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Cow Creek Tribe Target of National Anti-Indian Group

For many years, Cow Creek tribal leaders have maintained concern that the progressive activities of the Tribe would at sometime in the future attract negative opposition.

With more and more economic success stories coming from Indian Country, tribes have gained national attention that has energized pockets of opposition across the country. Many anti-Indian groups that have organized to oppose tribal activities in their respective areas have joined together to create regional and national groups determined to fight tribal rights. Their objective; abolish tribal sovereignty.

These groups hide their true intent by draping themselves in the flag and using patriotic names such as, "One Nation United", "Citizens Equal Rights", and "Upstate Citizens for Equality". These names project the impression that they are interested in promoting

"equal rights" and seek political fairness.

Locally, in Douglas County, the Tribe has been annoyed by the activities of two local county commissioners who have done a poor job of masking their contempt for Indians and tribal rights. Commissioner Dan Van Slyke (who was defeated in the May 16, 2006 Republican Primary Election) compared the benefits of the Cow Creek Tribe to the "Hitler Regime" on a radio talk show and Commissioner Marilyn Kittelman mimicked cocking a shot gun and going "Indian hunting" in front of witnesses at a restaurant. Both, however, have insisted that they are not racist and that they are only concerned about the Cow Creek Tribal land acquisitions and the loss of county tax revenue as a result.

On May 8, 2006, Commissioner Kittelman, along with (continued on page 3)

29th Annual Cow Creek Tribal Pow-wow — July 14, 15 and 16

The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe's 29th Annual Pow-wow will be held at South Umpqua Falls on July 14, 15 & 16. The Tribal potluck dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 15.

Bob Tom of the Siletz tribe will serve as Master of Ceremony at Saturday's Pow-wow events. Steiger Butte is the host drum.

No meal will be provided at the Saturday Pow-wow. Breakdown and cleanup occur on Sunday, July 16. Drugs and/or alcohol are not permitted at the three-day event.

All drummers, dancers, singers, and traditional craftspeople are welcome. Only Native American handcrafts are to be displayed.

Donations of Native American handcrafts are being sought for the raffle, scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on July 16th. If you would like to donate a raffle item, bring it to the raffle booth at the Pow-wow, or contact Tammy Woodruff or Rhonda Malone at the government office.

For more Pow-wow information, contact Tammy Woodruff at (541) 672-9405.

All Tribal members and Pow-wow guests will be able to camp during the Pow-wow at South Umpqua Falls.

Tribal members intending to camp anywhere in the Umpqua National Forest at other times must obtain a Day Pass. (see article on page3)

Tribal Information Day 2006

Cow Creek Tribal Leaders again attended Tribal Information Day at the State Capitol in Salem on May 19, 2006. The Annual event is designed to provide members of state government an opportunity to become more familiar with Tribal programs, cultural, economy as well as the government to government relations between the state and tribes as mandated by Oregon Senate Bill 770. The event is sponsored by the Oregon Commission on Indian Affairs.

During the program, Cow Creek Tribal Chairwoman Sue Shaffer warned Tribal leaders to be vigilant in protecting tribal rights from the activities of anti-sovereignty groups. Groups such as One Nation United and Citizens Equal Rights Alliance cloak themselves behind seemingly patriot names, but are nothing more than front groups that fear tribal power and are set on focusing their efforts on termination of tribal rights.

Oregon is known for its progressive government to government relationships with the nine Oregon tribes and was the first state to pass such a law as SB 770.

Display booths from each of the tribes represented

provided factual information on tribal programs, business, health related topics and cultural projects.

Senator Kate Brown and Representative Tom Butler, who are the legislative representatives of the Commission on Indian Services, were present along with Labor Commissioner Dan Gardner, Senate President Peter Courtney and representatives from eight of the nine Oregon tribes.



Eight of the nine Oregon tribes were present at the Tribal Information Day, held at the state capitol on May 19.

Commissioner Van Slyke Defeated in Primary

Tribal opponent, Douglas County Commissioner Dan Van Slyke, has proven to be a one-term commissioner with his recent defeat by former Roseburg City Councilman Dan Hern in the hotly contested May 16, 2006 Republican Primary race. Van Slyke's defeat is largely contributed to the timber industry. However, his repeated attempts to make the Tribe the center topic of his re-election campaign brought Hern great support.

