

Cascade Crossing Oral History Project

Grand Ronde's Site Protection Program, in the Cultural Resources Department, is seeking Tribal members who have:

1. Hunted
2. Fished
3. Gathered
4. Participated in other traditional practices within the vicinity of:
 - Detroit, OR
 - Breitenbush Hot Springs
 - Olallie Lake
 - Molalla Table Rock
 - Silver Falls
 - Santiam State Forest

We are seeking information on our people's connection to the land in these areas both past and present. Information collected will be used by the Tribe in confidential consultation with state and federal agencies regarding proposed and future development in these areas.

If you have information or know someone who does about our people's traditional use of the areas stated above, past or present, please contact the Tribe's Cultural Protection Specialist David Harrelson at 503-879-2320 or by e-mail at david.harrelson@grandronde.org. ■

Free online learning source

The information includes:

Everyday life

Math and money

Computer training

Online classes

Work and career information

Check it out at www.gcflearnfree.org ■

Powwow dance class set

The Tribe's Cultural Resources Department is offering a powwow dance class from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Adult Education Building.

This is a family dance class for all ages that teaches all powwow dance styles.

For more information, contact Cultural Education Specialist Brian Krehbiel at brian.krehbiel@grandronde.org or 503-879-4639. ■

Adult Foster Program

"A Place To Call Home"



The Tribe's Adult Foster Care lodges are committed to offering quality care to our Elders and helping them remain as independent as possible, while providing the personalized assistance they need. At our lodges, a wide range of services is available in a comfortable setting where privacy is respected and maximum independence is supported. For information, contact the Adult Foster Program director at 503-879-1694. ■

'It was about our ceded homelands'

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in the decision not to renew it for a third time.

Daughtry said "confidential" talks are continuing between the Port of Cascade Locks and Warm Springs Tribe and that the port has received interest from other entities about leasing or buying the 60 acres. He characterized the interest as "speculative."

Daughtry said that by not having the option agreement in place, it gives the port more flexibility because extending the agreement would have tied up the 60 acres for an unknown period of time.

The Warm Springs Tribe proposed to build Oregon's first off-reservation casino in Cascade Locks about a decade ago. The proposal sought to build a 603,000-square-foot riverfront resort and casino on the 60 acres. The Warm Springs Tribe asked the Department of Interior to take 25 acres into trust to accommodate the development.

At the time, the proposal received the support of then-Gov. Ted Kulongoski's administration.

However, during five meetings held in March 2008, environmental concerns and historical and policy reasons expressed by other Oregon Tribes, including the Confederated

Tribes of Grand Ronde, were voiced at five hearings held by the Department of Interior.

In addition, with the November 2010 gubernatorial election of John Kitzhaber, who has long opposed locating a casino in the scenic Columbia River Gorge, state support for the project vanished.

Tribal member Justin Martin, who works as the Grand Ronde Tribe's lobbyist, said the lapsing of the agreement between the Port of Cascade Locks and Warm Springs Tribe is "good news."

"It means that off-reservation gaming in Oregon is off the table," Martin said. "We understand the need for the Port of Cascade Locks to look at all their economic development options."

Port Chairman Jess Groves said in the *Hood River News* that he and fellow port commission members feel the priority needs to shift toward allowing the port to market all of its available land toward getting jobs into Cascade Locks sooner than later.

Martin said he was pleased that the Warm Springs Tribe has moved on to other options besides an off-reservation casino in Cascade Locks. The eastern Oregon Tribe moved its gaming facility to reservation land adjoining Highway 26, making it more accessible to travelers.

"It's been extremely frustrating trying to get a decision out of the federal government," Daughtry said. "The state and federal approvals needed to line up and with the current governor not receptive to the proposal ... with that reality the port needs to be looking at other potential interest."

Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. announced at the Jan. 8 General Council meeting in Grand Ronde that the Port of Cascade Locks let the agreement lapse. He cited Tribal Council opposition to the proposal in 2008 as one of the reasons why the project never occurred.

Grand Ronde Tribal Council members attended all of the hearings, which were held in Portland, Warm Springs, Cascade Locks, Hood River and Stevenson, Wash., and expressed their concerns about altering Oregon's one casino per Tribe on reservation land policy.

Tribal Council members also expressed concerns about other Oregon Tribes staking claim to Grand Ronde's ceded homelands.

"For me, it was about our ceded homelands," said Tribal Council member Kathleen Tom at the Jan. 8 General Council meeting. "I am not in favor of more encroachment into our ceded lands. We have treaties that say Cascade Locks is part of our ceded homelands. It is

a great honor that we were finally listened to."

"It's been a long road," said Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy. "I am inspired that a decision has been reached by the Port of Cascade Locks. My goal from the start was to preserve Grand Ronde's ceded lands from diminishment."

"The people of Grand Ronde have suffered many injustices, more so than other Tribes that did not experience Termination. As chairwoman of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, I led the effort to maintain and preserve the land base negotiated through our treaties."

"While some boiled this resistance down to being between two Tribes fighting over a gaming market, that was not my motivation. I have grandfathers who signed our treaties and I resisted our ceded lands base being built on by another Tribe."

"A statement has been made that the Grand Ronde Tribe is determined to defend what is rightfully ours. And I want to congratulate the Warm Springs Tribe on the opening of their new casino. I wish them great success."

Kennedy said she also wanted to thank Tribal staff and fellow Tribal Council members for their work in opposing the Cascade Locks casino proposal. ■