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# **WILLAMETTE VALLEY SYSTEM OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

## **FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

### **APPENDIX O: TRIBAL COORDINATION AND PERSPECTIVES**

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**THE TRIBAL COORDINATION AND PERSPECTIVES APPENDIX HAS BEEN REVISED IN FORMAT  
FROM THE DEIS  
INFORMATION FROM FEIS SECTION 3.24, TRIBAL RESOURCES, HAS BEEN INSERTED  
INSERTION OF LARGE AMOUNTS OF TEXT IS IDENTIFIED; MINOR EDITS ARE NOT DENOTED**

**Summary of changes from the DEIS:**

- **DEIS Table 1-1, Affected Indian Tribes and WRB Relevant Treaties, has been removed because this information is provided in FEIS Section 3.24, Tribal Resources, Table 3.24-1.**
- **Coordination details have been clarified, including distinctions between Cooperating Agency status and consulting participation, in Section 1.1, Timeline of Coordination.**
- **A summary of tribal concerns regarding the Proposed Action and resources in the analysis area have been provided in newly added FEIS Section 1.2, Tribal Concerns.**
- **Tables in Section 1.3, Record of Coordination, have been updated.**
- **The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon Tribal Perspectives Statement has been included as Attachment 1.**



## **1. INTRODUCTION**

### **THE DEIS HAS BEEN MODIFIED TO REVISE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN THE FEIS**

The Tribal Coordination and Perspectives appendix provides a timeline and record of coordination between USACE and various interested Indian tribes spanning the NEPA process for development of this EIS (Attachment 1). It also provides discussion on topics that the tribes have identified as important through the NEPA process and from tribal websites (see also Chapter 6, Public Involvement and Appendix V, Draft EIS Public Scoping Comments and Responses).

The concept of tribal resources, when viewed through a Federal legal framework, is different than tribal understanding of those resources. As detailed in the 2022 Columbia River System Operations EIS, tribes who chose to provide tribal input and perspective in that planning process indicated that:

Federal agencies failed to understand the holistic connections between natural resources, cultural resources, and the everyday practice of tribal lifeways. This was reflected, they contended, in the agencies' adoption of a definition of "cultural resources" that focused on properties, as suggested by the National Historic Preservation Act, versus a more holistic definition of cultural resources that sees a much broader range of phenomena as cultural resources. For example, several tribes claimed that fish, which are a key part of many Native American ceremonies in the Pacific Northwest, are just as much of a cultural resource as an archaeological site or a historic building. This reliance on a property-based definition of cultural resources is just one example of how the perspective adopted by the agencies is fundamentally at odds with most indigenous peoples' learning systems (USACE, BOR, and BPA 2022a).

USACE requested Tribal Perspectives statements specific to this EIS to provide critical insight to decision-makers on how the alternatives may impact tribal interests beyond just the resource categories identified for EIS analyses, such as fish, aquatic vertebrates, aquatic habitat, cultural resources, recreation, vegetation, wetlands, water quality, wildlife, birds, terrestrial habitat, etc. USACE further recognizes that agency actions may have direct or indirect effects to each tribe's interests in different ways. This information will inform decision-makers of all facets of potential impacts before finalizing and signing the Record of Decision.

### **1.1 Timeline of Coordination**

USACE initiated consultation with 10 Federally recognized Indian tribes, including:

- Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation (Yakama)
- Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI)

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- Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon (Grand Ronde)
- Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (Siletz)
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (Umatilla)
- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon (Warm Springs)
- Coquille Indian Tribe (Coquille)
- Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians (Cow Creek)
- Klamath Tribes (Klamath)
- Nez Perce Tribe (Nez Perce)

In response to USACE's requests to consult, the Coquille, CTCLUSI, and Klamath Tribes deferred involvement to the appropriate tribes, while the Cow Creek, Grand Ronde, Siletz, Nez Perce, Umatilla, Warm Springs, and Yakama Tribes have expressed continued interest in EIS development.

USACE routinely consults with the Cow Creek, Grand Ronde, Siletz, and Warm Springs Tribes for WVS actions that require NEPA review and undertakings that require National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) compliance (Section 1.3.1, National Environmental Policy Act; Section 3.21.2, Federal Laws and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Regulations). As a result, USACE invited the four tribes to participate as Cooperating Agencies in development of the EIS. USACE did not invite other tribes to participate as Cooperating Agencies.

From 2020 through 2022, USACE also partnered with the Cow Creek, Grand Ronde, Siletz, and Warm Springs Tribes, as well as several Federal and state partners and other interested parties, to execute a program-level programmatic agreement. This agreement modifies the NHPA Section 106 process to follow a streamlined and standardized approach to manage historic properties that have the potential to be impacted by USACE undertakings<sup>1</sup> related to the current and future operations of the WVS (Section 3.21.2, Federal Laws and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Regulations).

The Grand Ronde Tribe actively participated as a Cooperating Agency in development of this EIS by attending cooperator meetings, special topics meetings, and WVS field trips and by providing written and verbal comments. USACE and the Grand Ronde Tribe executed a Memorandum of Understanding on February 28, 2020. Also, in a letter dated June 2, 2020, the Grand Ronde Tribe provided comments to USACE acting in their role as a Cooperating Agency. The comments were specific to the alternatives and corresponding measures.

