

Cobalt Crew

The Cobalt Crew spent the summer working on natural resource projects with the Heart of Oregon Corps.

Based in Warm Springs, the crew, with team leader Butch David, worked on the Crooked River National Grassland and Ochoco National Forest, improving habitat for wildlife.

Many young people from Warm Springs have joined the Heart of Oregon Corps. The non-profit is a regional group engaging local opportunity youth ages 16-24.

Every year they provide job skills training, education, and leadership development to over 300 local young people. For information on joining see heartoforegon.org

The Cobalt Crew: Helen Howtopat, Cheydon Herkshan, Niya Bagley, LeeRoy Smith (from left); Ikeana Kalama (kneeling); and team coach Butch David.



Courtesy Yancy Wilkenfeldt/Heart of Oregon Corps

Some things to know about tribal Utilities

The Warm Springs Branch of Public Utilities primary responsibility is to administer and manage the construction, operation and maintenance of the tribes' infrastructure for water, waste water and distribution collection systems, facilities and sanitation services for the community.

The following services are provided for the community:

Water treatment facilities. Water distribution maintenance and repairs. Wastewater treatment facilities. Solid waste collection and disposal. Underground utility installation and maintenance oversight.

Public Utilities maintains over 90 tribal buildings, including the Health and Wellness Center.

The Branch of Public Utilities consists of the following departments:

Administration. Janitorial/Custodial. Building maintenance. Maintenance engineering. Building/Safety inspections.

Water/Wastewater distribution. Environmental health. Sanitation and landfill. Grounds keeping.

Mission

The mission of the Branch of Public Utilities is to provide our community with the highest standard of public service that continually enhances the quality of life within our reservation boundaries.

Commonly asked questions

If I see water leaking, what

should I do?

If you see water leaking, please call Public Utilities with the location of the suspected water leak.

What is the process for submitting a work order?

A work order must be filled out by an authorized signer (for example, the person responsible for the bill).

It is then authorized, prioritized and sent to the appropriate Public Utilities department.

Utilities will assess the job needs, start date, timeline and estimated completion date. Arrangements are then made with Public Utilities

and homeowner on start date, timeline and estimated completion date.

If work is delayed, Public Utilities will communicate with the customer about the delay. Upon project completion, billing is prepared.

I have submitted a work order but am unsure of the status, who do I contact?

Please call Public Utilities to get an update on the status of a submitted work order, 541-553-3246.

How do I pay an outstanding bill with Public Utilities?

There are three options for

making a payment: Cash or check payments can be made at the Public Utilities front office.

Debit card payments can also be made at Cash Management in the Tribal Administration Building.

A payroll deduction or per capita deduction can also be arranged for services in advance for those who qualify.

Where can I get a copy of Annual Water Quality Reports?

Go to the tribal website at: warmsprings-nsn.gov/program/public-utilities-branch/

Help for families with home water projects

An IHS program offers assistance to Indian families with the construction of sanitation facilities.

Assistance is available for water supply and sewage disposal facilities.

The IHS funds are used for items such as water wells, septic tanks, drainfields, lagoons, and community water and sewer hookups.

Requirements

You must be a member of a recognized Indian tribe. Then, fill out and sign an application for sanitation facilities.

You must own the property on which your home is located,

and provide with your application a copy of your proof of ownership of allotment, or a copy of your lease agreement (10-year minimum required). Some other requirements:

The home must be your permanent residence and capable of being occupied 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year.

The structure and foundation must be sound, the home must be insulated, and must have a permanently installed heating system.

The home must be served by a commercial electric utility and have interior plumbing facilities. Travel trailers, motor homes, and camp homes do not qualify for service.

Mobile homes must be permanently placed on the site, blocked leveled, tied down, skirted, and the towing tongue and wheels removed.

Submit the completed application to Travis Wells, General Manager, Branch of Public Utilities.

The application will be reviewed and presented to the tribal chairperson for signature. The application will then be forwarded to the IHS.

You will be notified by a representative of the IHS once your application has been received, and an evaluation of your site will be scheduled.

2018 CTWS Hunting Seasons

Tribal Council has approved the off-reservation and reservation hunting regulations, as proposed by the Branch of Natural Resources.

Please come by the Natural Resources office to pick up your tags, regulations and to sign up for lottery hunts.

Please take advantage of off reservation hunting tags: These opportunities take hunting pressure off the reservation, which may help improve wildlife populations.

