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Tribe discusses new hunting, fishing rights

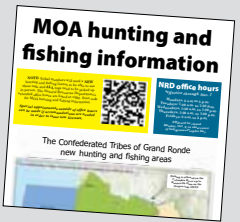
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The Tribe held another Facebook Live event on Wednesday, Sept. 20, to brief the membership on the new hunting and fishing rights acquired through a memorandum of agreement with the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife.

Approved on Aug. 4, the MOA significantly expands the Tribe's ceremonial and cultural hunting and fishing areas beyond the Trask management unit from 1,300 square miles to more than 11,000 square miles.

The agreement now allows Tribal members to harvest finfish, lampry, shellfish and crustaceans, mammals and birds in the Wilson, Trask, Willamette, Stott Mountain

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and Santiam wildlife management units in western Oregon. In addition, Tribal members can fish on the Columbia River from Kelly Point to the Bonneville Dam in Oregon waters.

In reaction, Tribal Natural Resources staff members – the Fast Track Team – have been working to create the regulations and structure of hunting and fishing in the

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Tribal Fish & Wildlife Program Manager Kelly Dirksen, left, discusses the new holographic license that Tribal members must obtain through the Tribe's Natural Resources Department to hunt and fish under the memorandum of agreement the Tribe recently signed with the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife during a Facebook Live broadcast from Tribal Council Chambers on Wednesday, Sept. 20. On the right is Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy.

Prairie restoration



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Pharmacy Director Lincoln Wright sprinkles a seed mix onto a patch of land that has been prepared for restoration on the Thompson property in Grand Ronde on Thursday, Sept. 21. Tribal staff were given three hours of administrative leave so they could volunteer to help restore 30 patches of non-native pasture grass to a mixture of native prairie species as part of the Thompson Prairie restoration effort. The Tribe's Natural Resources Department has been working on restoring the property for several years using plants that have come from NRD's native plant nursery.



Early Childhood Education Shayim classroom teacher Leah Brisbois, left, and Early Childhood Education Teacher Aide Lana Gaines remove grass from a patch of land on the Thompson property.



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Spirit Mountain Community Fund Program Coordinator Angela Schlappie hugs Tribal Council member Brenda Tuomi as she is recognized for 20 years of service to the Tribe during the third quarter Years of Service awards held at the Tribal gym on Thursday, Sept. 21. In the background, Grand Ronde Emergency Services Firefighter-EMT Jennifer Colton hugs Tribal Training Specialist Tisha Pellett as she's recognized for 21 years of service.

Years of Service awards honor 83 employees

Eighty-three employees with a combined 1,301 years of service to the Grand Ronde Tribe were honored during the third quarter of 2023 at a breakfast held at the Tribal gym on Thursday, Sept. 21. They included third-quarter employees hired in either July, August or September with at least five years of service to the Tribe.

Tribal Council Secretary Michael Cherry welcomed employees to the service event, noting how much the Tribe had grown since Restoration in 1983.

"I'm so grateful for all of our employees,"

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