Staff from the Siletz and Warm Springs Tribes have also participated in Cooperating Agency meetings. Both Tribes expressed interest in acting as Cooperating Agencies and engaged with USACE in multiple meetings, phone calls, and emails on the subject. The Cow Creek Tribe

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<sup>1</sup> An undertaking is any project, activity, or program that a Federal agency funds, permits, licenses, or approves in whole or in part.

requested to receive updates as the EIS progresses but declined to participate as a Cooperating Agency on January 31, 2019, via email.

USACE contacted four Columbia River tribes who are members of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) because the analysis area encompasses the confluence of the Willamette River with the Columbia River. These tribes include the Yakama, Umatilla, Warm Springs, and Nez Perce Tribes. During the public scoping process, CRITFC provided a letter, dated June 28, 2019, asserting the Columbia Plateau Tribe's treaty rights and potential concerns and recommendations related to operations and maintenance of the WVS.

As part of its consultation process for EIS development, USACE offered to provide EIS updates to each of the tribes and requested identification of a tribal point-of-contact (letter dated September 30, 2021, which was not provided to the Grand Ronde Tribe due to their existing role as a Cooperating Agency). Representatives from the CTCLUSI, Coquille, and Klamath Tribes declined to consult on the EIS and deferred involvement to other tribes. The Umatilla Tribe identified a contact for continued discussion and asked that CRITFC staff be engaged for technical expertise. Subsequently, USACE conducted outreach to engage in discussions with the Yakama, Nez Perce, and Warm Springs Tribes.

USACE contacted Cow Creek, Grand Ronde, Siletz, Nez Perce, Umatilla, Warm Springs, and Yakama Tribal representatives in 2022 and 2023 with the request for each tribe to provide a Tribal Perspectives statement that would be collated verbatim in this appendix.<sup>2</sup> The intent of this outreach was to ensure an opportunity for tribes to voice concerns, issues, and interests that are unique, unfiltered, and specific to each tribe regarding operations and maintenance of the WVS.

The Grand Ronde Tribe provided a Tribal Perspectives statement on November 2, 2022 (Attachment 1). Other tribes did not contribute a Tribal Perspectives statement for EIS development purposes. However, USACE recognizes that tribal perspectives regarding potential effects from alternative implementation are unique to each tribal community and that the EIS analyses provided by USACE cannot convey a tribal perspective regarding tribal community impacts.

### **END REVISED TEXT**

## **1.2 Tribal Concerns**

### **THE DEIS HAS BEEN MODIFIED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN THE FEIS**

The Grand Ronde Tribe provided a statement for the Columbia River System Operation EIS titled *DRAFT Blueprint for Characterizing Tribal Cultural Landscapes (TCLs) in the Area of Potential Effect (APE) of the Columbia River System Operations Environmental Impact Statement (CRSO-EIS)*. In this document, the Grand Ronde Tribe noted that the Grand Ronde's

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<sup>2</sup> Communications occurred via email, telephone conversations, and during meetings.

understanding of tribal resources is more expansive than legal definitions of “traditional cultural properties” and “sacred sites” as defined in the National Register Bulletin No. 38 *Guidelines for Evaluating and Documenting Traditional Cultural Properties* (NPS 1990) and Executive Order 13007, dated May 24, 1996, Indian Sacred Sites. Although specific to the Grand Ronde Tribe, the Tribe’s documented perspective is representative of how a tribal perspective differs from a non-tribal perspective (USACE, BOR, and BPA 2020a). The bullets are taken mostly verbatim from Appendix P of the Columbia River System Operation EIS with some minimal editing for clarity (Appendix P in USACE, BOR, and BPA 2020a).

- A [Tribal Cultural Landscape (TCL) is] any place in which a relationship, past or present, exists between a spatial area, resource, and an associated group of indigenous people whose cultural practices, beliefs, or identity connects them to that place. A tribal cultural landscape is determined by and known to a culturally related group of indigenous people with relationships to that place.
- TCLs are defined as significant by tribes and indigenous communities, rather than by exterior criteria. This is a fundamental difference between TCLs and Section 106 [Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs)].
- Each tribe or indigenous group has a unique set of traditional knowledge and lifeways which are inextricably connected to places on the landscape. A group of tribes may all have connections to the same geographic area or overlapping geographic areas, and their connections may differ widely. Therefore, the same geography may carry a vast, wide array of associated tribal resources and knowledge.
- Tribal cultures tend not to separate natural, cultural, historical, ethnographic, archaeological, ecological, spiritual, and subsistence resources from each other in terms of labels or categories. The same location or species may have multiple levels of TCL importance to a single tribe.
- While TCL identification by a tribe does not by itself mandate any special action or consideration from government agencies or others, a government agency acting in good faith should at least attempt to adaptively incorporate such values into its relevant management practices and policies.
- The tribe(s) identifying a TCL should determine the level of sensitivity of tribal information associated with the TCL or resource, and this determination should be respected by all partners. Often such information is not meant to be shared outside of the tribal group or subgroup. Where multiple tribes identify the same identical TCL or resource information, the most restrictive tribe’s policies and practices should govern.
- As much as possible, information about a tribe should come from that tribe.
- TCL and tribally important resource identification and/or analysis (a “TCL study”) should be utilized as part of ongoing conversations and adaptive decision-making processes in the course of project planning, design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation. They should not be treated as “check the box” steps to be completed and then forgotten.

