

## Tribes meet at Falls for Lamprey Celebration

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs joined the Yakama Nation for the Willamette Falls Lamprey Celebration in late July at the falls. The tribes hosted the salmon bake, drums and exhibition dancers, tribal leader speakers, and a lamprey filleting demonstration.

“Our people have acknowledged the lamprey since time immemorial. We have legends about the eels and how they gave themselves up to become a food in the time of creation for feeding our people,” said Tribal Councilman Wilson Wewa.

The gathering was near the banks of the Willamette River in Gladstone. Earlier in the morning, the Warm Springs and Yakama tribal members caught almost 800 lamprey from the falls for the bake.

“For millennia, Willamette Falls has provided sustenance to the tribes, and is an important site for us to gather and exercise our treaty rights, to fish and harvest lamprey,” said Davis ‘Yellowash’ Washines of the Yakama Nation.

Councilman Wewa commented that the Willamette Falls are a smaller version of what was the mighty Celilo



Tribal Councilman Wilson Wewa addresses the 2020 Willamette Falls Lamprey Celebration, July 30, at Gladstone by the Willamette River.

Falls of the Columbia River, once the primary fishing area and tribal settlement that existed for thousands of years before construction of the Dalles Dam. Like the salmon, the lamprey have seen their numbers decline in recent decades due to dams, habitat degradation and other human activity.

Also like the salmon, the adult Pacific lamprey live in the ocean, returning to freshwater to spawn and die, according to the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. The lamprey hatch-

lings move to calmer waters and burrow into stream sediment, feeding on algae and microorganisms for several years until they are big enough to migrate to the ocean.

Pacific lamprey numbers in the Columbia River have declined drastically, but they remain fairly abundant in the Willamette River, one of the few remaining locations where tribes can harvest them.

“It tastes kind of halfway between chicken and fish, and pork,” said Bruce Jim of

the Warm Springs tribes. “It’s a taste that you can get used to. It depends on how they cook it. We used to cook it over fire. Don’t be afraid to try it. It’s good food.”

While they may look like eels—slender and silvery, but with a gaping sucker mouth filled with teeth—lamprey aren’t related to them. Oregon is home to several species of lamprey. The Pacific lamprey in particular has long been, and is culturally important to Native American tribes for food, medicine and ceremonies.

## Economic Development hiring finance manager

The Warm Springs Economic Development Corporation seeks to hire a finance manager. The finance manager is responsible for planning, directing and controlling financial, human resources and administrative functions for Warm Springs Economic Development and its subsidiary enterprises by following the policies and procedures in accordance with federal and tribal laws.

The finance manager will report directly to the Economic Development Corporation chief executive officer, and provide financial and human resources advice and guidance to the CEO and subsidiary enterprises.

The new finance manager will prepare financial reports, billings and accounts receivable; managing the payroll system, maintain accurate and current records, perform the annual audit and work with auditors, and on occasion report to the Economic Development Corporation board of directors.

Candidate minimum requirements: A combination of education and experience equivalent to bachelor’s degree in accounting/finance, and three to five years of financial experience. Bachelor’s degree in accounting/finance is preferred.

Knowledge, skills and abilities: GAAP, computerized accounting, preparation of financial statements and reports, MS-Office (strong Excel skills).

Working conditions: Must manage many requests, situations, tasks and projects both long- and short-term at the same time. They may be interrupted frequently and may find the environment to be busy and noisy. The person must meet deadlines and due dates for a variety of reports, events and projects. Will need excellent organizational, time and stress management skills. Location of the position is in Warm Springs. Salary: Based on qualifications and experience Standard tribal fringe benefits. Submit resume to:

[jim.souers@wstribes.org](mailto:jim.souers@wstribes.org)

For a more detailed job description email to:

[sdanzuka@wstribes.org](mailto:sdanzuka@wstribes.org)

The position is open until filled.

## Clackamas Meadows timber sale public survey

The Clackamas Meadows timber sale is located in the northwest corner of the Warm Springs Reservation.

The sale will be used to treat and manage 24,161 acres of tribal forest lands.

The sale will be used to address forest health issues, provide local employment for Warm Springs tribal communities, provide economic income for the tribes and in some places help enhance cultural plant communities, such as huckleberry.

