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3. *Major Areas of Work with Oregon Tribes*

During 2012, Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) has had ongoing consultation with Oregon Tribes.

- Nancy Nelson, OPRD archaeologist, has been working with all of Oregon's Tribes finalizing the OPRD Tribal Relations Policy. Consultation has occurred with all nine Oregon Tribes on a multitude of projects, planning efforts and site visits throughout the year related to State Park properties. In addition, the tribes were consulted on a 2012 Native American Graves and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) grant application. The NAGPRA grant was successful and in turn, several tribes will receive funds to travel to OPRD properties to consult on NAGPRA related issues.
- State Historic Preservation Office archaeologists, Dennis Griffin, John Pouley and Matthew Diederich, consulted with all Oregon Tribes on a variety of projects, potential site impact issues, site damage and inadvertent discovery of human remains. In addition, archaeological permits are processed by OPRD/SHPO. As of October 2012, a total of 122 permits were sent out to the appropriate tribe(s) for consultation.



- In April 2012, Oregon's Tribes participated in the OPRD Archaeology Training Conference in The Dalles, which educated OPRD and other state employees on meaningful tribal consultation, and the identification and protection of cultural resources.
- Champoeg State Heritage Area worked with Oregon Travel Experience and the Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde developing new text for a historical "beaver board" sign in the park that dates back to the 1950's.
- Valley of Rogue Park Management Unit has been consulting with the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz regarding the interpretive plan and archaeological testing at Fort Lane State Heritage Site.
- Kevin Beck, Heceta Head Lighthouse park manager, consulted with the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians on the lighthouse restoration project.
- Frank Eckley, park manager for the Cape Blanco Management Unit reported that he continues to work with the Coquille Indian Tribe and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz on a multitude of projects. The Coquille hold the annual Honor Ceremony and salmon bake at Tseriadun and the Siletz use the Humbug Day Use for overnight on their Annual Run to the Rogue. In addition, important consultation occurred with the Coquille and Siletz tribes regarding the illegal excavation/disturbance at Flora Lake State Natural Area.
- Todd Honeywell, Willowa Lake Management Unit park manager and Jim Hutton, Northeast District manager have both consulted with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation as a member of the Iwetemlaykin State Heritage Site Collaborative Committee for updates and received input on park management topics, including the recent alcohol ban.
- OPRD's Northeast District manager, Jim Hutton, continues to consult with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation (CTUIR) Cultural Resource Protection Program staff on a variety of projects. Clay Courtright, Emigrant Springs park manager, Todd Honeywell, Willowa Lake park manager and Nancy Nelson attended the CTUIR Cultural Resources Committee meeting to consult on proposals at Minam State Recreation Area.
- Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw, Coquille Indian Tribe and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz continue to have on-going consultation regarding the looting case at Conde B. McCullough Wayside.

- The Cove Palisades State Park has partnered and consulted with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs on the Eagle Watch event and has had tribal members as interpretive guest speakers.
- Collier Management Unit continues to consult with the Klamath Tribe on the on-going inventory of artifacts at Collier Memorial State Park as well as a land use action related to the OC&E Trail within the ceded lands of the Klamath Tribe.
- Dennis Comfort, previous park manager of South Beach Management Unit, consulted with the tribes on the Amanda Trail bridge project.
- Jim Anderson, Deschutes State Park manager, consulted with the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Fisheries Department's pit tag array project.
- Nancy Nelson consulted with the Burns Paiute Tribe on Oregon's archaeological standards and processes as well as provided guidance on general cultural resource management issues.
- Smith Rock State Park has partnered and consulted with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and Klamath Tribe on the 2012 Oregon Archaeology Celebration Month.
- Paul Patton, Smith Rock State Park interpretive coordinator as well as a Washanaksha Committee member and an Exhibit Advisory Committee member for the Museum at Warm Springs, has worked with Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs on the annual "Seeds of Discovery" outdoor education event as well as interpretive program development at the museum.
- OPRD continues to honor Oregon Tribes' traditional use areas in Oregon for the collection of traditional materials and foods on lands that are now managed by OPRD.