

Daminwa: The Medicine of All Time

Daminwa—a word rooted in the language of the people of the Warm Springs reservation and carries the weight of generations. It means ‘of all time,’ speaking to the past, present, and future in a single breath.

It reminds us that the land is not just where we walk; it is where we heal, where we honor our ancestors, and where we pass knowledge to those who come after us.

For centuries, the Warm Springs Tribes of Oregon have looked to the earth as a source of medicine and renewal. The rivers, the mountains, the sage, and the soil—each holds a power that was never meant to be taken, only shared.

Daminwa cannabis is an extension of this wisdom, cultivated with the

same reverence our people have always given to the gifts of the land.

Our ancestors knew that healing is not just physical; it is spiritual.

They understood that true medicine is found not just in plants but in the way they are grown, in the hands that care for them, and in the traditions that guide their use.

Daminwa is more than a product—it is a continuation of this lineage, a bridge between ancient knowledge and modern understanding.

With every leaf, with every harvest, we honor the land. With every use, we honor those who came before us. And with every seed planted, we honor the future.

This is Daminwa—The Medicine of all Time.



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Cannabis: Tribal referendum in mid June

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Sales will only be allowed off reservation at tribally owned and operated retail stores within the state of Oregon. Currently, medical and recreational cannabis is legally sold to adults over the age of 21 throughout the state of Oregon.

This project will be operated in a highly regulated, secure, safe and controlled indoor growing facility that reflects the culture of our environmental responsibility as stewards of our land.

Federal policy compliance

With the release of the ‘Cole and Wilkinson Memoranda’ in 2013 and 2014 respectively, the U.S. Department of Justice announced a programmatic policy for its enforcement of the Controlled Substances Act as it relates to marijuana cultivation, use, possession and sales.

While reserving ultimate federal authority, the Department of Justice will exercise its discretion not to prosecute

cultivation and retail sales of medical or recreational marijuana provided a robust state or tribal regulatory system is in place, unless the activity implicates other federal enforcement priority concerns.

lishing regulations to implement the Cannabis Code and to protect public health and safety. Warm Springs Tribal Code, Chapter 744, establishes the Hemp code and regulations.

Tribal, state inter-governmental agreement

The intent is to coordinate the regulation of production, processing, sale and possession that recognize the independent regulatory and enforcement obligations of each sovereign.

Water spill for young salmon starts at Bonneville

Last week, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers opened Bonneville Dam’s spillway gates, marking the beginning of seasonal water releases known as ‘spill.’

Within the first 12 hours, nearly 13 billion gallons of water barreled over the top of the last man-made obstacle young salmon face on their journey from their home streams across the West and into the Pacific Ocean.



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Spill, which is now happening at each federal dam along the Columbia-Snake river system that has fish passage, allows out-migrating salmon to dodge the dams’ deadly turbines, increasing their survival rate and eventual returns.

But this year, in addition to battling hundreds of miles of near-still water, predators and a warming ocean, the roughly 6.6 million roughly

pinky-finger-sized young fish also face an administration that has attacked the notion of using the West’s rivers for anything but pure and immediate commercial gain.

Even if the current spill regime remains in place, reduced staff rolls at the federal agencies that manage the

Columbia could negatively impact dam functions, said Tom Lorz, a hydraulic engineer and fish passage specialist who has been at the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission since the mid-1990s.

And without spill, the basin stands to lose the “best

way to keep fish from going extinct,” he said.

“It’s a lot of uncertainty,” Lorz said of the current political environment, “which is never a good thing when you’re trying to manage fisheries or endangered species or trying to make sure you’ve got a plan going forward.”

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the Seniors program will host Senior Day this year on Friday, May 9.

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