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The Grand Ronde Tribe completed a TCL study for the WVS specific to the North Santiam River, South Santiam River, McKenzie River, Middle Fork Willamette River, Coast Fork Willamette River, and Long Tom River Subbasins (Archuleta and Rempel 2022). In summary:

The study is an ethnographic survey of the cultural landscape through the lens of the [Grand Ronde] community. It encompasses the timeframe from time immemorial to present day. The worldview perspective incorporates the ancient oral histories, the Molalla and Kalapuya lifeways, impacts to tribal living since the contact period, the removal of the people to the reservation, and the contemporary tribal perspective on the cultural landscape of the upper Willamette River watershed (Archuleta and Rempel 2022, p.6).

It is apparent from this study that the Tribe has a rich, long, and intricately woven connection with the upper Willamette Valley and directly with those areas managed by the USACE and other state and federal agencies. It demonstrates that though the dams and reservoirs today are discreetly bounded areas, they are connected to many places of importance to the Tribe, and actions by an Agency in one place have effects elsewhere in the landscape. The study highlights that ‘cultural resources’ are multifaceted and more than archaeological sites and artifacts. Stories, plants, animals, and geology are contributing elements to the mosaic of the landscape known and stewarded by the Tribe for thousands of years. Today, those same actions and stewardship are carried out by Tribal members when and where possible. Through Government recognition of Trust responsibilities to Tribes with delineated connection to the landscape it is possible to move toward renewed Tribal management of these places and resources through consultation and engagement (Archuleta and Rempel 2022, p. iii).

The Grand Ronde and Yakama Tribes and CRITFC (representing the Yakama, Umatilla, Warm Springs, and Nez Perce Tribes) provided comments on development of the EIS. CRITFC also provided comments specific to operating and maintaining the WVS that demonstrate a deep interest in fish and wildlife habitat, water quality, water allocation, and cultural resources.

In a letter dated June 2, 2020, the Grand Ronde Tribe provided comments to USACE acting in their role as a Cooperating Agency. The comments were specific to the WVS EIS alternatives and incorporated operations and maintenance measures. The Grand Ronde Tribe requested to be involved in development of the measures and shared concerns about alternatives development.

Overall, we tribal staff feel that we are being given opportunities to weigh in verbally on the WVS-EIS alternatives and measures. However, much of what is presented to the Cooperating Agencies is often too vague or general to provide full and informed comments on.



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The Grand Ronde Tribe prefer alternatives that do not create a dichotomy of structure-focused versus operations-focused measures but requested that needs and feasibility be considered based on the location of measure implementation. The Grand Ronde Tribe further indicated that monitoring, evaluation, and adaptive management be requirements for alternative implementation, and there should be opportunity for interim measures implementation rather than a long-term or no-term measure implementations.

The Grand Ronde Tribe recommended that USACE analyze whether measures in the Coast Fork and Long Tom River Subbasins would benefit salmon and lamprey and noted that there are few measures that address those watersheds directly. One consideration should be removal or modification of the structures in the lower Long Tom River Subbasin (below Fern Ridge Reservoir). The Grande Ronde Tribe noted that historically the Coast Fork had salmonid runs and the Long Tom had Pacific lamprey runs.

The Grand Ronde Tribe recommended fish passage measures at Dorena and Cottage Grove Dams and supported annual drawdowns, similar to those occurring at Fall Creek Dam, to occur where feasible. Overall, the Grand Ronde Tribe requested that Pacific lamprey passage be considered at all WVS dams and reservoirs. The Grand Ronde Tribe also asked that structures at Detroit and Cougar Dams be considered and analyzed in the range of alternatives rather than as standalone NEPA actions for future analyses. Finally, the Grand Ronde Tribe also requested to be involved in any future water quality discussions.

The Grand Ronde Tribe provided additional comments during public review of the Draft EIS. In a letter dated February 21, 2023, the Tribe confirmed comments previously submitted but made several major points and provided technical recommendations. Specifically, the Tribe noted: “The operation of the Willamette River Basin dams has driven the Upper Willamette River (UWR) Chinook and steelhead to the brink of extinction. That is unacceptable. The Corps must urgently act to right this historic wrong.”

Major points from the letter include:

- USACE Willamette River Basin dams are driving salmon to extinction.
- The Preferred Alternative should focus on immediate operations measures to improve volitional juvenile outmigration.
- The Final EIS should accurately describe the fact that hydropower from USACE dams is not profitable.
- The alternatives analysis violates NEPA by failing to evaluate a no-hydropower alternative.
- The Final EIS should include robust monitoring and inclusive adaptive management.
- The Final EIS must evaluate the environmental justice impact of salmon declines on the Grand Ronde Tribe and other tribal nations.

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On August 30, 2024, the Grand Ronde Tribe sent a letter to USACE requesting that USACE provide “documented formal and written responses” to the Tribal Perspectives statement provided on November 2, 2022, and the February 21, 2023, letter provided as part of the DEIS public comment period. The August 30, 2024 letter also stated that the Tribe “has concerns related to the EIS process; these concerns are not new, nor have they been addressed.” The Grand Ronde Tribe further requested “a ‘walk through tour’ from USACE in the form of a staff-to-staff meeting” given the Tribe’s concern that any modifications made by USACE “likely do not fully address all of the earlier-stated Tribal concerns.”

Representatives from USACE and the Grand Ronde Tribe met in person on October 2, 2024, to discuss the contents of the letter. USACE and Grand Ronde Tribal staff recognized that the meeting is one of many that will occur related to management of the WVS.