The Tribe has maintained a positive and longstanding relationship with the timber community in Southern Oregon. Mr. Van Slyke's repeated attempts to turn members of the timber industry against the Tribe, along with his part in the mishandling of the termination of the Douglas County Museum Director and other controversial issues throughout the county, provided ample reasons for the timber community to oppose Van Slyke's re-election bid.

Commissioner Van Slyke began his public

campaign against the Tribe during a local radio program in April of 2004. As the studio guest of this call-in radio program, Commissioner Van Slyke compared the positives of the Tribe to the positives of the "Hitler Regime." On the same program when a caller stated, "Hey Dan, let's go back to our ancestors and take their attitude on the Indians... Your ancestors and mine, we're in the same deal. You know me quite well." Commissioner Van Slyke's response was, "Ha, ha, ha, I appreciate that." Months later, Van Slyke denied making the comments, then subsequently, when confronted with a tape of the program, said it was a poor comparison and that he meant to compare the Tribe to some other despicable organization.

Tribal leaders have met with both the Republican and Democratic County Commissioner candidates for the November election and look forward to positive working relations with the county and whoever is elected.

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the Douglas County Planning Commission Chairman, David Jaques, in tow, traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with the acting director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs on Cow Creek issues. Interestingly, Barb Lindsey, the president of One Nation United, a national anti-Indian hate group, attended the meeting as well. David Jaques is a member of One Nation United. (His name appears as the Oregon representative on the letterhead of One Nation United in a March, 2005 letter to the Western Governor's Association).

Commissioner Kittelman claimed to have been traveling to Washington, D.C. to lobby on several topics other than just tribal issues; however, her schedule is unclear. Curiously, the national conference of the Citizen's Equal Rights Alliance (CERA) was held just prior to Kittelman's meeting with the BIA.

It was reported by the BIA that both Kittelman and Jaques had no problem making their disdain for the Tribe known.

Tribal leaders continue to move forward with educating the public on tribal rights and law.

Pow-wow Etiquette Guidelines

Pow-wow traditions vary from tribe to tribe. There is even more variance region to region. Usually, the Pow-wow MC (Master of Ceremony) will provide instructions. Always ask questions when in doubt. Respect, courtesy, and common sense will take you far in the Pow-wow environment. Listed below are some tips that will assist you in Pow-wow participation:

Pay attention to the Master of Ceremony at all times.

Stand and remove hats (if it doesn't have an eagle feather) during the Grand Entry, honor songs, special prayers, or when elders are dancing. The MC will usually remind participants of this detail at the necessary times.

Always ask permission before taking photos or recording songs offered at the Pow-wow or before touching anything belonging to a dancer or drum group. The Pow-wow is a tribute to native culture. It isn't a show performed for outsiders.

Dress appropriately. Wear clothing that shows respect to others.

Respect differences in religion and spirituality.

Upcoming Elder's Events

July 15th- "Plant Tour" with botanist from Tiller Ranger District. No food/bring own water bottle. No limit on number of people that may attend. Meet at the S.U. Pow-wow grounds at 10:00 a.m.

July 26th- Lunch with the Elders from Coos, Siuslaw and Lower Umpqua . 50 people, held at Seven Feathers Hotel & Casino in the Huckleberry Room.

Parent/Teen Class Slated for June 21

"Stay Connected II" class for tribal families with youth ages 10 and up will be on Wednesday, June 21, 2006 from 10-2 at the Tribal office. Lunch will be provided. The class will overview topics such as: risky behaviors, peer pressure, bullying, a world without rules and collaborative problem solving. For more information or to reserve a space, call Rhonda Malone at (541) 677-5575.

Correction Notice

The 29th annual South Umpqua Falls Pow-wow was incorrectly listed in the June issue of KIUYUM-ID under the JOM proposed schedule of events as being July 22nd. The correct date is July 14-16.

Day Pass for Umpqua National Forest

Tribal members interested in camping in the Umpqua National Forest can avoid payment of fees if they have a Day Pass.

Upon receipt of your Day Pass, sign it and display it on the dashboard of your vehicle whenever you camp in the Umpqua National Forest. Do not loan your pass to others. The Day Pass is useable only in the Umpqua National Forest and is issued on an annual basis.

