaeologist, Steve Jenevein with the Eastern District managers and OPRD Planning consulted with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Culture and Heritage committee on the Wallowa Master Plan. In addition, OPRD Archaeology, North Central District and Planning met with the Confederated Tribes Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon Culture and Heritage committee on the Smith Rock Master Plan and interpretive display planning at Fort Rock.
- OPRD archaeologists, Mollie Manion and Kim Johnson, met with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde for a general consultation meeting and discussed the development of a GIS mapping layer of cultural plants located on OPRD land. This idea could better facilitate the collection of culturally significant plants within the parks.
- Tryon Creek State Natural Area and Friends of Tryon Creek hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Indigenous Culture Day, which celebrated Indigenous Peoples Day and welcomed the community to learn traditional activities from tribal educators. In addition, OPRD has been working with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde to put together a display showcasing the important tribal plant resources within Tryon Creek State Natural Area.
- OPRD resource specialist, Paul Patton, has been a member (Charter Board member) of the Confederated Tribes Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon (CTWSO) Washanaksha Cultural Trust Committee since its inception in 2008. This board distributes Oregon Cultural Trust grants to Tribal members and groups. In addition, The CTWSO is a primary partner (along with PGE) in the annual Eagle Watch event at the Cove Palisades State Park. Also, OPRD partners with the Museum at Warm Springs on the annual Seeds of Discovery outdoor education event (a NASA granted program) each year. The event involves grades 4-5 students from Warm Springs and Madras.
- The Fort Yamhill State Heritage Area hosted Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Teachers' Training Workshop where ninety educators representing twelve school districts, two universities, and three educational organizations attended a guided walk at the park (Figure 3). "The guided hike around Fort Yamhill is always one of teacher's favorite parts when it comes to trainings provided by Grand Ronde. It takes professional development trainings to a whole new level and allows us to incorporate place-based teaching into trainings."- Mercedes Jones, workshop coordinator



Figure 3. Officer's Quarters at Fort Yamhill.

In addition, OPRD provided a guided walk at Fort Yamhill for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Court In-service Training- CASA Workers. Approximately twenty-five workers attended a tour to learn what the Tribes of Western Oregon have been through and discuss how the past shapes the youth of today. Also, six school field trips were provided to local schools with cooperation from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. The Tribe assisted with coordination and provided Tribal tour leaders. Students learned about the different tribes in Grand Ronde, Oregon's Trail of Tears, the role of the military in early Oregon and how discrimination has impacted peoples' lives past and present (Figure 4).



Figure 4. Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde tribal tour leader at Fort Yamhill.

- OPRD was gifted with original documents from the 1860's associated with the Siletz Blockhouse, Fort Yamhill and Fort Hoskins, and consulted with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde on how to best preserve the documents and provide access for future research.



- OPRD and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife partnered to provide archery instruction during the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Competition Pow Wow. Approximately forty tribal youth received archery target practice at Fort Yamhill State Heritage Area (Figure 5).

Figure 5. Tribal youth receiving archery instruction at Fort Yamhill.

- Annual news from the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO): Our office works so closely with the state's nine federally recognized tribes in everything we do it is difficult to try and summarize all of our activities and involvement with tribes into an end of year report. However, we would like to highlight some of our out-of-the-ordinary and primary accomplishments that occurred in 2017. First and foremost, the staff at Oregon SHPO has been reaching out to all of the state's tribal historic programs to discuss topics relating to our common roles in preserving important places in the state. In addition to sharing information regarding impacts to historic structures and archaeological sites, we have talked to tribal staff about our office's involvement in public education and outreach, museum and curation, archival preservation issues, cemeteries, mentor programs, heritage tourism and a variety of heritage-related grants. We have also shared information about our improved Section 106 database and archaeological permits tracking database in case our efforts can be useful to them in establishing their own programs. In 2017, our office journeyed to reservations and met with staff from three of the state's nine tribes. Such meetings have increased our ability to address preservation issues more effectively throughout the state and have helped us build stronger relationships with our tribal partners. Through such meetings our office has gained a much stronger understanding of the tribal work environment and issues important to each tribe. In addition to this tribal specific outreach program, our staff participated in a range of trainings and meetings throughout the year with our tribal partners which continues to assist us in highlighting important preservation issues, projects that are threatened or require immediate attention, and ways that will improve our office's efficiency and public outreach. Examples of such events in 2017 include participation in a Regional SHPO/THPO meeting in Boise with the National Park Service and ACHP; monthly meetings with the Wana Pa Koot Koot working group (associated with the Columbia River Power System); the OPRD Archaeology Awareness Training in The Dalles; SHPOLOOZA – a meeting with our tribal, federal, state, and private consultants to let everyone know more about how our office operates and to get feedback on how we could improve; participation on the state's Interagency Culture Resource Council (ICRC); attendance at this year's Confederated Tribe of Grand Ronde Community's Cultural Summit; our continued involvement with tribes in all archaeological permit reviews; and our current participation with tribes on assisting with the eventual listing of five Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) nominations.