CRITFC provided scoping comments for the operations and maintenance of the WVS on behalf of the four Columbia Plateau tribes. In a letter dated June 28, 2019, CRITFC asserts that these tribes:

Possess rights they reserved by treaties with the federal government to take a fair share of the fish destined to pass their usual and accustomed fishing places in the interior Columbia River basin and its tributaries. Inherent in the right to take fish is the conservation and protection of the fishery resource. These reserved rights are not geographically limited to lands ceded to the United States...federal agencies must use their authorities in a manner that will protect and enhance – not degrade – the fish species that underlie treaty fishing right. The U.S. v. Oregon and U.S. v. Washington cases also affirmed that Northwest tribes, by virtue of their treaties with the U.S. government, have co-management status on fisheries resources. In reserving the right to fish at all usual and accustomed places, tribes retained their authority to regulate the tribal fishery. State and federal government co-managers are therefore required to have meaningful consultation on actions that affect the treaty-protected fisheries resources. These actions include non-tribal fisheries, hatchery production, protection of natural spawning environment, and protection of downstream and upstream migration through the river.

CRITFC offered several recommendations to avoid and minimize impacts on tribal fishery resources and provided concerns specific to the operations and maintenance of the WVS.

- CRITFC stated that “the Willamette Basin is one of the most prominent habitats for lamprey, with Willamette Falls as a significant historical fishing site...the largest proportion of lamprey in the Willamette Basin inhabit the Santiam River, a tributary that will be affected by this project. Diminished in the Columbia River, the Willamette is one of the last few basins for lamprey to thrive.” CRITFC recommends that USACE improve issues with known adult lamprey passage; develop alternative forms of passage; and implement a research, monitoring, and evaluation plan for larval and juvenile lamprey.

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CRITFC also noted that upstream tributaries where larval lamprey have been observed need to be maintained for habitat and water quality.

- CRITFC is concerned that water quality impacts may result from changes in the WVS operations and how this will hurt juvenile lamprey, steelhead, and Chinook salmon.
- Climate change must be considered to develop an accurate WVS EIS. CRITFC noted that changes may result in reduced water in the reservoirs, affect local flows that will make it difficult to meet Biological Opinion targets, and water temperatures may impact lamprey, steelhead, and Chinook salmon.
- CRITFC's "greatest concern" is the lack of live flows to meet fish and wildlife year-round Biological Opinion requirements and USACE's ability to maintain consistent flows.
- CRITFC notes that tribal cultural resources are more than archaeological sites and that the NHPA and ARPA account for historic properties of religious and cultural significance to tribes or traditional cultural properties. CRITFC identifies these as places where tribal members gather First Foods, hunt, and fish; other cultural sites where tribal members visit or use for various purposes; and that support salmon and lamprey and their ecosystems. CRITFC noted that the cultural resources analysis will need to involve the Yakama, Umatilla, Warm Springs, and Nez Perce Tribes.
- CRITFC recommends using spill/flow programs, seasonal/permanent drawdown, summer spill/flow operations, and altered operations for low- and mid-range water years to support salmon habitat and survival. These recommendations are defined as hydropower system operational changes.
- Recommended hydropower system structural modifications to improve fish passage and survival through the WVS include the installation of temperature structures and surface passage structures/collectors, improvement of existing ladders for adult passage or trap and haul facilities, and evaluating smolt transport options.
- CRITFC notes that a "suite of tributary and estuary mitigation actions" (off site mitigation) will support compliance with the Northwest Power Act.
- CRITFC recommends that USACE consider the effects of the WVS on reservoir ecology and how these changes would affect fish and wildlife resources.
- CRITFC asks that USACE include metrics and data related to fish dam and reservoir survival, reach survival, and delayed mortality and to consider at a minimum reach, dam/reservoir, and smolt-to-adult-return survival metrics. Some of the modeling should not rely on the COMPASS model.

Independent of the CRITFC scoping letter, the Yakama Tribe provided scoping comments in a letter dated April 17, 2019. The Tribe has concerns that alternative implementation could interfere with treaty reserved rights in the Yakama Tribe's usual and accustomed areas. The letter further requested "meaningful technical level engagement with USACE during the NEPA process and the development of the EIS."

**END NEW TEXT**

## **2. RECORD OF COORDINATION**

Table 1-2 through Table 1-8 provide a list of key coordination efforts from 2019 through 2024 between USACE and the tribes who have not declined or deferred engagement to other tribes. This information is not an exhaustive list of all emails, phone calls, and meetings that occurred and does not include instances where tribal representatives participated in Cooperating Agency meetings. This is due to the varying levels of coordination (between staff and managers) as well as the frequency of these communications between USACE and tribal staff and managers.

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**Table 1-1. Record of Coordination with the Cow Creek Tribe.**

