

# Resource plan update open for comment

The tribal community is invited to comment on proposed updates to the tribes' Integrated Resource Management Plan, the IRMP. The comment period is open until May 15.

The draft document was prepared with input from the tribal public, tribal executive committees, the Branch of Natural Resources resource specialists, Tribal Council and members of the Project Inter-disciplinary Team and the Resource Managers Interdisciplinary Team (RMIDT).

The document that is available for public comment represents a

practical workbook, delineating how the tribes manage cultural and natural resources; and also serves as a statement for the honored history and importance that traditional knowledge holds for the people of tribes.

During the comment period, community members can suggest further revisions. At the end of the 30-day period, the comments will be compiled and presented to RMIDT for their consideration. The RMIDT will then vote for final approval. There is a link to the document: [forms.gle/QHQmWbaeTGstDUP6](https://forms.gle/QHQmWbaeTGstDUP6)

You can also pick up a copy at the Branch of Natural Resources office. Or contact Max Oakes, Wildlife Biologist at: [max.oakes@ctwsbnr.org](mailto:max.oakes@ctwsbnr.org)

Some of the major changes so far, as the Branch of Natural Resources explains:

The document has been re-oriented for ease of accessibility. Three new issues are addressed: Climate change, significant plants, and agriculture. Changes and modification to goals, standards and objectives. Implementation includes and requires more tribal committee input and feedback.

# Register to vote in May Primary by end of April

The last day to register to vote in the May 21 Oregon Primary is April 30. Most ballots will be in the mail on May 1. The last day to conduct a public certification test of the vote tally system is May 14.

Partisan positions up for the vote during the Primary are for federal offices like the President and Vice President, and Representative; and state offices such as Treasurer and Attorney General.

One position on the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners (non-partisan) is up for election with seven nominees: Ara Erdekian, Cindy Sue Brockett, George (Wes) Curtiss, Set Taylor, Shawn Stanfill,

Primary Election  
May 21, 2024  
**VOTE!**  
Ballots will be mailed  
May 1st  
Is your voter registration  
up to date?  
Questions? (541)475-4451

Rick Molitor and Brandie McNamee.

The Madras Aquatic Center board of directors has one position on the ballot with five candidates: Jillisa Suppah, Lindsay Fos-

ter-Drago, Jinnell A. Lewis, Deanna Seibold and Jean McCloskey.

On May 21 Election Day, the County Clerk's office will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. On the ballot the Aquatic Center is also asking to create a new recreation district, replacing the current one, that would address a funding matter through a tax-rate increase.

There is a drop-off box in Warm Springs by the Agency Fire Hall. May 28 is the last day the clerk can accept ballots post-marked by May 21. The Warm Springs community is voting precinct 14, where there are 1,466 registered voters in precinct 14.

# CRITFC grant supports Energy Vision, salmon

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission received an Energy Futures grant, supporting renewable energy that can also benefit salmon. The \$500,000 grant award will be used to assist in guiding the region to a renewable energy portfolio that allows for fish-friendly hydro operations.

The grant through the Depart-

ment of Energy supports the 'Modeling for a Salmon-Friendly Energy Transition' program. The project will help enhance the economic and cultural sovereignty of the Warm Springs, Yakama, Umatilla, and Nez Perce tribes, while also contributing to a cleaner, more sustainable energy future for everyone.

The Tribal Energy Vision plan offers recommendations to tribal, federal and state agencies; hydro-power operators and public utilities; and private electricity consumers with a path to make an energy transition that helps address climate change in a way that doesn't negatively impact salmon or the tribal cultures that rely on them.

# Employment

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. By phone they can be reached at 541-553-3262 or [hr@wstribe.org](mailto:hr@wstribe.org)

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

Administrative assistant/secretary. Deputy prosecutor. Fisheries biologist III (multiple positions). Advocate. Fisher-

ies technician III.

Probate assistant. Fisheries biologist I. Fisheries biologist II.

Tribal veterans representative (part-time). Resident care coordinator. Secretary. Legal aide advocate (two positions).

Personal service assistant (two positions). Personal computer, network technician. Mental health therapist.

Sanitation technician. Head Start lead teacher. Corrections officer. Police officer. Lamprey program supervisor.

Hood River fisheries program supervisor. Controller, non-treasury. Registered Nurse. Community Health program manager.

Director of Information Systems. Treasury controller.

Conservation properties program supervisor. Project Archaeologist/principal investigator (two positions). Maternal child health Nurse. Community Health Nurse.

The following are some of the job openings with **Indian Head Casino and the Plateau Travel Plaza**. For details see the website: [indianheadcasino.com](http://indianheadcasino.com)

**Indian Head Casino:** Food and beverage manager. Cook. Revenue auditor. Coffee station attendant.

Cottonwood server. Cottonwood kitchen steward. Maintenance worker II. Lead security officer.

**Plateau Travel Plaza:** Store supervisor. Security officer.

# Community notes...

**Warm Springs Head Start** is recruiting for next school year for children who will be 3 or 4 years old on September 1. If you have a child that age, please call the Early Childhood Education Center at 541-553-3241. And let them know you want to get on the Head Start list.

You will need to share your name and contact information, plus your child's name and date of birth. The Health and Wellness Center will be holding two Head Start round-up dates this summer; so sharing your contact details will help with notifying you of those dates and the process.

**Homeowners** living in Warm Springs, who are 55 and older or disabled, can apply for the construction of a

wheelchair ramp at your home at no cost.

If you are interested, please call Dorothea Thurby at 541-647-9001. She will sign you up, or provide more information.

Warm Springs Children's Protective Services will host an event recognizing **National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month**.

The 'I am a Warrior for Child Abuse Prevention' event will happen this Thursday, April 18 on the lawn area by the Behavioral Health Center from 12-1:30 p.m. and feature speakers, a meal and round dance.

**Social Dance Class** is every Thursday 3:30-5 p.m. at the Community Center aerobics room. All ages are welcome. No sign-up is needed, just go to class on Thursday. Any questions, contact Deanie Johnson at Culture and Heritage.

**FREE**  
**WARM SPRINGS SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC**  
APRIL 20TH & 21ST 2024  
@ WARM SPRINGS FIRE AND SAFETY  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED. REGISTER ANY OF 3 WAYS:  
1. Go to <http://firstnationsvet.com/warm-springs-nation>  
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3. Point phone camera at this square image to open registration page  
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SPONSORS:  
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DOGS AND CATS ARE BOTH WELCOME!

**LEGAL CLINICS**  
April 30, May 28, June 25  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Warm Springs Community Action Team  
1136 Paiute Avenue  
If you qualify for services, we can help with:  
• Will drafting  
• Estate planning  
• Tenant rights  
• Employee rights  
• Protection from domestic violence  
• Public benefits  
• Homeless rights  
• Expungement of a conviction  
Legal assistance provided by:  
Native American Program Legal Aid Services of Oregon (NAPOLS)  
Legal Aid Services of Oregon is a non-profit law firm that offers free civil legal services to low-income people.

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