

# NCAI applauds DOI for recognizing Tribal role in managing federal lands and natural resources

WASHINGTON – | The National Congress of American Indians applauds U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell as she recently announced a secretarial order encouraging cooperative management opportunities between the department's land managers and federally recognized Tribes.

Through this effort, the Department of the Interior recognizes enhanced management through collaborative partnerships and the integration of Tribal knowledge, practices and concerns into the management of federal lands and natural resources where there is a connection to Tribal communities.

According to the order, agencies are directed to identify opportunities, engage in consultation with Tribal governments and undertake efforts to develop collaborative partnerships with Tribes in the management of resources.

NCAI has long supported and advocated for the advancement of cooperative relationships that foster and integrate traditional indigenous knowledge and practices into the management of natural resources that affect Tribal lands, empowering Tribal self-determination and the resiliency of Tribal communities.

NCAI will continue to work with Tribes to ensure equitable participation by Tribes in the co-management of traditional and customary resources for the continued well-being of their peoples and appropriate co-management agreements.

"The order announced today sets up a process and identifies the need for cooperative relationships that will benefit Tribes in their efforts to manage natural resources," said Jacqueline Pata, NCAI executive director. "This also supports the exercise of our rights and provides recognition of essential indigenous knowledge."

## About NCAI

Founded in 1944, the National Congress of American Indians is the oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization in the country.

NCAI advocates on behalf of Tribal governments and communities, promoting strong Tribal-federal government-to-government policies and a better understanding among the general public of American Indian and Alaska Native governments, people and rights

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# Change in Siletz Clinic check-in times

The Siletz Clinic asks all patients with appointments to check in 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time. This allows for any necessary paperwork to be completed prior to your appointment with your provider.

Thank you!

To the editor:

Hello, my name is Richard Sagraves and I was recently released from a nine-year term of incarceration. In a lot of cases like mine, people have a hard time and fall back into their old patterns of behavior and get locked back up, but in my case I've been fortunate enough to have the support I need to stay clean and sober and make some headway in getting my life back on track.

This would not have been possible without the help I've gotten from family friends and fellow Tribal members, and I just wanted to take some time to thank all who have helped me to be successful with my re-entry to society.

To my uncles Ivan and Daniel – it might not seem like much, but a smudge bowl made my day and the pool stick gave me a warm feeling that stayed for days.

To all of the people who have helped, I thank you:

Rachelle and Christina, for all the help with getting a job, clothing and my driver's license Wylie and Zeb from Behavioral Health, for all the support

Cindy, for all the help with rides when I lived in Otis

Selina, for rushing my OHP through to get my shoulder looked at

Maggie and Marci from Human Resources for helping to get me working and giving me the opportunity to prove myself

Max Hoover, for giving me the chance to prove myself and being understanding about all of my obligations with my re-entry

My Aunt Lori, for giving me a place to live and a family environment to help remember what it's like to be with family

My cousin Christina, for being there to listen whenever something was wrong and letting me get to know her children

My cousin Felicia, for listening to my woes and giving me her opinion

My parole officer Erin Reyes, for being understanding and supportive and encouraging

My oldest son Shane, for giving me the opportunity to be in your life and getting to know my grandsons

My dad, for taking care of my son, Richard, and bringing him to see me on a regular basis for nine years and always taking the time to write me a letter

Without all of these people doing all of these things, I know I would be right back where I was before and living that terrible life that put me in prison, so again I say thank you to all who have helped me to be successful.

I guess it does take a Tribe, now I understand that old saying.

Respectfully,

Richard A. Sagraves

To the editor:

I, Agnes, Pilgrim, Siletz Tribal elder, thank all my family, five generations, for their support during two funerals, one at Freshwater, Calif., and in Siletz, for my son, Keith Taylor.

Thanks to Dino Butler and family for their help.

Blessings to Nadine Martin for driving her brother home. Also, my granddaughter, Katrina Taylor-Sims and family for their extraordinary support for her father.

Many thanks to the Jefferson, Ore., Color Guard and combat veterans.

Blessings also to the honorary pall bearers; singers; my daughter, Mona Hudson, and daughter, Ember, for doing *The Lord's Prayer* in sign language.

Thanks for prayers, cards, phone calls and gratitude to our elders for the food and all the kitchen help.

With gratitude and love,

Grandmother Agnes Pilgrim and her five generations

## Thank you from the family of Arliss Chatterson

Our family would like to express our appreciation and thanks to our Tribe and to all of the folks who helped us through the memorial service for Arliss Chatterson. Thank you with all of our hearts.

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### Final 2016 PME Construction Update 10/21/16

The Oregon Department of Transportation  
**thanks you**

for your patience, your understanding, and your planning to allow us to complete and open the new alignment of the US 20 Pioneer Mountain to Eddyville Project.

### The road is open and overnight closures are done!

There may be regular traffic holds up to 20 minutes as the 2016 construction season comes to a close. Next year, there will be some single lane closures and short delays to finish the last half mile of the project at the west end curve tie-in, but no overnight closures are planned.

### For Planning

#### What to Expect

2016	Winter	Drainage and excavation work as weather permits. Native tree and shrub planting. Periodic flagging with minor delays.
	Summer	Straightening of the west end tie-in and final roadwork completion. Finishing fish passage culvert work and other drainage work. Lane closures with up to 20 minute traffic delays expected.
2017	Winter	Native tree and shrub planting continues with no traffic impacts.

Thank You  
&  
Safe Travels!



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