<b>Date of Contact</b>	<b>USACE Contacts</b>	<b>Tribal Contacts</b>	<b>Intent</b>	<b>Medium</b>
12/3/2018	Amy Gibbons, Mike Turaski, Craig Johnson	Dan Courtney, Jason Robison, Jessie Plueard	EIS development initiation letter.	Hard copy letter with email to staff
1/18/2019	Amy Gibbons, Suzanne Hill, Craig Johnson, Mike Turaski, Richard Piaskowski, Sally Bird-Gauvin	Dan Courtney, Jason Robison, Jessie Plueard	Invitation to participate as a Cooperating Agency.	Hard copy letter with email to staff
1/31/2019	Suzanne Hill, Craig Johnson, Mike Turaski, Richard Piaskowski, Sally Bird-Gauvin	Jessie Plueard, Jason Robison	Tribe declines to be Cooperating Agency, requests continued EIS development updates.	Email
2/1/2019	Sally Bird-Gauvin, Suzanne Hill	Jessie Plueard, Jason Robison	EIS development coordination on NHPA compliance and request to meet.	Email
2/7/2019	Sally Bird-Gauvin, Suzanne Hill	Jeremy Johnson, Jessie Plueard, Jason Robison	EIS development coordination on NHPA and tribal area of interest, which includes Cottage Grove and Dorena Dam areas.	Email
4/5/2019	Suzanne Hill, Craig Johnson, Mike Turaski, Richard Piaskowski, Molly Casperson	Jessie Plueard, Jason Robison	EIS development update on Notice of Intent.	Email
9/30/2021	Chris Page, Kelly Wingard, Craig Johnson, Molly Casperson	Dan Courtney, Jason Robison, Jeremy Johnson, Kelly Coates	EIS development update and request to engage with the tribe.	Hard copy letter with email to staff
12/3/2021	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kathryn Herzog, Molly Casperson	info@cowcreek.com, Jason Robison, Jeremy Johnson, Kelly Coates	Request to engage with the tribe and follow up from 9/30/2021 letter sent to Tribal Council.	Email
6/3/2022	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kelly Janes, Molly Casperson	Jason Robison, Kelly Coates	Request meeting to provide an EIS development briefing and to engage on a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email
7/21/2022	Craig Johnson	Jason Robison	Voicemail requesting to meet to provide EIS development briefing and to discuss Tribal Perspectives statement.	Phone
4/28/2023	Amy Gibbons, Kelly Wingard, Craig Johnson	Carla Keene, Jason Robison, Kelly Coates, thpo@cowcreek-nsn.gov	Update on the public comment period for the DEIS and continued outreach to engage on a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Hard Copy Letter with email to staff

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**Table 1-2. Record of Coordination with the Grand Ronde Tribe.**

<b>Date of Contact</b>	<b>USACE Contacts</b>	<b>Tribal Contacts</b>	<b>Intent</b>	<b>Medium</b>
12/3/2018	Amy Gibbons, Mike Turaski, Craig Johnson	Cheryle Kennedy, Michael Karnosh, Mike Wilson, David Harrelson	EIS development initiation letter.	Hard copy letter with email to staff
1/18/2019	Amy Gibbons, Suzanne Hill	Cheryle Kennedy, Michael Karnosh, Briece Edwards	Invitation to participate as a Cooperating Agency.	Hard copy letter with email to staff
2/12/2019	Suzanne Hill, Craig Johnson, Sally Bird-Gauvin, Richard Piaskowski	Stacia Hernandez, Briece Edwards, Jessica Curteman, Mike Karnosh, Torey Wakeland, Lawrence Schwabe	Discuss EIS overview, Cooperating Agency status, and steps forward to engage the tribe in the EIS development process.	Meeting, in-person
4/25/2019	Suzanne Hill, Mike Turaski, Richard Piaskowski, Molly Casperson, Craig Johnson	Mike Karnosh, Torey Wakeland, Jessica Curteman	EIS development review and discuss Cooperating Agency role.	Meeting, in-person, then email as follow-up
2/28/2020	Aaron Dorf, Suzanne Hill, Garrett Dorsey, Richard Piaskowski, Molly Casperson	Cheryle Kennedy, Mike Karnosh, Torey Wakeland, Briece Edwards	Date of Cooperating Agency Memorandum of Understanding execution and notification.	Email
6/10/2020	Suzanne Hill, Garrett Dorsey, David Griffith, Richard Piaskowski, Molly Casperson	Michael Karnosh, Mike Wilson, Briece Edwards, Lawrence Schwabe, Torey Wakeland	Received tribe letter (dated 6/2/2020) regarding alternatives and measures, recognition of Cooperating Agency meetings participation, and acknowledging USACE notification of tribal comments received.	Email
6/3/2022	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Molly Casperson, Kelly Janes	Torey Wakeland	Request to meet for EIS development briefing and to discuss Tribal Perspectives statement in the EIS.	Email
6/30/2022	Kelly Wingard, Kelly Janes, Kathryn Warner, Amanda Lyon, Molly Casperson	Barton Robison	Discuss Tribal Perspectives statement and if/how tribal comments are to be incorporated/ addressed.	Meeting, virtual
7/18/2022	Molly Casperson	Barton Robison	Discuss Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email
7/28/2022	Molly Casperson	Barton Robison	Discuss Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email
8/17/2022	Molly Casperson	Barton Robison	Discuss Tribal Perspectives statement.	Meeting, virtual
9/22/2022	Kelly Janes, Gwendolyn Jones, Molly Casperson	Barton Robison, Torey Wakeland	Discuss Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email

