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3. *Major Areas of Work with Oregon Tribes*

During 2007, Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) has had ongoing consultation with Oregon Tribes.

- With the help of Oregon Tribes and tribal cultural resources staff, OPRD's archaeologist, Nancy Nelson, organized two Archaeology Training Conferences in 2007, which trained state agency staff such as Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality, State Lands, Military Department, Department of Transportation, Forestry Department, Fish and Wildlife Department, and Parks and Recreation Department.
- Government-to-government consultation on planning and construction projects occurred with Oregon Tribes and continues with projects such as the Rogue River Greenway Trail, Fort Yamhill State Heritage Area, Honeyman State Park and Silver Falls State Park Master Plans, infrastructure projects at Heceta Head State Park and Farewell Bend State Park, and the Garrison Outfall project at Tseriadun State Park.
- OPRD's Cape Blanco Management Unit has a partnership for the Cape Blanco Lighthouse that includes the Siletz and Coquille tribes. Frank Ekley, park manager, works closely with the tribal representatives, Don Ivy, Nicole Norris and Robert Kentta, on all projects in the unit. This has fostered a trust between the tribes and OPRD. In addition, the Coquille Indian Tribe has provided staff time to monitor projects within the unit.
- OPRD consulted with Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs cultural resources staff, Brigitte Whipple and Sally Bird, at the Deschutes River Management Unit. Park Manager, Jim Anderson and tribal representatives



inspected area on the Deschutes River that were impacted due to fires in June 2007.

- Two cases of inadvertent discoveries occurred within the Washburne Management Unit. Dennis Lucas, park manager, consulted with Robert Kentta representing the Confederated Tribes of Siletz to assess a report of ancestral remains that were observed near a shell midden site in the park. OPRD staff worked with the tribe to secure the site until archaeologists were able to arrive. Arrangements were made for the remains to be removed by University of Oregon archaeologists for reburial by the tribe. However, closer analysis concluded the bones to be faunal remains. An additional inadvertent discovery occurred and consultation occurred with Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw representatives David Brainard, Don Whereat and Arrow Coyote. Again, the bones thought to be human turned out to be fossilized mammal bones.
- Ben Fisher, Bullards Beach Management Unit manager, has been consulting with the Coquille Indian Tribe on an interpretive panel for Face Rock Scenic Viewpoint. In addition, the Coquille Indian Tribe's cultural resources staff has been contracted to monitor a project at Bullards Beach State Park.
- In June 2007, Andre Briggs and Anna Krug, park managers for Valley of the Rogue Management Unit, consulted with tribal representatives from Cow Creek Band of Umpqua, Confederated Tribes of Siletz and Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon to identify repatriation (burial) site, for two sets of ancestral remains at Valley of the Rogue State Park. Also, in September 2007, OPRD consulted on the proposed Rogue River Greenway Trail system with tribal resource representatives, Robert Kentta from Siletz, Amy Amoroso with Cow Creek and Eirik Thorsgard with Grande Ronde.
- OPRD park managers Ryan Sparks and Dennis Wiley consulted with the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon's cultural resources representative, Eirik Thorsgard, on continued archaeological excavations by Oregon State University at Fort Yamhill State Heritage Area.
- OPRD's Northeast District manager, Jim Hutton, continues to consult with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation Cultural Resource Protection Program (CRPP) staff on a variety of projects. The CRPP staff have conducted archaeological field work at Farewell Bend and Hilgard state parks. In addition, OPRD archaeologist Nancy Nelson consulted with CRPP staff, Catherine Dickson on a proposed project at Minam State Recreation Area.
- OPRD's Southeast District manager Curtis Smith and OPRD's archaeologist Nancy Nelson visited the Burns Paiute Tribes cultural resources office to

begin dialogue with the tribe on consultation and future OPRD projects within the tribe's ancestral lands.

- The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon requested the use of Rooster Rock State Park for the reburial of ancestral remains. OPRD's Portland Metro District Manager, Kevin Price, worked with the tribe to create a cultural resources plan for the protection of the site.
- Kyle Jansson, OPRD's coordinator for the Oregon Heritage Commission, organized the Oregon Heritage Conference in May 2007, in which the Tamastlikt Cultural Institute of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation hosted two sessions. At the conference, the institute also received one of the first Oregon Heritage Excellence Awards for its book *wiyaxayst As Days Go By wiyaa'awn*. The Heritage Commission awarded heritage grants in November 2007 to Tamastlikt for an interactive website providing information about native language names for places in the region. In addition, the State Historic Preservation Office and the Oregon Heritage Commission signed an agreement with Tamastlikt in which it is providing heritage technical assistance to organization in northeast Oregon.
- In October 2007, the Coquille Indian Tribe hosted a Heritage Programs grant writing workshop and a meeting of the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries held at the tribe's plank house.
- OPRD's archaeologist Nancy Nelson was invited to speak on state and federal laws at the Klamath Tribes cultural resources training.
- OPRD has honored those traditional use areas of Oregon for the collection of traditional materials and foods on lands that are now managed by OPRD.
- OPRD partnered with the Nez Perce, Umatilla and Colville Tribes in the acquisition of the Marr Ranch property in Wallowa County. The department continues to work with the three tribes in developing an ongoing relationship for the future management of the site.
- OPRD continues an ongoing management relationship with the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs and other partners in the management of the Lower Deschutes River.