To obtain a Day Pass, Tribal members may apply in person or call the Cow Creek Government Office at (800)929-8229 or (541) 672-9405.

Free Well Nations Subscriptions Available

Free Well Nations Magazine subscriptions are available to Cow Creek tribal members.

To subscribe, call the Cow Creek Government Office, at (541) 672-9405 or (800) 929-8229.



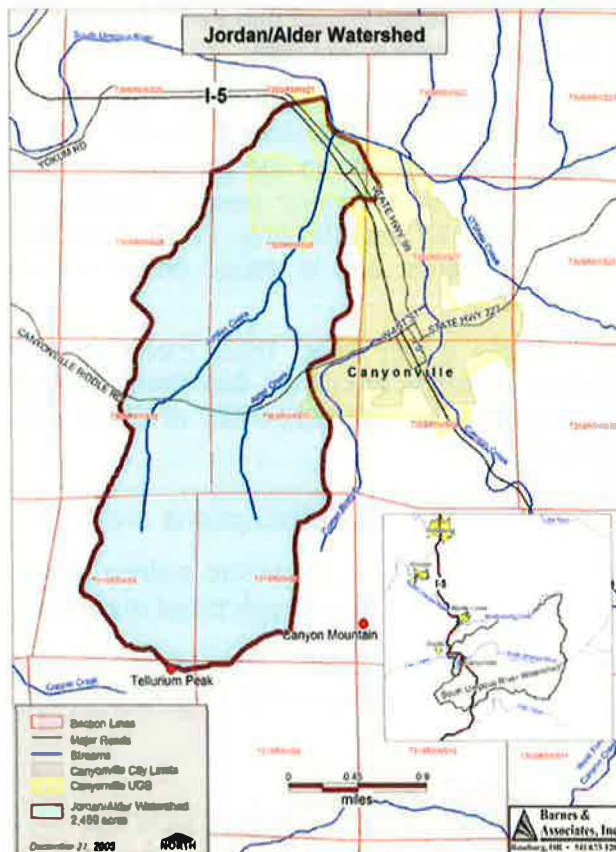
Jordan Creek Restoration Project Update

Phase one of the Jordan Creek Restoration Project has been completed. The project is part of a larger effort to restore fish to the Jordan/Alder Creek watershed in the Canyonville area. Jordan Creek is a tributary of the South Umpqua River and flows behind the Tribe's Truck and Travel center. In February of 2006, the Tribe completed a Watershed Assessment of the Jordan and Alder Creeks; the Assessment can be viewed online at <http://www.ubwc.org/Assessments.asp>.

The restoration work was done in partnership with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers and the Tribe's Natural Resources Department. Restoration included large wood placement, boulders and woody debris. These structures will create a more complex habitat for fish in the winter months when Jordan Creek has higher flows. Phase two of the restoration projects should be finished this summer.



Before and after photos of one of the restoration sites.



Logs in the process of going into the creek.



Boulders going into Jordan Creek.

Oregon Departments of Human Services and Justice Introduce Plans for Preventing Violence Against Women in Oregon

Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) officials have joined Attorney General Hardy Myers in calling for changes in how communities deal with violence against women and released two new prevention plans that recommend how to do so.

A 2004 DHS study found that 31 percent of Oregon women surveyed had experienced one or more types of violence — threats, stalking, physical or sexual assault — within the prior five years.

The two plans are based on a model that recognizes a relationship between people and their environments and the influences of individual biology, personal history, relationships, community, institutions and the broader society. The “Oregon Violence Against Women Prevention Plan” identifies six major goals, along with strategies and potential implementation activities:

- Identify and act to change social factors that condone and perpetuate violence against women.
- Improve policies and practices and increase resources and capacity among institutions, including the health care sector, law enforcement, the legal system, education and social services.
- Link prevention efforts within communities. New approaches and emphasizing primary prevention from response teams are encouraged.
- Promote healthy, non-violent relationships.
- Increase the individual safety of girls and women in relationships and social environments.
- Promote public health surveillance and epidemiology program evaluations and research.

