



2010 – Oregon Tribes were organizing to combat two November ballot measures that would have a “devastating effect” on Indian gaming statewide. Backers of a private casino in Wood Village had collected enough signatures to put the issue on the Nov. 2 ballot.

2005 – Tribal member Shelley Hansen was named Spirit Mountain Community Fund director, taking over from Adam Henny, who was named interim director in July 2004.

2000 – The Tribe made a \$500,000 donation to the Portland Art Museum to create the new Grand Ronde Center for Native American Art, which will give museum visitors a better sense of the museum’s Native American collection. “To know us, you have to know our art,” said Tribal Council Chairwoman Kathryn Harrison.

1995 – Tribal Council members Kathryn Harrison and Mark Mercier attended a fundraising luncheon for Congresswoman Elizabeth Furse at the Governor Hotel in Portland. Furse is a longtime friend of the Grand Ronde Tribe and an instrumental figure in Tribal Restoration efforts in the early 1980s.

1990 – Enrollment Director Margo Mercier reported that membership totaled 2,646 with 80 new enrollees after people responded to an application sent to households whose children were not yet enrolled.

1985 – A fry bread stand to raise money for the powwow did well, earning \$150 at Phil Sheridan Days and more than \$200 during the two-day celebration in Willamina. Volunteers also introduced the “Grand Ronde hamburger,” which was a hit along with the original fry bread and strawberries and shortcake.

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Timber briefing



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Standing on Yoncalla Bridge on the Tribe’s reservation land, Tribal Wildlife Biologist Lindsay Belonga, right, talks about stream enhancement projects the Grand Ronde Tribe has conducted on the land while on a reservation tour with representatives from the United Auburn Indian Community on Wednesday, July 1. United Auburn Indian Community, from Auburn, Calif., is considering buying timber land in southern Oregon, which would be a new investment for their economic portfolio. Auburn representatives came to Grand Ronde to learn about how the Tribe manages its timber land. Also on the tour was additional staff from the Natural Resources Department, General Manager Dawn Doar and Assistant General Manager Bryan Langley, Chief of Staff Stacia Martin, Tribal Attorney Rob Greene and members of Tribal Council.



Tribal Senior Forester Zach Haas, right, shows representatives from United Auburn Indian Community an area of the reservation that has been thinned while on a reservation tour on Wednesday, July 1. Auburn representatives also were shown an area that was clear cut for a timber sale.

Tribe receives two grants

The Confederated Tribes of Grant Ronde received two grants from the Bureau of Indian Affairs as part of the \$11.8 million in funding awarded from the Tribal Climate Resilience Program.

The federal funding will help federally recognized Tribes with climate change adaptation and ocean and coastal management planning projects.

The Grand Ronde Tribe received a \$38,945 grant to conduct a fisheries inventory and vulnerability assessment. In addition, the Tribe received a \$5,841 grant to help support travel for climate adaptation planning training and cooperative efforts.

The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians also received a \$249,719 grant to design and host Tribal trainings and workshops to build skills and gather information needed to coordinate and implement Tribal adaptation planning processes.

“These funds will help American Indian and Alaska Native communities on the front lines of climate change prepare, plan and build capacity,” U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said in a July 9 press release announcing the grant awards. “The Obama administration remains committed to supporting these communities as they adapt to the effects of rising sea levels, stronger storms and other manifestations of a warming climate that we see and feel across the country.” ■