Please make sure off reservation hunting takes place on public (unclaimed) lands. It is the hunter's responsibility to know where they are hunting, where they are allowed to hunt, what weapons they are allowed to use and what the bag limit is.

For questions regarding hunting please contact the Natural Resources Department at 541-553-2001.

The following are the 2018 off reservation hunts (the hunt, open season and bag limit):

Buck Deer - Rifle: Present through October 31: Open to buck deer having not less than a forked antler.

Metolius Unit Hunts special regulation dates:

Metolius Rifle: September 29 through October 19. Open to buck deer having not less than a forked antler.

Metolius Muzz.: October 20 through October 26. Open to any deer (50 tags available).

Metolius Archery: November 1 to November 30. Open to any deer (50 tags available).

Elk off reservation

Elk Archery: Present through September 28. Open to any Elk with archery only.

Elk Rifle: September 29 to October 12. Spike bulls and Antlerless Elk Rifle.

Bull Elk Rifle: October 15 to November 30. Open to bull elk with visible antler.

Elk Rifle: December 1 to Janu-

ary 31. Spike bulls and Antlerless Elk Rifle.

Special Animal Hunts

Pronghorn: Present through September 30. Either sex pronghorn antelope.

Bighorn sheep: Present to November 30. One ram per tag. Tags will be awarded to four Tribal members through a public drawing. Sign up for the lottery draw is at the Natural Resources front desk. Hunt locations are West John Day River (1 tag), Deschutes River (2 tags) and Aldrich (1 tag).

Black bear: Present to December 31. Either sex; excluding cubs less than one year and sows with cubs.

Cougar: Entire year. Either sex; excluding spotted kittens or female cougars with spotted kittens.

The following are the 2018 on reservation hunts:

Buck Deer - Rifle: September 29 to October 28. Open to buck deer having not less than a forked antler.

Note: Those that are issued ar-

chery bull elk tags will not be eligible for bull elk rifle season on reservation.

Elk Archery: September 12 to September 28. Open to Bull Elk with visible antler. (50 tags available)

Bull Elk Rifle: November 3 to November 30. Open to Bull Elk with visible antler. One tag per subsistence hunter

Bighorn Sheep: (youth) September 29 to October 12. One ram per tag. Tags will be awarded to two Tribal members through a public

drawing one youth and one adult. Sign up for the lottery draw is at the Natural Resources front desk. Hunt locations are mutton mountains only.

Bighorn Sheep: October 13 to November 21.

Black Bear: Present to December 31. Either sex; excluding cubs less than one year & sows with cubs.

Cougar: Open season either sex; excluding spotted kittens or female cougars with spotted kittens.

Council summary

September 4, 2018

1. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Alfred Smith, Jr., Chairman Eugene Greene Jr., Raymond Tsumpti, Ronald Suppah, Valerie Switzler, Carina Miller, and Brigitte McConville. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

2. Bureau of Indian Affairs update.

3. Office of Special Trustee update.

4. Indian Health Service Modernization Plan.

5. Federal legislative update call.

6. Tribal attorney.

• Executive session from 2:30-2:50 p.m.

7. Request for assistance:

• Motion by Val approving the request for Ron Green, non-tribal member and longtime employee of Kah-Nee-Ta of approximately \$810, plus what Public Utilities can offer. Second by Brigitte. Question; 5/0/2, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

8. Tribal attorney update.

• Motion by Raymond authorizing John to include the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs as a joiner with other tribes in the amicus brief presented and reviewed by Tribal Council to the U.S. Supreme Court of treaty tribes in support of tribal off-reservation hunting (Herrera case in Wyoming) and in the best interest of our nation. Question: 5/0/2, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Motion by Ron authorizing John to work with Bobby Brunoe to set up a strategy meeting with PGE representatives and tribal delegation within the next couple of weeks regarding Willamette Falls fishing issues including state approval of other non-treaty tribe fishing platform. Second by Raymond. Question: 4/0/3, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

9. With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Warm Springs Recreation and Prevention are putting on Kids Bingo on Tuesday, September 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center Social Hall. *It's for families and kids to play together.*

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Presents
National Recovery Month
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September 2018

Come join us for National Recovery Month by joining people in recovery among with their families and friends as we walk to advocate and celebrate recovery!

When: Friday, September 28th 2018
Where: WS Community Center Pathway
Time: Noon Lunch Hour

For more information
Contact Recreation Department
(541)553-3243