The second document, “Recommendations to Prevent Sexual Violence in Oregon: A Plan of Action”, calls for a shift toward primary prevention and identifies three priority groups.

- Young women — the group with the highest victimization rate.
- Young men — the most frequent perpetrators of sexual assault.
- Women with developmental disabilities — more than 90% will experience violation at some point in their lives.

The plans were developed through work groups that had representation from DHS, public health and social services programs, the attorney general's office, criminal justice system, Oregon state police, higher education and women's crisis organizations.

The next step is to present the plans to communities throughout Oregon. DHS will work with local partners to identify forum hosts and build presentation teams.

Employment Options for Tribal Members

Cow Creek tribal members wishing to explore options for employment with the Tribe are invited to meet with Buffy Gillespie from the U.I.D.C. Human Resources Department.

Cow Creek tribal members interested in meeting with Buffy may come to the government office the first Wednesday of the month or contact Rhonda Malone at (541) 677-5575 or (800) 929-8229 to schedule an appointment.

Cow Creek Jackets and Hats for Sale

- * Black zip, lined jackets with logo — \$50.00
- * Fleece jackets with logo — \$20.00
- * Baseball caps with logo — \$15.00
- * Beanie caps with the logo — \$12.00

Various colors and sizes are available. Shipping charges are added to prices.

For more information or to order contact Rhonda Malone, at (800) 929-8229 or (541) 677-5575.

Lane Community College to Build Native American Longhouse on Campus

Ten years ago, when Frank Merrill began in earnest to drum up interest in having a Longhouse built on the campus at Lane Community College, it seemed like an impossible dream. Frank, who hails from the Karuk Tribe in northern California, just didn't want to give up however because he saw first hand what the Native American students needed— a Native American Longhouse on the LCC campus. The Native American community gave Mr. Merrill's idea unanimous support because the addition of a Longhouse would give students the kind of support that they needed to succeed in their pursuit of educational goals.

The drums have thundered and voices have been singing these past ten years heralding the coming of something that students at Lane Community College have strongly desired – A Native American Longhouse on campus. President Mary Spilde put the Administration's support behind the effort; the Lane Community Foundation has put forth leadership and financial support as have many of the tribes in the State of Oregon. So, it seems that the dream is coming true.

Lane Alumnus and Coquille Tribal member Judy Rocha started her Tribe's effort to contribute to Lane in 2004. The Coquille Tribe donated \$20,000 in cash and a matching amount in timber. In January volunteers and staff involved in the Longhouse project joined Coquille tribal leaders for a ceremony on tribal reservation land in the coast range where the first two trees were cut.

According to student enrollment records, those students who self-identify as being of Native American lineage number around 671 students in the current and past years. This distinction gives Lane as having one of greatest number of Native American students in community colleges nationwide. Vice President Donna Keechi points out that one of the reasons probably is because, "We place special emphases on students' individual needs, providing programs that allow students to transfer to four-year institutions or simply explore their interests."

Frank Merrill retired as Native American Student Program Coordinator before the Longhouse Project came close to being a reality. James is one of the few enrolled Oregon tribal faculty members (Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs) working in

Oregon higher education. Lane has brought together a Native American Advisory Board which is lead by tribal elders from the local area. Lane Native American students assist the board in the development of the infrastructure of the LCC Longhouse as do administration staff and faculty. The Longhouse, as envisioned, will be used for traditional Native American ceremonies as well as for an educational facility. The advisory board will oversee the appropriateness of proposed activities that are planned to be held in the Longhouse.

While not all Longhouses look the same from the outside, they offer the same type of support that individuals, families and tribal groups look for when they need to do ceremonies, celebrations, or just plain visiting. As envisioned by the early organizers, a Lane Longhouse would add the dimension of formal college classroom studies.