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<b>Date of Contact</b>	<b>USACE Contacts</b>	<b>Tribal Contacts</b>	<b>Intent</b>	<b>Medium</b>
9/23/2022	Kelly Janes, Gwendolyn Jones, Molly Casperson	Barton Robison, Torey Wakeland	Discuss Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email
10/17/2022 to 10/8/2022	Craig Johnson, Kelly Janes, Nicklas Knudson, Molly Casperson, Dean Holecek	Lawrence Schwabe, Brett VandenHeuvel	Meeting to discuss technical aspects of the EIS.	Email
10/26/2022 to 10/27/2022	Molly Casperson, Kelly Janes	Barton Robison, Torey Wakeland, Cheryl Pouley	Discuss Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email
10/31/2022	Craig Johnson, Kelly Janes, Kathryn Warner, Amanda Lyon, Ian Chane, Tara Gauthier, Kate Hawe	Lawrence Schwabe, Brett VandenHeuvel	Staff meeting to discuss technical aspects of the EIS as it relates to fish recovery, etc.	Meeting, virtual
11/2/2022	Kelly Janes, Craig Johnson	Torey Wakeland	Receipt of Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email
11/15/2022	Jaime Pinkham	Sara Thompson, Kelly Dirksen, Brett VandenHeuvel, Kathleen George, Lawrence Schwabe	Discuss Tribal recommendations for salmon recovery in the Willamette Valley.	Meeting, virtual
11/28/2022	Jaime Pinkham	Sara Thompson, Kelly Dirksen, Brett VandenHeuvel, Kathleen George, Lawrence Schwabe	Follow up to 11/15/22 meeting, tribal staff to share recommendations for the EIS and future implementation.	Email
12/1/2022	Jaime Pinkham	Cheryle Kennedy	Continued discussions on salmon recovery, EIS, and implementation plan.	Meeting, virtual
1/3/2023	Michael Helton, Craig Johnson, Valerie Ringold, Nicklas Knudsen	Cheryle Kennedy, Kathleen George, Kelly Dirksen, Brett VandenHeuvel, Lawrence Schwabe	Continued discussions on salmon recovery, EIS, and implementation plan.	Meeting, virtual
1/19/2023	Nicklas Knudson, Amanda Lyon, Kathryn Warner, Kathryn Tackley, Richard Piaskowski, Greg Taylor, Molly Casperson	Lawrence Schwabe, Brett VandenHeuvel	Staff discussion on implementation plan.	Meeting, virtual
1/25/2023	Michael Helton, Liza Wells, Craig Johnson, Nicklas Knudsen, Amanda Lyon, Kathryn Warner	Cheryle Kennedy, Sara Thompson, Lawrence Schwabe, Brett VandenHeuvel	Chairwoman and staff provides recommendations on the EIS preferred alternative, varied discussion with the Commander and staff.	Meeting, virtual

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<b>Date of Contact</b>	<b>USACE Contacts</b>	<b>Tribal Contacts</b>	<b>Intent</b>	<b>Medium</b>
2/21/2023	USACE Public Comment Clearinghouse Email	Kelly Dirksen	Receipt of comments on Draft EIS.	Email
5/2/2023 to 5/16/2023	Michael Helton, Kelly Wingard, Craig Johnson	Cheryle Kennedy, David Harrelson, Briece Edwards, Mike Wilson, Jan Looking Wolf Reibach, Torey Wakeland	Update on the Draft EIS public comment period, continued outreach regarding Tribal Perspectives statement.	Hard Copy Letter with email to staff
5/17/2023	Molly Casperson	Torey Wakeland	Request to schedule government-to-government meeting.	Email
5/25/2023 to 6/4/2023	Craig Johnson, Molly Casperson, Kelly Wingard, Amanda Lyon	Torey Wakeland, Michael Karnosh, Lawrence Schwabe, Brett VandenHeuvel	Request to schedule government-to-government meeting and provide EIS schedule update.	Email
6/13/2023 to 6/27/2023	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Molly Casperson, Megan Grande	Stacia Martin, consultation@grandronde.org	Scheduling government-to-government meeting.	Email
7/10/2023	Michael Helton, Liza Wells, Kelly Wingard, Craig Johnson, Kathryn Warner, Molly Casperson	Kathleen George, Rob Greene, David Harrelson, Cheryl Pouley, Briece Edwards, Kelly Dirksen, Sara Thompson, Brett VandenHeuvel, Colby Drake	Continued discussions on salmon recovery, success of recent staff-to-staff meetings, consideration of USACE and tribal viewpoints, and invitation to visit dams and reservoirs in the EIS analysis area to continue discussion.	Meeting, Virtual
11/16/2023	Larry Caswell, Liza Wells, Kelly Wingard, Misty Lactu, Craig Johnson	Cheryle Kennedy, Jon George, Kathleen George, Brenda Tuomi, Michael Cherry, Kelly Dirksen, Lawrence Schwabe, Colby Drake, Sara Thompson, Rob Greene, Brett VandenHeuvel	Continued discussion on Willamette Valley actions, including the EIS development.	Meeting, in-person
12/18/2023	Larry Caswell, Liza Wells, Kelly Wingard, Wendy Jones, Christina Austin-Smith, Greg Taylor, Dustin Bengtson, Craig Johnson	Kathleen George, Caitlin Dols, Sara Thompson	Continued discussion of EIS development and other Willamette Valley actions. Fieldtrip to Foster and Green Peter Reservoirs.	Meeting, in-person



