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Fishing update

Because the Hood River spring chinook run was coming in well below the forecast during late June and early July, the tribes' joint Fish and Wildlife committees decided to close the fishery to tribal fishers, Warm Springs Fisheries announced last week.

At the time of the announcement, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife had already closed the river to recreational fishers. The closure notice is posted at the trailhead.

In another fisheries announcement from the region, Oregon and Washington fisheries managers shut down retention of Columbia River sockeye salmon from the ocean to the two-state border at Highway 395 near Pasco, Washington. This happened even as the run size forecast rose twice, and had nearly doubled during June.

\$15 million for highway road project

The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs will receive \$15 million in federal funding for safety improvements to the highway as it runs through the reservation.

Improvement projects include a new roundabout, shared-use paths, and projects to slow down drivers moving through Warm Springs.

Federal lawmakers announced nearly \$43 million in funding for transportation infrastructure for Warm Springs, Salem and Portland, with a third of the money aimed at reshaping the highway running through the reservation.

Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley have been advocates of tribal improvement projects, from the water system to road projects. A special fo-



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The Highway 26 Safety Corridor through Warm Springs has seen some major improvements in recent years, with \$15 million in federal funding for more work in the near future.

cus as been the Warm Springs Commercial Corridor Safety Project, an area that runs from the Broadway intersection area past the Museum at Warm Springs and Indian Head Casino.

Through the recent funding award, the Warm Springs Project

will design and construct improvements to the highway corridor.

Sen. Merkley credited the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law with supporting the Warm Springs Project, plus the improvements planned for the Salem and Portland transportation

systems. The funding goes through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity, or Raise, grant program, which lawmakers said is intended to upgrade roads, railways and transit systems.

"Reimagining transportation systems across our state will benefit every Oregonian while creating good-paying jobs in communities that are in desperate need of 21st-century transportation routes," Merkley said.

As of 2022, the total number of car crashes in Oregon had stayed below pre-pandemic levels. But the data shows that 30 miles of U.S. Highway 26 running through the Warm Springs Reservation is an exception. The total number of crashes recorded on this rural stretch of road broke a 10-year record in 2022.

At 2024 Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days



Miss Pi-Ume-Sha 2024-2025 Waurica Miller, and Luk-A-Meen Queen Whitney Jackson, photo courtesy Whitney.



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Another great Pi-Ume-Sha it was, the Fifty-Fifth Annual marking the 159th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of 1855.

Powwow chairman Gorky Mitchell would like to thank all who participated and helped out (see his letter is on 4). Results of the powwow contests, and the rodeo results will be in the next edition of the Spilyay Tymoo.



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