Languages of many Native American tribes are in danger of being lost, perhaps forever. Lane is now in the position of trying to assist in saving those languages through programs it now offers. Lane's commitment to Native American programs and its partnerships with the nine federally recognized tribes of Oregon have grown during the past decade. Lane offers nearly 20 courses in Native American subjects ranging from a two-year Chink Wawa (pronounced: chin-OOK, haw-haw) language course, to global ecology from a Native American perspective, from writing courses that emphasize Native American issues, to literature, ethnic studies, and history courses with Native American themes. Five learning communities bring together these courses for students by enriching their educational experience through integrated assignments that broaden student understanding. One of the main goals of Lane's American Indian Language program is to have Native American language accepted as fulfilling a language requirement for a student who is transferring to a four-year university. Another goal of the program is to get our Native American students interested in learning their own language. Lane recognized the need for reaching out to new students on a yearly basis and has begun the Mesta Native American Program. Mesta (pronounced: YOU-mister) is a part of the Rites of Passage summer academy for Native American youth in middle and high schools.

In theory Mesta is a summer program, but students and counselors have been meeting on a weekly basis throughout the year. Native American students are immersed in proper social interaction through individual and group activities by counselors and Lane students. This program also allows participants the opportunity to observe college culture at LCC. The college provides broad-based support for students through its Native American Program, a counseling program for Indian and Alaskan Natives, and the Native American Student Association.

Provided that all funding is secured to build this Longhouse, these Native American program offerings and many more may soon become available at the LCC Longhouse. One of the features that

this Longhouse offers is a Hall of Honor that will have display cases in which the various tribes will be invited to display art and appropriate representational cultural objects. At present LCC has raised \$729,000 toward its \$1.4 million goal. Lane is seeking all avenues of support for the project. In anticipation of reaching project goals, preparations are being made for a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Longhouse on the LCC campus by mid-summer. The LCC Native American Advisory Board will be extending invitations far and wide and Lane encourages all that are interested to participate. For more information contact James Flore do at (541) 463-5308, email at florendoi@lanecc.edu, or by mail at: Lane Community College, 4000 East 30th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97405.



Logs were delivered to Lane Community College May 8, 2006. The Coquille Tribe donated the logs towards the construction of the Native American Longhouse.

Photo taken by Richard Archambault.

BLM Offers Student Career Experience Program

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), administers over 264 million acres of America's public lands, located primarily in 12 Western states. The employees of the BLM share the mission of sustaining the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

Through the Student Career Experience Program (SCEP), students work in all professional fields and geographic locations throughout the BLM. Professional fields include but are not limited to cadastral, law enforcement, outdoor recreation planning, range management, and forestry.

The Student Career Experience Program places students in salaried, professional positions related to their academic coursework. SCEP students receive the same benefits as full-time Federal employees, including health insurance, life

insurance, leave and holiday benefits, etc. Tuition and travel assistance packages for SCEP students vary by work site. SCEP students who accrue 640 or more work hours and successfully complete their academic degrees may be converted into permanent Federal employees, without full or open competition.

To qualify for the SCEP, students must be at least 16 years old, enrolled as a degree-seeking student with a half-time or more academic course load at an accredited college, university, technical, or vocational school; maintain a minimum 2.5 grade point average and be a U.S. citizen upon graduation.

For information regarding positions in Oregon or Washington, students may contact Sheila Casey, Oregon's Student Program Coordinator, at (503) 808-6060 or e-mail Sheila_Casey@or.blm.gov.

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Tribal Identification Cards are available to all tribal members upon request. To obtain an I.D. card, contact Carol Ferguson at the Cow Creek Government Offices at 1-800-929-8229. You will be sent an application which you should fill out and sign. Enclose a photo and mail the material back to the Tribal Gov-

ernment Offices for processing.

Properly filled out applications will be processed with the Tribal Chairman's signature and mailed back to you.

TRIBAL JOBS LINE

Tribal members interested in employment opportunities at any of the tribal businesses can call the Tribal Jobs Line at 1-800-

676-0854 to a hear a pre-recorded listing of openings. The Tribal Jobs line is updated on a weekly basis and provides instructions as to where and how to apply.

ADDRESS UPDATES

Tribal members are encouraged to maintain a current address at the Cow Creek Tribal Government Offices. Those who have minor children who

are not living in their households also should make sure their children's updated addresses are on file with the Tribal Government Offices.

If you know of any Tribal members who have not been receiving correspondence from the Tribal Government Office, please recommend that they call the toll free number (1-800-929 8229) or write to the Cow Creek Tribal Government Office, 2371 NE Stephens Street, Suite 100, Roseburg, Oregon 97470.

Reminder:

All Johnson O'Malley functions are smoke free.

