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First tribal Response Plan for MMIP

In a first for the U.S. District of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Tribal Council has unanimously adopted a Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Tribal Community Response Plan.

The Response Plan team began working with tribal community members on the project in 2022. Council has also worked with Warm Springs Public Safety, the Police Department, the U.S. Attorney's Office in Portland, the Attorney's Office MMI coordinator for Oregon, and other partners.

The Tribal Community Response Plan, or TCRP, is a guide for how tribal law enforcement, rescue teams, community members and media will respond when someone goes missing from the tribal community.

The plan is tailored to the specific needs, resources and culture of the tribal community.

The Warm Springs TCRP establishes four different sets of guidelines relevant to MMIP: Law enforcement, victim services, public and media communications, and community outreach.

The overall goal of the TCRP is to recognize the critical need for an immediate and consistent response to missing persons reports from the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, and establish a formal process for responding to and investigating these reports; and to outline the actions that will be taken by tribal authorities.

Canoe Family on Journey to Muckleshoot

The N'Chi Wanapum Canoe Family of the Confederated Tribes spent the weekend at the Lummi Nation in Washington, as they make their way to the final destination at Muckleshoot.

The family is scheduled to arrive at the Swinomish Tribal Community this Wednesday, July 26; and then travel the following day to Camas, Washington.

Friday they are to arrive at Tulalip then paddle to Suquamish, both tribal communities. After a Saturday stay at Suquamish, they travel to Alki Beach at Seattle; then July 31 to August 6 they are at Muckleshoot.

Like the many other tribal canoe families on the Journey to Muckleshoot, the Warm Springs family follows the protocol of meeting other tribal communities while on the journey, including the formal request to come ashore. The Canoe Families travel



by waterways to the destination, accompanied by family and friends who drive and help with the logis-

tics. You can follow their journey at their Facebook page: N'Chi Wanapum.

Scenes from N'Chi Wanapum Canoe Family Journey to Muckleshoot ~ Photos courtesy of the Family.



Simnasho Fire update

The Simnasho Fire had burned across about 1,500 acres, as of the Fire Management report earlier this week.

The blaze at the time was about 40-percent contained, burning in grasses and some timber about five miles west of Simnasho, and two miles east of Highway 26.

The fire started the evening of Friday, July 21 in the vicinity of the water towers on the sound side of Highway 9, east of Highway 26.

Structure protection was in place by late Friday, as crews worked through the night. Wind was a factor in the initial spread of the fire.

Highway 26 was closed for a time Friday night, and Highway 9 was closed for much of the weekend.

Aerial support was assisting Fire Management engine crews and hand crews.

The boundaries of fire as of earlier this week: Highway 26 to the west, Highway 9 to the north, the S-450 road to the east, and the Warm Springs River to the south. The west, north and eastern flanks were solid, with firefighters working their way inward.

Museum 30-year anniversary exhibit opens

The Museum at Warm Springs 30-Year Anniversary exhibition opens this Wednesday evening, July 26. The opening reception will be at 6:30 p.m., and the public program to follow at 7. The exhibition opening reception and public program are free and open to the public.

The exhibit is called *Territories, Stories and the Long Memory of the Land: The Museum at Warm Springs Celebrates 30 Years ~ 1993-2023*.

The exhibit chronicles the history of the museum through original archival documents, historic photographs, audio and video components and engaging text.

The show also includes original architectural designs, models and artworks from the collection of Donald J. Stastny, representing the architects of record Stastny & Burke Architecture, and additional artworks from the museum collections.

Besides his work as architect, Mr. Stastny was a long-time member of the museum board of directors, and past board president.

During his presentation this Wednesday evening, he is to visit the origins and progress of



By the 1993 Museum at Warm Springs Grand Opening Capital Campaign Donor Recognition display at the museum are Angela Anne Smith, curator and exhibits coordinator, and Sunmiet Maben, operations manager.

the design process that created the Museum at Warm Springs.

In addition, Anne Lawrason Marshall, professor emeritus of Architecture and American Indian Studies at the University of Idaho, will make a presentation.

Her dissertation is *Indigenous Architecture: Envisioning, Designing and Building the Museum at Warm Springs*, a history of the processes of creating the museum.

Following the program, Mr. Stastny will sign copies of his book, *Portals: Seeking Transcendence*. Copies will be on sale for \$100

each with proceeds going to benefit the museum.

A special thank you to the Oregon Heritage Commission for sup-

port of the exhibition.

Territories, Stories and the Long Memory of the Land will be on view in the museum Changing Exhibits Gallery through early September 2.

Gala Fundraiser, arts classes

The date for the museum Annual Gala Fundraiser celebration riday is announced for October 13 at Tetherow Resort on Skyline Ranch Road in Bend. For information about tickets and table sponsorships, contact Bill Flood at 503-710-5413; or email: bill@billflood.org

Meanwhile, the second class in the summer and fall series of community traditional arts classes are going on at the museum, the current classes through July 28.

Participants are 18 years and older, are tribally-affiliated and are advanced weavers.



Grand Opening of the museum, March 14, 1993. Courtesy MAWS



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