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TO: Patrick Flanagan, Executive Director, Legislative Commission on Indian Services

FROM: James G. Arnold, Chief – Environmental Branch, Installations Division

**RE: Government-to-Government Relationships Annual Report, January—
December 2022**

This report identifies Oregon Military Department (OMD) activities during the year 2022 regarding compliance with ORS 182.162-168 and Government-to-Government relationships with the Native American tribes in Oregon. The Office of Emergency Management separated from OMD in 2022 to become its own executive agency identified as the Oregon Department of Emergency Management and will be submitting a separate report documenting their 2022 activities.

EVENTS, PLANNING, CONSULTATION, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

As part of OMD's federally delegated responsibilities through the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 process, regular consultation regarding OMD, and National Guard Bureau projects occurred with Oregon's Tribes. The 2022 projects varied in scope and complexity, including an archaeological survey of 132 acres at Rees Training Center (RTC) (formerly Camp Umatilla Oregon) in Hermiston in support of the 2018 Programmatic Agreement for development and operations at the training center to the replacement of an American with Disabilities Act sidewalk ramp at the Anderson Readiness Center in Salem.

The OMD engaged in consultation with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) to address concerns associated with a prescribed burn in the Coyote Coulee, a significant cultural place to the CTUIR at RTC. The goal of the burn was to reduce fuel loads within the burn area to decrease the potential of future catastrophic unintentional fires, which pose a risk to life, health, and safety at RTC. OMD staff met with CTUIR natural and cultural resource staff on June 30, 2022, at RTC to discuss concerns and approaches to the prescribed burn with the long-term goal being periodic continual burns to manage fuel load, along with replanting of native species to improve existing habitat. Both OMD and CTUIR envision this goal to be a long-term collaboration for wildfire and habitat management at RTC. Ongoing consultation with the CTUIR is also occurring for the revision of OMD's Integrated

Natural Resource Management Plan and associated National Environmental Policy Act Environmental Assessment.

The OMD completed updates to its Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan (ICRMP). The ICRMP is an overarching document that assists in making decisions about cultural resources management activities and compliance procedures. The OMD initiated consultation with tribes in Oregon requesting comments and concerns with the document and OMD's approach to cultural resource management. A copy of the ICRMP was sent to all nine tribes on October 14, 2022.

The OMD continued its partnership with the CTUIR through an Inter-Agency Governmental agreement. The intent of this agreement is to assist OMD with a 160-acre habitat improvement and rehabilitation area at the Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility near Boardman, Oregon. Habitat improvements are part of OMD's commitment to mitigate approximately 474 acres to offset range construction impacts on the Oregon state-listed Washington Ground Squirrel. In 2021, 18-acres were prepared and planted, and an additional 112 acres were prepared for planting in November of 2022.

MEETINGS AND PUBLIC EVENTS:

OMD staff participated in the State-sponsored LCIS Annual Tribal State Government-to-Government Summit on October 4, 2022. OMD cultural and natural resources staff continued to enjoy longstanding relationships with their tribal peers by participating in the LCIS Natural and Cultural Resource Cluster Group meetings in February, March, July, and October 2022; and the Intergovernmental Cultural Resource Council meetings in March, June, and November 2022. OMD hosted the LCIS Cultural Resource Cluster group in July at Rees Training Center. Many of the OMD's proposed construction and training projects were discussed and reviewed with tribal representatives through these meetings.

POLICIES AND AGREEMENTS:

The OMD's Statement of Policy State/Tribal Government-to-Government Relations, revised in late 2017, was developed in accordance with ORS 182.164 and reiterates the Department's commitment to sound Government-to-Government relations with the federally recognized tribes of Oregon (see attached).

SUMMARY:

The OMD continues to encourage an open dialogue with the tribes on all potential issues and especially where cultural or natural resource concerns may exist.

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