

2025 Pi-Ume-Sha Rodeo
All Around Champion



Isaiah Florendo is the 2025 Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days All Around Champion. Isaiah is also the 2025 Pi-Ume-Sha Rodeo Bull Riding Champion.

On the Tribal Council agenda in July

The following are some of the items coming up on the Tribal Council agenda for the rest of July (subject to change at Council discretion):

Wednesday, July 9—Director-General Manager updates
9 a.m.: Natural Resources Branch with Austin Smith Jr.
10: Public Utilities Branch with Chico Holliay.
11: Public Safety Branch with Dennis White III.
1:30 p.m.: Finance with Pam Douglas
2:30: Tribal Court update with Gayleen Adams, Sarah Monkton, BBK.
3:30: Human Resources with William Sam.

Monday, July 14—Enterprise updates
9 a.m.: Indian Head Casino and Plateau Travel Plaza with Shawn McDaniel and board.
10: Power and Water Enterprises with Cathi Ehli and board.
11: Composite Products with Jake Cocohise and board.

1:30 p.m.: Museum at Warm Springs with Liz Woody and Sunmiet Maben.
2:30: W.S. Telecom with Tim York.
3:30: Warm Springs Community Action Team with Leah Guliasi/E.D.

Tuesday, July 15—Enterprise updates
9 a.m.: Warm Springs Housing Authority with Danielle Wood.
10: Timber LLC with Eric Farm.
11: High Lookkee Lodge with Fay Hurtado.
1:30 p.m.: Warm Springs Ventures with Jim Souers and board.
2:30: Credit Enterprise with Lori Fuentes.
3:30: National Guard presentation with Jake.

Wednesday, July 16
9 a.m.: Major document workshop for Tribal Council.

Monday, July 21
9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer up-

date with Robert Brunoe.
10: August agenda and review minutes.
11: Draft resolutions.
1:30 p.m.: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson, Vital Stats.
2:30: Indian Health Service update with Tammy Wilson.
3:30: Health and Human Services with Taw Foltz.
4:30: Managed Care with Michael Collins.

Tuesday, July 22
9 a.m.: Early Childhood Education Center compliance.
10: June financial overview-2026 budget forecast with Pam Douglas.
11: Warm Springs Police Department report with Billy Williams and Jim Ferris.
1:30 p.m.: Committee appointments.

Wednesday, July 30: Graduation Honoring at the Agency Longhouse, 6 p.m.

\$45 million for Willamette Falls Trust
Inter-Tribal Public Access Project

Public access to Willamette Falls from the West Linn side of the Willamette River took a step forward last week, as the Oregon Legislature allocated the Willamette Falls Trust \$45 million to acquire land at the falls for the Inter-Tribal Public Access Project.

The Willamette Falls Trust is a partnership of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Yakama Nation, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla. The tribes had initially asked lawmakers for \$50- to \$75 million to acquire about 60 acres of land on the West Linn side of the falls.

The falls forms within the 40-foot u-shaped basalt formation in the middle of the Willamette between West Linn and Oregon City; and is the second-largest waterfall by volume in the United States.

Willamette Falls was a significant site for Indigenous people from around the region since time immemorial. Archeologists have found evidence of Native peoples at the falls from as far back as 12,000 years ago.

Today, the site remains an important spot for regional tribes to collect traditional first foods like salmon and lamprey.

However, industrialization of the surrounding area, which took place in the 19th and 20th centuries,

made the falls much harder to access; and they are now only reachable by boat.

The trust hopes to change that while honoring the important tribal and industrial history of the area.

The trust hopes to move forward with acquiring property at the falls within the next year to 18 months. The land eyed by the trust includes a portion of Moore’s Island and the uplands area above the falls. The property is currently owned by both Portland General Electric, which operates its TW Sullivan hydroelectric facility at the falls, and landowner Belgravia. Much of the property was home to a large paper mill for a century and half.

Though the trust had been studying the feasibility of public access at the falls since 2023, the closure of the paper company has changed the organization’s focus. While the trust was initially hoping to build its project alongside the mill, now it hopes to transform the mill property into a park or national heritage site.

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2025 Graduation Banquet

Agency Longhouse

2025 Tribal Member High School Graduates, College Graduates, Vocational/Trade certifications, please provide documentation to the Tribal Council office no later than July 18th, 2025. (We have the MHS, Bridges and Roots graduate list)

Wednesday, July 30th, 2025
Dinner at 6 pm

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