

# Howlak Tichum

Claude Smith Sr.



Claude Smith Sr. as many people remember him, fishing.

Claude Henry Smith Sr., an enrolled lifetime resident of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, went home to be with the Lord on October 9, 2005, at the age of 83.

Mr. Smith of the Wasco descent was born on December 7, 1921 in Warm Springs to parents the late Annie (Jackson) Smith and the late Wesley Smith.

On March 28, 1946 he married his wife Victoria Julia (Charley) Smith. She preceded him in death on November 15, 1994.

Mr. Smith was a Veteran of Foreign Wars, serving his country during World War II. He was employed as a heavy equipment operator for 38 years with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Roads. After retirement he went to work with the tribes, serving as the Chief Appellate Judge, thereafter, he served on the Fish and Wildlife Committee for over 16 years.

Mr. Smith was one of the last elder fish advocates for the tribes. His words of wisdom for the protection of our salmon is going to be missed tremendously by people near and far. He had a great impact on people from all walks of life with his great sense of humor, he had a way of making people laugh.

Mr. Smith was a sports fanatic. He was a fine athlete during his younger years, accomplishing this by becoming a professional boxer while serving his country during World War II.



Photos courtesy of the Smith family  
Claude Smith Sr.

He played a lot of baseball and basketball during his younger years. He later went into coaching youth baseball and basketball. He coached the Warm Springs Boxing Team, the Women's Smith Loggers Fast Pitch Team, and the Springers/Nookshais Women's Basketball Team. He also loved to hunt and fish in the great outdoors.

One of his favorite pastimes was to go gambling at various casinos throughout the Northwest.

Survivors include his children: James Adrian "Stinky" Smith, Claude Henry "Snuff" Smith Jr., Frank "Footer" Smith, Colleen "Cartoon" Roba, Suzanne "Susie" Moody, Angelena "Angie" Smith, all of Warm Springs, and son Eric Smith of Bend; brother Alvis Smith, and sister Zelma Smith, both of Warm Springs; and numerous grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Claude Smith Sr. was preceded in death by his son Tyrone Baur Smith and his wife Victoria.

# Historian, Indian rights advocate dies at age 90

(AP) — Alvin Josephy Jr., a noted historian with strong Northwest ties and an influential advocate for Indian rights, has died in Greenwich, Conn. He was 90.

His last published book, a memoir titled "A Walk Toward Oregon," came out in 2000. "Lewis and Clark Through Indian Eyes," an anthology he edited, is scheduled for publication next year.

Josephy, who died Sunday, spent part of each year at a ranch he owned near Joseph, in Wallowa County, for more than

four decades. He was a founder of the Fishtrap writers' gathering at Wallowa Lake.

Over his career he was a war hero, a reporter who interviewed Leon Trotsky in Mexico, a screenwriter in Hollywood and an editor at Time magazine and American Heritage but is best-known for his books about Indian culture and history.

He also wrote "The Civil War in the West," a look at often-bypassed aspects of the conflict.

While an editor at Time magazine in the 1950s, Josephy was in Idaho and learned about

Chief Joseph and the flight of the Nez Perce from the U.S. Army in the 1870s. In a 2001 interview with The Oregonian, Josephy said the story changed his life.

"I knew nothing about it when I started," Josephy said. "I just knew it was a great story, the most dramatic story of the early West. I spent 12 years learning about it, and when I started, there weren't too many other people writing about Indians. Books about Indians were shelved in the natural history section of the bookstore, along

with books about snails and dinosaurs, that sort of thing. I couldn't believe it."

His book "The Nez Perce Indians and the Opening of the Northwest" made him a national authority on Indian history. He became involved in the Indian rights movement of the 1960s and '70s and edited "Red Power: The American Indians' Fight for Freedom" (1971), one of the first books about the American Indian Movement. He was founding chairman of the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

# Timber: sale will generate revenue

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The PIDT, which plans the sale and makes presentations to interested tribal members, is comprised of individuals from the Natural Resources and Forestry technical staffs and committees. The team includes a fish biologist, forester, wildlife ecologist, hydrologist, fuels manager, forest engineer, silviculturist, archeologist, range conservationist, soil scientist, writer/editor, representatives from three tribal committees, and a representative from Warm Springs Forest Products Industries (WSFPI).

Comments from the scoping meetings are used to develop a planning document known as a project assessment.

The assessment contains alternatives for implementing the sale, a strategy to monitor the sale after it has been implemented, and mitigation measures to offset negative impacts.

After considering input from the tribal public, the PIDT will develop at least two action

alternatives, each emphasizing a balanced approach to resource management.

Some tribal members would like the PIDT to develop additional alternatives and others would like to do away with the alternatives in favor of one action plan, so the Natural Resources Branch fashioned the current strategy as a compromise.

The team will present their assessment and recommended alternative to the Resource Management Interdisciplinary Team (RMIDT) this fall and they in turn release the assessment for public review.

Following a 30-day review, RMIDT approves one of the alternatives and attaches a decision document to the project assessment, which is then forwarded to the BIA superintendent for concurrence. Tribal member comments are accepted throughout the process at the main office of the Forestry Branch.

The entire process and all management activities related to the forested area must adhere to goals, standards and best management practices adopted un-

der the Integrated Resources Management Plan (IRMP) for the Forested Area. The plan, which strikes a balance between resource utilization and protection, is reviewed and updated every five years.

The Wintergreen 2007 Timber Sale is being proposed because it will generate revenue for the Confederated Tribes. The size and type of trees harvested will determine the value of stumpage. These sales are designed to provide options for the WSFPI mill by creating a pantry of timber. Yearly harvests typically meet the allowable annual cut established by Tribal Council and provide jobs for tribal loggers and mill workers.

## Timber

The proposed treatments are preliminary estimates based on an initial review of the areas in question. These reviews help foresters prescribe the silvicultural treatment best suited to the stand and assign a treatment priority from low to high. Considerations include the types and amounts of insects and diseases affecting the areas and the general health of the

trees. All proposed treatments are reviewed and approved through established policies before any logging operations begin. The forest silviculturist ensures that treatments are viable and appropriate to meet land management objectives.

Proposed treatments east of Highway 26 are predominately selection harvests. Selections are generally an uneven-aged silvicultural tool that harvests and maintains a diversity of post-logging settings by addressing all size classes within a given timbered stand. Past selections often targeted the larger trees for harvest, while current proposed selections would retain this large tree component where appropriate. Other proposed treatments along major roads would thin out most of the smaller trees, creating an environment capable of preventing major losses from a large-scale wildfire.

Land management continues to evolve in an attempt to meet the expectations and objectives of an ever-changing society.

(This article will conclude in the next edition of the Spilyay.)

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