

Tribal responses to national fire policies may provide a guide for how to address climate change

PORTLAND, Ore. – In a new online essay for Oregon Humanities, folklife expert and Cowlitz Tribal member Christine Dupres argues that the strategies used by Western Tribes to influence federal fire policy provide a guide for fighting global climate change.

“Tribes are well situated to lead the collective action required to slow climate catastrophe,” writes Dupres. “To thrive, Tribes have to cooperate with their local communities, the state and the federal governments. Reservation Indians are often at the forefront of this cooperative effort because natural resource management is a huge part of what sovereignty means for Tribes.”

Dupres’ essay, *Earth on Fire*, is part of Oregon Humanities’ *This Land* project and features audio created by Portland radio engineer Jessy Damon.

This Land, an online multimedia project (oregonhumanities.org/this-land) produced by Oregon Humanities, collects and connects stories about land, home, belonging and identity by Oregon’s communities of color.

The project, which is made possible by the Creative Heights Initiative of the Oregon Community Foundation, uses film, words, maps, photos, sounds and graphics by artists and writers of color to build a broader understanding of how policies and laws shape systems of power and land ownership in Oregon’s past and present.

More about the featured artists follows:

- Christine Dupres is a writer, teacher and citizen of the Cowlitz Tribe. She is the author of the recently published *Being Cowlitz: How One Tribe Renewed and Sustained Its Identity* (University of Washington Press) and is working on an upcoming book entitled *Land and Being*. Dupres has a Ph.D. in folklore and folklife from the University of Pennsylvania.
- Jessy Damon, creator and leader of MidSun Productions, is a freelance audio engineer. She works in both live sound and in-studio sessions and across many musical genres. Currently, Damon works with KBOO Community Radio and can be found engineering live music at various bars and pubs in the Portland area.

If you would like to learn more about the project or get in touch with one of the artists, contact Eloise Holland at 503-241-0543/800-735-0543, ext. 123, or e.holland@oregonhumanities.org.

Oregon Humanities connects Oregonians to ideas that change lives and transform communities. More information about programs and publications – which include the Conversation Project, Think & Drink, Humanity in Perspective, Public Program Grants, Responsive Program Grants and *Oregon Humanities* magazine – can be found at oregonhumanities.org.

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Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund

Tribal Member Recruitment for Advisory Board

The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund Advisory Board is accepting applications from Siletz Tribal members to fill one board position. The appointment by Tribal Council is on a volunteer basis for a three-year term from July 1, 2017-June 30, 2020.

Applications must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 31, 2017.

The STCCF Advisory Board is composed of seven unpaid members, including one Siletz Tribal Council representative; three Siletz Tribal members; two non-Tribal members agreed upon by the governor and Tribal chairman and approved by Tribal Council; and one non-Tribal member selected by the Tribal chairman from a list submitted by the governor and approved by Tribal Council.

The advisory board meets quarterly (January, April, July and October) to review approximately 75-125 applications for charitable funding received from non-profit organizations, schools and local government agencies. The advisory board makes award recommendations to Tribal Council for review and approval by resolution.

Board members attend quarterly distribution receptions held in February, May, August and November at Chinook Winds Casino Resort. Board members will receive travel reimbursements for attendance at quarterly board meetings, award distribution receptions and other approved public relations events.

For more information, please visit ctsi.nsn.us/charitable-contribution-fund or contact Board Secretary Denise Garrett, stccf@live.com, 800-922-1399, ext. 1227, or 541-444-8227.

Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund Tribal Member Advisory Board Application

Name: _____ Roll No: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Telephone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Email: _____

Applications must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 31, 2017, at the address below to be considered for appointment at the regular Tribal Council meeting in June 2017.

Return application to: Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
Denise Garrett, STCCF Secretary
P.O. Box 549
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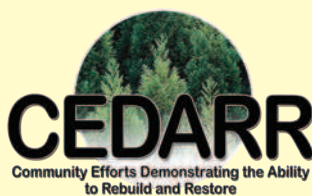
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