

Important collections notice from Housing

To all Warm Springs Housing Authority Tenants,

The Warm Springs Housing Authority, WSHA, operates its housing programs with federal grants in conjunction with rental payments from tenants. The goal of the Housing Authority is to not only operate current housing programs, but to create and maintain new housing programs into the future. Federal grants do not cover the total costs of operating the various housing programs, so WSHA depends on tenants to honor their obligations under their rental lease or homebuyer program agreement, which includes timely payment of rent. This allows WSHA to not only maintain current housing units, but also allows for future growth that is needed in our community.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, collections efforts were very minimal. With Covid-19 restrictions being relaxed, WSHA collections efforts will resume immediately.

WSHA will strictly enforce the terms of rental leases and homebuyer program agreements, including following the collections procedures contained in the



WSHA Admissions and Occupancy Policy.

If you have a past due balance, you are strongly encouraged to get your account current. If you are unable to pay your balance immediately, then we encourage you to meet with the WSHA Collections Officer or Residential Services Specialist to set up a written plan of action to get the delinquent balance paid. We can help set up a payment agreement to address current rental payments as well as any past due balances.

Failure to honor financial obligations or set up a written plan of action will result in enforcement of the provisions of the lease or homebuyer agreement, which will

include assessment of late fees, issuance of a two-week notice, and may include termination of the lease and eviction.

WSHA does not want to terminate any leases or evict any tenant for non-payment, but we will be enforcing leases and following collections policies. We need to operate the housing program in a responsible manner to ensure that we have the staff and resources to maintain housing units and create additional housing opportunities in the future. Your cooperation is expected and appreciated.

Respectfully,
Danielle Wood, executive director, Warm Springs Housing Authority.

Restoration work this year



Biologists tour of Willow Springs Preserve, Wychus Creek.

Over the past 15 years, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and PGE, co-owners of the Pelton-Round hydro dams, have invested more than \$26.5 million in projects to improve fish habitat in the Deschutes River Basin. A question is, How do we know these projects, supported by the Pelton Fund, are achieving the goals they set out to accomplish?

This year, a group of representatives from the tribes, PGE, the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife checked in on several completed projects in the Sisters area to observe the progress and results for fish.

One of the most visually remarkable projects was the recently completed Willow Springs Preserve on Whychus Creek, jointly owned by Upper

Deschutes Water Council and Deschutes Land Trust.

This project features two unique types of structure intended to improve habitat quality for fish and wildlife. The first type, beaver dam analogs, mimic beaver behavior by pooling water into smaller impoundments, improving bank stability and offering habitat for fish.

Pole assisted log structures, on the other hand, are large log jams that promote accumulation of woody material and encourage stream meandering. Neither restoration structure is intended to be permanent; and instead will change and evolve as stream processes take over.

Not only did the project tours provide visual proof of progress, but they also offered best practices and ideas for restoration techniques to use in future projects.

W.S. Academy to see facility expansion, improvements

Construction work on improvements to the Warm Springs Academy—including new early learning classrooms, and building security features—is scheduled to begin in January. The project is funded by the school district bond measure passed by voters in 2021.

The Academy work is scheduled to take until around September,

followed by the preparation and move-in happening next fall and early winter. The project has been in the design phase during 2022. Some other school improvement projects that are funded by the \$24 million bond measure of 2021:

At Madras High School, improvements will include expanded vocational and early learning pro-

grams; repair and upgrade of aging school buildings, such as a new roof and insulation and HVAC system; and building security measures.

And at Bridges High School, projects include expanded vocational and early learning programs; gymnasium floor improvements; new flooring on the lower level; and building security features.

Employment with the tribes

The following are positions recently advertised with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

For information, contact the Human Resources office, located in the tribal administration building, 1233 Veterans Street, Warm Springs.

Staff are available to answer questions related to the application process and can be reached at 541-553-3262 or hr@wstribe.org

Tribal Member preference is

exercised in hiring processes as defined in Tribal Personnel Policy PER 202.

Office support specialist. Travel accountant. Property management specialist. Accounts payable specialist II. Tribal Council recorder/support technician.

Administrative services center office manager. Committee secretary. Probate assistant/Vital Stats receptionist. Public administrator. Vocational rehabilitation counselor.

Jobs with Indian Head, Plateau

The following is a recent list of job openings with **Indian Head Casino**. For details see the website:

indianheadcasino.com
Attendant Tule Grill. Cage cashier. Cage main bank cashier. Cage supervisor. Coffee station attendant. Cook. Kitchen steward. Lounge bartender.

Player's Club ambassador. Players' Club development supervisor. Revenue auditor. Se-

curity officer. Server. Slot keyperson. Table games dealer. Tule Grill cook.

The following are jobs advertised recently with the **Plateau Travel Plaza** (see the casino website for details on applying):

Store cashier. Store supervisor. Custodian. Deli cook. Fuel attendant. Host cashier/server. Line cook. Receiving coordinator.

Water and wastewater distribution operator. Registered Nurse. Part-time surveillance observer. Wellness coordinator. Fire/medic.

Personal service assistant. Fisheries technician II. Med Aid/ LEAD PSA. Vocational rehabilitation director. Maintenance worker/ High Lookee Lodge.

Conservation properties program supervisor. Fisheries biologist III (Hood River). Vocational rehabilitation office manager. Director of Information Systems.

CPS specialist. Community Health Nurse. Registered Dietician.

Chinook spawning in the upper basin

With 714 adult Chinook salmon passing above the Pelton-Round Butte dams this year, tribal and PGE biologists had high hopes for evidence of spawning in the upper basin. The results did not disappoint.

Fish biologists conducted surveys through the spawning season, searching for salmon nests made of gravel (redds) in Whychus Creek and the Metolius River.

The surveys discovered seven Chinook redds in the Metolius, two in Whychus Creek and another 85 redds unidentified by species.

Additionally, this was the first time the tribal-PGE biologists observed Chinook actively spawning on a redd in the Metolius.



Chinook released above Round Butte Dam were marked with tags, allowing for easy observation in the river.

Seeing fish spawn in healthy upper basin habitat is great news for the reintroduction effort. The hope now is to see natural production—the next generation of fish created through spawning in the wild—in the near future.

White Buffalos to have new soccer facilities

With the upcoming improvements at the Warm Springs Academy, the Jefferson County School District bond levy last year will fund improvements to the Madras High School soccer complex in early 2023.

“There is a huge need for upgraded locker rooms and bathrooms,” boys varsity soccer coach Clark Jones said.

Right now, there are only two bathrooms to serve 80 plus play-

ers, boys and girls, during practice, not counting games.

Soccer facility improvements include new field lights, expanded concrete pathways, and upgraded gates for security.

There will be a new 2,000-square-foot field house with concession space, restrooms, athlete locker rooms, and a shared coaches office. “The goal is the field will be more durable in the future, and stay in good condi-

tion for a longer period of time,” coach Jones said.

“We hope the new, bigger field will help us showcase our athletic players. Field lights will allow us to showcase our varsity games, and give more parents the opportunity to see their athletes play.”

The lights will free up the match scheduling, allowing more flexibility in late season and playoff games. “We hope to be able to draw a larger number of fans to our games,” Jones said.


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