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<b>Date of Contact</b>	<b>USACE Contacts</b>	<b>Tribal Contacts</b>	<b>Intent</b>	<b>Medium</b>
3/31/2024	Larry Caswell	Cheryle Kennedy	Request that USACE include Willamette Basin in its response to President Biden’s Memorandum on Restoring Healthy and Abundant Salmon, Steelhead, and Other Native Fish Populations in the Columbia River Basin.	Hard copy letter
8/30/2024	Jess Hamilton, Kate Hawe, Kathryn Warner, Kelly Wingard	Michael Karnosh, Stacia Hernandez, Bryan Langley, Colby Drake, David Harrelson, Briece Edwards	Request that USACE respond to tribal comments provided in multiple letters and interactions. Also request to meet in person. Includes cc to non-USACE personnel including Kate Wells, Chris Allen, Stan Ver De Wetering, Brad Houslet	Letter via Email
8/30/2024 to 9/18/2024	Liz Oliver, Jess Hamilton, Kathryn Warner, Kelly Wingard, Kate Hawe, Molly Casperson	Michael Karnosh, Stacia Martin, Bryan Langley, Colby Drake, David Harrelson, Briece Edwards, Barton Robison, Brett VandenHeuvel, Caitlin Dols, Cheryl Pouley, Lawrence Schwabe	Response to 8/30/2024 letter and follow up to schedule an in-person meeting.	Emails and Letter via Email
10/2/2024	Liz Oliver, Jess Hamilton, Kristen Hines, Jessica Gabriel, Kellen Smith, Amanda Lyon, Richard Piaskowski, Hunter Merritt	Colby Drake, Michael Karnosh, Jesse Norton, Cheryl Pouley, Lawrence Schwabe, Jackie Brenner, Barton Robison, Caitlin Dols	Discussion regarding 8/30/2024 letter and multiple comments provided by Tribe related to general concerns to USACE management in the Willamette Valley and technical aspects of the EIS.	Meeting, in-person

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**Table 1-3. Record of Coordination with the Siletz Tribe.**

<b>Date of Contact</b>	<b>USACE Contacts</b>	<b>Tribal Contacts</b>	<b>Intent</b>	<b>Medium</b>
12/3/2018	Amy Gibbons, Mike Turaski, Craig Johnson	Delores Pigsley, Robert Kentta, Michael Kennedy	EIS development initiation.	Hard copy letter with email to staff
1/18/2019	Amy Gibbons, Suzanne Hill, Mike Turaski, Richard Piaskowski, Craig Johnson, Sally Bird-Gauvin	Delores Pigsley, Robert Kentta, Michael Kennedy	Invitation to participate as a Cooperating Agency.	Hard copy letter with email to staff
3/15/2019	Suzanne Hill	Mike Kennedy, Robert Kentta, Peter Hatch	Invitation to participate as a Cooperating Agency and meeting request.	Email
3/26/2019	Suzanne Hill	Mike Kennedy, Robert Kentta, Peter Hatch	Continued request to meet.	Email
4/4/2019	Suzanne Hill, Craig Johnson, Molly Casperson, Mike Turaski, Richard Piaskowski, Garrett Dorsey	Mike Kennedy, Robert Kentta, Peter Hatch	EIS development coordination, NOI, and request to meet	Email
6/24/2019 to 6/25/2019	Suzanne Hill, Craig Johnson, Molly Casperson, Mike Turaski, Richard Piaskowski, Garrett Dorsey, Amy Holmes	Mike Kennedy, Robert Kentta, Peter Hatch	USACE sent draft agenda and responses regarding upcoming meeting attendance.	Email
6/26/2019	Suzanne Hill, Richard Piaskowski, Garrett Dorsey	Mike Kennedy, Stan van de Wetering	EIS development coordination and request for Siletz Tribe to participate as a Cooperating Agency.	Meeting, in-person
6/28/2019	Suzanne Hill, Craig Johnson, Molly Casperson, Mike Turaski, Richard Piaskowski, Garrett Dorsey	Mike Kennedy, Robert Kentta, Peter Hatch	Meeting follow up and provided Memorandum of Understanding template.	Email
7/23/2019	Suzanne Hill	Mike Kennedy	Confirmation that Tribal Council agrees to Cooperating Agency status.	Email
7/26/2019	Suzanne Hill, Mike Turaski, Richard Piaskowski, Molly Casperson, Wendy Jones	Mike Kennedy	EIS development coordination and request for Siletz Tribe comments on Memorandum of Understanding.	Email
12/5/2019	Suzanne Hill	Mike Kennedy	Follow up on Cooperating Agency status, continued discussion on tribal engagement.	Email

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<b>Date of Contact</b>	<b>USACE Contacts</b>	<b>Tribal Contacts</b>	<b>Intent</b>	<b>Medium</b>
6/29/2021	Wendy Jones	Andrea Sumerau	During field visit to Long Tom River, staff discussed continued EIS engagement and tentative interest in USACE briefing to tribal staff.	Meeting, in-person
9/30/2021	Chris Page, Kelly Wingard, Craig Johnson, Molly Casperson	Delores Pigsley, Robert Kentta, Michael Kennedy, Peter Hatch	EIS development update and request to engage with the tribe.	Hard copy letter with email to staff
12/3/2021	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kathryn Herzog, Molly Casperson	Alfred Lane III, Michael Kennedy, Robert Kentta	Request to engage with the tribe and follow up to 9/30/2021 letter.	Email
6/3/2022	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kelly Janes, Molly Casperson	Robert Kentta, Michael Kennedy	Request for meeting to provide EIS development briefing and engage on an EIS Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email
7/12/2022	Craig Johnson	Michael Kennedy	Discussed Tribal Perspectives statement and agreed to an EIS development briefing, but date to be determined.	Phone
8/10/2022	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kelly Janes, Molly Casperson	Robert Kentta, Michael Kennedy	Request for meeting to provide an EIS development briefing and engage on a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email
8/31/2022	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kelly Janes, Molly Casperson	Robert Kentta, Michael Kennedy	Request for meeting to provide an EIS development briefing and engage on a tribal Perspectives statement.	Email
2/28/2023	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kelly Janes, Molly Casperson	Robert Kentta, Michael Kennedy	Request for meeting to provide an EIS development briefing and engage on a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email
4/28/2023	Amy Gibbons, Kelly Wingard, Craig Johnson	Delores Pigsley, Robert Kentta, Michael Kennedy, Peter Hatch	Update on the public comment period for the Draft EIS and continued outreach to engage on a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Hard copy letter with email to staff

