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## Welcoming the Treaty Conference

"I would hope every tribal member comes to see the Treaty," says Natalie Kirk, curator of the Museum at Warm Springs.

"There is no reason not to," Natalie says, "This is our ancestors."

The six original pages of the Treaty of 1855 are a central feature of the Museum at Warm Springs Twenty-Fifth Anniversary celebration.

The pages—under guard and in temperature- and light-controlled casing—will be on display only through next Saturday, November 3.

The National Archives will then securely bring them back to their permanent home in Washington, D.C.

"You will never be able to see the Treaty again," Natalie says, "without traveling to Washington, D.C. and making a special appointment with the National Archives."

The Treaty pages are the feature of the museum anniversary, and also serve as the perfect backdrop for the museum Treaty Conference, this Thursday through Saturday, October 25-27.

The three-day symposium will feature historians, legal experts, artists and culture bearers, each addressing one of many facets of the Treaty of 1855.

The conference—*People of the River, People of the Salmon: Then, Now and Tomorrow (Wana Thlam-Nusuxmi Tanánma: E-Wah'-Cha'-Nye)*—welcomes the presenters:

Walter Echo Hawk Sr., Native American attorney, tribal judge, author, activist and law professor. Mr. Echo Hawk represents Indian tribes and individuals on treaty rights, water rights, religious freedom, prisoner rights, and repatriation rights.

Howard Arnett, attorney for the Confederated Tribes, and Indian Law professor pro tem at the University of Oregon School of Law. Treaty rights, tribal sovereignty, tribal law development, government-to-government relations, and gaming are areas of focus.

Kathleen Shaye Hill of the Klamath Tribes, attorney and author. Former Klamath Tribal Councilwoman, Ms. Shaye Hill worked on the Klamath's successful restoration to federal recognition.

The Honorable Alfred Lane III, vice chairman of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz. His work is to restore and promote understanding of Siletz culture—language, basket weaving, regalia and traditional foods gathering and preparation.

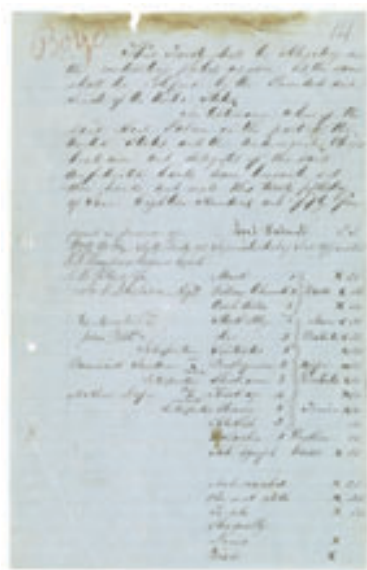
Rebecca Miles, executive director of the Nez Perce Tribe. She is the Multicultural coordinator of the Lapwai School District. Ms. Miles has a Master's degree is Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga University.

Robert J. Miller, Eastern Shawnee, professor of law at Arizona State University.

Charles Wilkinson, Professor Emeritus, University of Colorado. While practicing law, his specialties



Confederated Tribes historic photo (above) courtesy of the Museum at Warm Springs; and a signing page of the Treaty of 1855 (right), courtesy of the National Archives and museum.



Cultures Foundation master artist fellow, senior lead artist and culture bearer.

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were federal public land law and Indian law. He worked with the Native American Rights Fund.

Michelle J. DePass, president and chief executive officer of the Meyer Memorial Trust.

Conference lead artists, linguists and culture bearers include:

Elizabeth Woody, Native Arts and Cultures Foundation literary fellow, senior lead artist and writer.

Valerie Switzler, senior lead artist, culture bearer and linguist.

Aurolyn Stwyer, Native Arts and

*'This is our Ancestors'*

### Conference Agenda

#### Thursday, October 25

9-9:30 a.m.—Presentation of Colors. Opening Blessing. Hosted by the Elliott Palmer Post 4217 Veterans of Foreign Wars.

10-11—Protocol and welcome—Introductions to the Museum at Warm Springs. Welcome and recognition of dignitaries. Hosts: Carol Leone, Louie Pitt and Valerie Switzler.

11-11:15—Meyer Memorial Trust with Michelle DePass, introduction by Elizabeth Woody.

12-12:15 p.m.—Lunch is served. Introduction to the conference concepts, hosted by Louie Pitt and Val Switzler, 'E Wah Cha Nye,' explanation of water, sipping and prayer.

12:15-1:15: Walter Echo Hawk on 'Inherency of Sovereignty and Treaty Making.'

#### Afternoon

1:30-3 p.m.—Panel: Supreme Law of the Land and the Natural Laws of the Creator. Moderator Walter Echo Hawk with Rebecca Miles and Phillip Cash Cash.

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## Tribes meet with U.S. on Columbia Treaty

The Treaty of 1855 is one of a number—among sovereign nations—that are designed to manage the Columbia River and its fisheries.

The Columbia River Treaty of 1964 is between the United States and Canada. Unlike the Treaty of 1855, the U.S.-Canada treaty is for a specific period of time: 60 years, or until 2024.

The United States and Canada are interested in renewing the treaty, and have now begun negotiations toward that end.

During the initial negotiations in the 1960s, the tribes were not part of the consultant process.

This time around the countries are seeking input from the tribes, both in United States and Canada.

The U.S. lead negotiator for the Columbia River Treaty is Jill Smail, member of the State Department.

Ms. Smail visited Warm Springs this month, meeting with Tribal Council, and touring the fish facility at the Round Butte dam.

This was a chance to see firsthand the work that the tribes and PGE are doing to restore fish runs in areas of river that had been blocked.

The Columbia River Treaty was



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Tribal Council and the Branch of Natural Resources join PGE fisheries (above) for a tour of the Round Butte fish facility with the U.S.-Canada Columbia Treaty team.

The group next met at the Museum at Warm Springs to see the Treaty of 1855 and the *Memory of the Land* exhibit.

initially negotiated with two primary goals in mind: Flood control, and the production and management of hydro power.

The tribes are broadening this



approach to include fisheries habitat restoration and protection.

Warm Springs is the first tribe that Ms. Smail and her team have visited in the treaty negotiating process,

said Tribal Councilman Ron Suppah, who had earlier extended the invitation to Ms. Smail.

— Dave McMechan

## Budget district meetings

The Simnasho District hosted the 2019 tribal budget presentation this month, and the Agency and Seekseequa districts are getting ready for their presentations.

The Agency District meeting on next year's tribal budget is set for Monday evening, October 29 at the Longhouse. Dinner at 6 and the meeting at 7.

Seekseequa meets the following evening at the Seekseequa Fire Hall.

Then in November will be the General Council meeting, after which the Council can adopt a final version of the 2019 budget.

Meanwhile this week and weekend, Tribal Council members will be at the Treaty Conference.

Some potential items for consideration on the November agenda:

Mediation with the Union Pacific. The Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery.

The wolves that are living on the reservation.

The future of the tribal pension plan.



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