

TERO Worker of the Month March 2023

Name: Rob Roy
Employer: Suulutaaq
Position: Top hand laborer/pipe layer
Rob Roy signed up with the TERO program in 2017, but had not utilized the program until October 2021 when he attended a TERO recruitment event in Grand Ronde. Shortly after, he was referred out to one of TERO's largest projects to date, the Interstate 205 Abernathy project.



Rob Roy

Rob has been with the Suulutaaq excavating team for only seven months as a laborer, but has learned many new skills. He has progressed to running heavy equipment and leading the pipe laying crew in a short time. His willingness to learn new skills and be a leader is why TERO selected him as the March Worker of the Month.

We asked Rob to provide insight into his experience with the TERO program. He said that the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, the TERO staff and Compliance Officer Duke Kimsey run an excellent program. He said that this experience has helped him achieve a new career and be successful with the help of the TERO program's excellent leadership. "Choose a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life," he said.

Great work, Rob, and thanks for representing the Grand Ronde TERO program in a good way!

*For more information on the TERO Skills Bank and any other TERO opportunities, contact the TERO office or the TERO director.
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Legislature adds Native voices to Public Records Law

SALEM – The Oregon Legislature passed the Adding Native Voices to Public Records Law on Monday, April 24.

The bill will add "Tribal culture value" to the list of considerations when appraising public records for retention once it is signed into law by Gov. Tina Kotek. Doing so will ensure in-depth consideration of the nine federally recognized Tribes when establishing retention periods for government records.

"HB 2112 will add 'Tribal culture value' to the list of considerations that determine how long public records are kept by state agencies or the Oregon State Archives," said Secretary of State Shemia Fagan. "State agencies hold many documents that are of ongoing cultural value to Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribes. It is our responsibility to include the Tribes' perspective in decisions about those records. The State Archives already works with agency Tribal liaisons on public record retention schedules. Codifying this practice into law will increase visibility for this effort and ensure that it is a standard practice across all state government."

Fagan oversees the State Archives, which are part of the Secretary of State's Office. ■

SSI recipients eligible for Internet service aid

Any household with an individual receiving Supplemental Security Income is eligible to receive discounted Internet service through the Affordable Connectivity Program recently launched by the Federal Communications Commission. Social Security does not count Affordable Connectivity Program assistance as income or a resource for SSI purposes.

The program provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward Internet service for eligible households and \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households also can receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 toward purchasing a laptop, desktop computer or tablet from participating providers.

To enroll in the Connectivity Program, go to www.fcc.gov/asp. ■

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Job Opening: Project Director

Elderberry Wisdom Farm is hiring a Project Director for the Native Agriculture Biodiversity Accelerator. This is a full-time exempt salaried role responsible for coordinating agricultural and horticultural career pathway planning and trainings for cohorts of Native Americans interested in becoming owners and operators of their own microenterprise business.

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- Provide business training
- Work with partners integrating Western science practices
- Help interns form microenterprises

To apply, contact Sara:
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