

S-T explains the tribal position on destination resorts in the Metolius Basin

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Senate Bill 30 has been introduced in the Oregon Legislature for the purpose of restricting the development of destination resorts in the Metolius River Basin.

The Tribe has been incorrectly portrayed as seeking introduction of the bill. Only the Tribal Council can represent the position of the Tribe on pending legislation. Until March 27, the Tribal Council had not even met to discuss whether or not the Tribe would support the bill.

The Metolius Basin, off the reservation, is part of the area ceded by the Tribe in 1855 to the United States.

In the Treaty of June 25, 1855, the Tribe retained important legal rights in these lands, including the right to hunt, fish, gather roots and berries and pasture livestock. In addition, the Tribe has important cultural and religious interests in the area. The Tribe also understands and

sympathizes with the desire of Jefferson County to increase its tax base and economic development through the establishment of destination resorts. Those revenues would help fund the schools that our children attend.

The Tribe has communicated to the Jefferson County Commission in the past that it is not opposed to all resort development in the County, particularly resort development that does not directly impact tribal interests.

In particular, the Tribe has communicated to the county and others over the last several years that it does not oppose the Colson development. The Colson family has worked with the Tribe for several years to address tribal concerns with any development that they pursue and we have no reason to believe that that cooperation will not continue.

Development in the Metolius Basin is a separate issue. Historically, the Tribe has opposed development by the Forest Service and others in the Metolius

Basin in an attempt to retain the unique character of the basin.

The Tribe indicated its opposition to the siting of destination resorts in the Basin permitted by its plan and ordinance amendments and has appealed those amendments through the existing state land use system. It is unfortunate that it was necessary to appeal both the Metolius Basin and Colson developments because of the way the county adopted the plan and ordinance amendments.

We have verbally indicated that our appeal is only directed at the Metolius Basin resorts that are permitted.

The Tribal Council has now considered the matter. The Council recognizes the importance of this issue to all involved and in the near future will tour the affected areas and discuss the proposals with the interested parties.

At the conclusion of this process the Tribe will take a formal position on the legislation.



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Wolfe serves as page at state Capitol

Clarissa Wolfe recently served as an Honorary Page for the 74th Oregon Legislative Assembly.

Wolfe spent the day of March 21 at the Capitol in Salem, seeing first-hand the operation of the Oregon Legislature.

She served as page for Rep. John Dullan of the Oregon House of Representatives.

Wolfe, whose grandparents are Raymond and Beulah Tsumpti, participates in the Oregon Youth Challenge Program in Bend, a program of the Oregon National Guard.

She was from among about 100 young people to serve as an honorary page.



Photo courtesy of Beulah Tsumpti.

Clarissa Wolfe (front row third from right) in Salem.

Columbia Basin highlighted in U.N. global warming report

(AP) - Significant decline in snowpacks will present water-management challenges in the Northwest, according to a new report on global warming that points to the Columbia River Basin as one of the environmental dilemmas faced in North America.

The report released last week is the second of four coming this year from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a United Nations network of 2,000 scientists. It attempts to explain how global warming is changing life on Earth.

The document includes a section examining the effects of shrinking snowpacks on the Columbia River system, which is crucial to farming, fish and power generation, researchers said.

"Particularly for the irrigators, you're looking at a worse summertime situation," said Michael Scott, an economist

with Richland-based Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

Scott and seven researchers from the United States and Canada wrote the report's North American chapter that highlights the Columbia River Basin.

Overall precipitation in the region is expected to stay the same through the end of the century. However, the snowpack will melt earlier and more rain will fall.

During winter and spring, Columbia River Basin flows would be higher, but markedly lower in the summer, when water is needed most for salmon, farmers and hydropower sales to California.

The report mentions the McNary Dam, where water-flow targets are set to aid salmon.

It states that by the 2090s, the current targets would be met only about 75 percent of the time.



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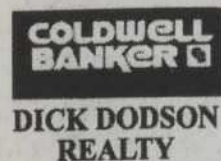
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