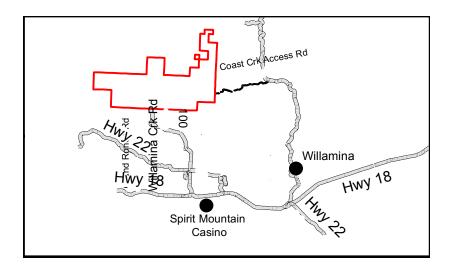
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Tribal Wildlife Management tags

2015 Tribal hunting tags and application rules

As previously announced, on September 5, 2014, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission approved the Tribal Fish and Wildlife Management Plan. The approval delegated authority to the Tribe, regaining sovereignty over natural resources on the Tribal Reservation and trust lands. An administrative rule was developed as part of the approval process, which provides additional hunting tags to the Tribe outside of the state-issued regular and ceremonial hunting tags already allocated to the membership. The new tags will be valid on the Reservation only as identified by the red line (see Figure below).



The Fish & Wildlife Department will hold the new Tribal hunting **tag drawing** for these Tribal Wildlife Management Tags (black-tailed deer and Roosevelt elk) on **Friday**, **Sept. 11**, **2015**, at 5 p.m. at the Natural Resources Department facility, 47010 S.W. Hebo Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347.

APPLICATION RULES:

Tribal hunting licenses are required <u>before</u> submitting applications with
the exception that Tribal members 11 years of age may apply. However, they must turn 12 and have their Hunter's Safety Certificate
submitted to the Natural Resources Department before a tag will
be issued. Under no circumstances will a tag be issued without

Ballots mailed in July

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unity and stability to the Tribe and its leadership, being thankful for the education and health benefits Tribal members receive, concern about future gaming competition in the Portland metro area, the importance of culture, the importance of the Constitution, ridding the community of drugs and thanking past leadership for their efforts that have brought the Tribe to where it is today.

The question from the executive office asked each candidate to outline their top three priorities if elected to Tribal Council.

Question topics from the audience ranged from enrollment issues to protection of the Tribe's endowments and Constitution. Candidates were asked if they supported a new swimming pool in the community, what they were most proud of about the Tribe, if they were team players and if they were independent thinkers.

Membership also wanted to know what each candidate would focus on if elected, how they would keep the Tribe strong, what ideas they had for Tribal member jobs and what they thought of a current lawsuit involving a Tribal employee suing a member of the Tribe.

Audio Visual Network Technician Wendell Olson and his son, summer intern Jacob Olson, taped the event for broadcast on the Tribe's website, where it can be viewed at www.grandronde.org under the Video tab. Many viewers watched the broadcast live.

The eight running for Tribal Council include incumbents Cheryle A. Kennedy and Jon A. George. Challengers include former Tribal Council members June Sherer, Steve Bobb Sr. and Kathleen Tom, as well as Ann Lewis, Brenda Tuomi and Tammy Garrison.

Ballots were mailed to voters with verified signatures on July 29 and are due back by Election Day, which is Saturday, Sept.12.

Tribal members must be registered to vote and may register by creating a verified signature card at any time up to and including Election Day.

The Election Office in the Tribal Community Center is open through Thursday, Sept. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with a half-hour lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The Election Office's phone number is 503-879-2271.

Tribal members may vote for up to three candidates to fill three positions on Tribal Council. The top three vote-getters will serve through September 2018. ■

the Hunter's Safety Certificate on file. If a license is not obtained before the submitted application, all applications will be voided.

- Incomplete or duplicate applications will be voided. Applications must be legible and signed in all designated spaces
- Tribal members 17 and under must possess a valid Hunter's Safety Certificate
- Tribal members must have successfully completed a one-time education tutorial discussing tag rules, regulations, applications and reporting as well as receive associated tutorial materials before awarded tag can be picked up. Please contact Tribal Wildlife Biologist Lindsay Belonga at 503-879-2387 for more information. Under no circumstances will a tag be issued without hunter having completed said tutorial.
- Tags are non-transferable

TRIBAL LICENSES are issued at the Natural Resources Department. Please call ahead of time to schedule an appointment to obtain your license. Tribal Enrollment Cards are required at the time of licensing and in addition, Hunter's Safety Certificates are required for youth 17 and under.

ONLY ONE APPLICATION PER CATEGORY! Multiple applications will result in ALL APPLICATIONS being voided for that hunter. Categories are as follows:

- DEER (FIREARM ONLY)
 - o Coastal Buck Centerfire Firearm Season: Sept. 28 to Oct. 2.
 - o Hair Tag Muzzleloader Rifle Season: Nov. 21 to Dec. 1.
 - o Hunters may apply for both hunts.
- ELK (FIREARM ONLY)
 - o Bull First Season: Nov. 7 to Nov. 13.
 - o Spike Second Season: Nov. 18 to Nov. 20.
 - o DO NOT APPLY FOR BOTH 1st and 2nd season, or all applications will be voided.
- Lost tags will not be replaced. It is the hunter's responsibility to keep all tags in a safe and secure place.
- ·Under no circumstances will a tag be issued without all of the proper documentation.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Thursday, Sept. 3, 2015, at 5 p.m.

Applications may be mailed, faxed, e-mailed or hand-delivered to one of the following:

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

47010 S.W. Hebo Road

P.O. Box, 10

Grand Ronde, OR 97347

E-mail: NRD@grandronde.org

Office: 503-879-2424

Fax: 503-879-5622

All tags will be available for issue on Monday, Sept. 14, 2015.

A Grand Ronde Tribal Hunting and Fishing License will be required to be shown at time of tag pickup. Tags will not be allowed to be picked up for other hunters. No exceptions to either of these rules.

Tag Return Deadlines

In accordance with the Natural Resources Fish and Wildlife Ordinance, all tag reports (Kill or No kill, and lost tags) are required **TO BE RE-PORTED within 10 days of the last day of hunt.** In an attempt to help all hunters achieve this, the Natural Resources Department will allow reporting of activities the following ways; Telephone at 503-879-2424, e-mail at NRD@grandronde.org; mail at P.O. BOX 10, Grand Ronde OR 97347, and in person to the Natural Resources Department, 47010 S.W. Hebo Road, Grand Ronde OR 97347 where a secured drop box is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. As a reminder, cards not returned within the established deadlines are subject to suspension. ■

Casino to host Economic Summit Aug. 26-27

Spirit Mountain Casino will host the fourth annual Oregon Coast Economic Summit on Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 26-27.

Sen. Arnie Roblan, D-Coos Bay, hosted the first summit in 2012. The summit's objective is to continue community collaboration to find legislative and community solutions to the challenges facing Oregon's rural and coastal communities. Previous summits have seen attendance by members of Oregon's congressional delegation, Tribal leaders, members of the state Legislature's Rural and Coastal Caucus, state government executives, advisers to the governor and numerous statewide and local elected officials.

Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno said the Grand Ronde Tribe is honored to host this year's event.

Last year's event was held at the Three Rivers Casino and Hotel in Florence. \blacksquare