Project goals include:

Commercial thinning plantations that were harvested in the 1960’s and early 1970’s.

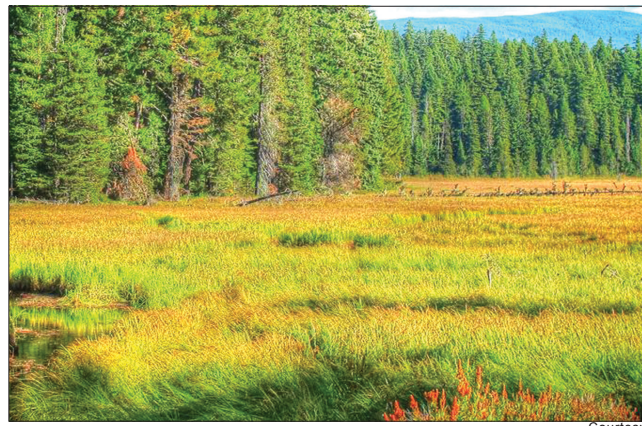
Treating forest stands that have root disease, mistletoe and other biotic factors.

Limiting the footprint of the timber sale by consolidating treatment areas.

Provide economic benefits to the tribes.

Assess areas that show potential for huckleberry habitat improvement.

Two wildlife management zones are protected during



Clackamas Meadows on the reservation.

the duration of the project through seasonal closures to logging.

The Wilson Creek Wildlife Management Zone is approximately 8,039 acres while the Big Meadows Wildlife Management Zone is 5,636 acres.

Shutdowns in these zones are for various reasons but include fawning times in the spring and summer for elk and other game species.

Guidance for this project is provided through an interdisciplinary group and guiding documents such as the Integrated Resources Man-

agement Plan (IRMP).

These processes have all been adopted through Tribal Council. As part of the requirement projects such as this timber sale are to provide opportunities for public input.

This public survey is one tool Branch of Natural Resources (BNR) uses to provide opportunities for public input. BNR invites you to take a moment to share your voice by participating in this survey.

Here is the online link for the online survey. [tinyurl.com/rvrwyax3](http://tinyurl.com/rvrwyax3)

## Motion to extend stay in case for endangered salmon

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs—with other tribes, fishing and conservation groups—have asked the U.S. District Court to extend a stay of litigation in a long-running lawsuit to protect endangered salmon and steelhead in the Columbia and Snake Rivers. The development involves long-running litigation to protect endangered salmon and steelhead in the Columbia and Snake Rivers. The tribes have asked for the stay of litigation to extend up to one year.

The request for a stay is based on commitments the current federal administration has made to develop and implement “a durable long-term strategy to restore salmon and other native fish populations to healthy and abundant levels, honoring

federal commitments to Tribal Nations, delivering affordable and reliable clean power, and meeting the many resilience needs of stakeholders across the region.”

The administration’s commitments also recognize that “in the face of climate change, urgent action is needed to restore salmon and other native fish populations to healthy and abundant levels.”

The motion to extend the stay states that any party can ask the court to lift the stay if the administration fails to take timely and sufficient action to meet the commitments it has made.

In the court battle that goes back more than 25 years, tribes, fishing groups and conservation organizations have challenged federal agency hydropower

systems operation plans, because of their failure to protect threatened and endangered salmon in the Columbia River basin.

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# Warm Springs Ranch Rodeo

**September 3, 2022**

**Start 12:00 PM**

**Ranch Bronc Riding**  
**Muley Team Roping**  
**Barrel Racing**  
**Bull Riding**  
**Breakaway**  
**Wild Cow Milking**  
**2-Man Wild Horse Race**  
**"St Paul Style"**

**Calf Scramble FREE**  
**Mini Bulls**

**\$10 Office Fee Per Contestant/Per Event**  
**WHR Added \$1000 Entry \$400**  
**All Other Events Added \$500 Entry \$60**

**Entries:**  
**Open NOW until 8/31/22 5:00 PM**  
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**Email: [dadsrodeogirl@gmail.com](mailto:dadsrodeogirl@gmail.com)**

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**Admission \$10 Per Vehicle**

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**at Indian Head Casino**

**AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup> | 11AM - 3PM**  
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For list of available positions,  
 please visit our websites.