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**Table 1-4. Record of Coordination with the Nez Perce Tribe.**

<b>Date of Contact</b>	<b>USACE Contacts</b>	<b>Tribal Contacts</b>	<b>Intent</b>	<b>Medium</b>
9/30/2021	Chris Page, Kelly Wingard, Craig Johnson, Molly Casperson	Samuel Penney, Keith Baird, Nakia Williamson, Dave Johnson	EIS development update and request to engage with the tribe.	Hard copy letter, also emailed to tribal staff
12/3/2021	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kathryn Herzog, Molly Casperson	NEPTEC@nezperce.org, Nakia Williamson, Keith Baird	Request to engage with the tribe and follow up from 9/30/2021 letter sent to Tribal Council.	Email, which included attachment of CRITFIC letter dated 06/28/2019
6/3/2022	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kelly Janes, Molly Casperson	Aaron Miles, Dave Johnson	Request for meeting to provide an EIS development briefing and engage on a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email
7/21/2022	Craig Johnson	Aaron Miles	Voicemail left for a follow-up meeting to provide an EIS development briefing and to engage on a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Phone
8/10/2022	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kelly Janes, Molly Casperson	Aaron Miles, Dave Johnson	Request for meeting to provide an EIS development briefing and to engage on a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email
4/28/2023	Amy Gibbons, Kelly Wingard, Craig Johnson	Samuel Penney, Keith Baird, Nakia Williamson, Aaron Miles, Dave Johnson	Update on the public comment period for the Draft EIS and continued outreach to engage on a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Hard copy letter, also emailed to tribal staff

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**Table 1-5. Record of Coordination with the Umatilla Tribe.**

<b>Date of Contact</b>	<b>USACE Contacts</b>	<b>Tribal Contacts</b>	<b>Intent</b>	<b>Medium</b>
9/30/2021	Chris Page, Kelly Wingard, Craig Johnson, Molly Casperson	Kat Brigham, Teara Farrow Ferman, Eric Quaempts	EIS development update and request to engage with the tribe.	Hard copy letter, also emailed to tribal staff
12/3/2021	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kathryn Herzog, Molly Casperson	Lindsey Watchman, Teara Farrow Fenman, Board of Trustees (bot@ctuir.org), Natural Resources Department (naturalresources@ctuir.org)	Request to engage with the tribe and follow up from 9/30/2021 letter sent to Tribal Council.	Email, which included attachment of CRITFIC letter dated 06/28/2019
12/5/2021	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kathryn Herzog, Molly Casperson	Teara Farrow Ferman, Helen Morrison, Lindsey Watchman, Audie Huber. Designates POC as Audie Huber	Receipt of point-of-contact to engage on EIS development.	Email
5/4/2022	Craig Johnson, Kelly Janes, Kelly Wingard, Molly Casperson	Audie Huber	Request for meeting to provide an EIS development briefing and to engage on a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email
6/3/2022	Craig Johnson, Kelly Janes, Kelly Wingard, Molly Casperson	Audie Huber	Continued discussion to engage with the Tribe on a meeting to provide an EIS development briefing and a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email
6/3/2022	Craig Johnson	Audie Huber	Audie Huber called USACE to request USACE contact CRITFC. On 7/7/2022, USACE emailed CRITFC representatives Aja DeCoteau and Rob Lothrop to provide an EIS development update.	Phone
8/3/2022	Craig Johnson, Kelly Janes, Kelly Wingard, Molly Casperson	Audie Huber	Continued discussion to engage with the tribe on a meeting to provide an EIS development briefing and a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email

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<b>Date of Contact</b>	<b>USACE Contacts</b>	<b>Tribal Contacts</b>	<b>Intent</b>	<b>Medium</b>
8/10/2022	Craig Johnson, Kelly Janes, Kelly Wingard, Molly Casperson	Audie Huber	Follow up on request to meet with the tribe to provide an EIS development briefing and discuss a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email
8/31/2022	Craig Johnson, Kelly Janes, Kelly Wingard, Molly Casperson	Audie Huber	Follow up on request to meet with the tribe to provide an EIS development briefing and discuss a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email
9/7/2022 to 9/7/22	Craig Johnson, Kelly Janes, Kelly Wingard, Molly Casperson	Audie Huber	Response regarding request to meet with the tribe to provide an EIS development briefing and discuss a Tribal Perspectives statement; multiple emails to schedule a meeting.	Email
9/14/2022	Kelly Wingard, Craig Johnson, Omar Ortiz, Molly Casperson	Joe Pitt, Carl Merkle, Audie Huber	EIS development briefing and discuss a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Meeting, virtual
9/16/2022	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kelly Janes, Omar Ortiz, Molly Casperson, Nicklas Knudson	Joe Pitt, Carl Merkle, Audie Huber	Follow up to share 9/14/2022 meeting content.	Email
9/23/2022	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kelly Janes, Kate Hawe, Molly Casperson, Nicklas Knudson	Joe Pitt, Carl Merkle, Audie Huber	Outreach to discuss Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email
4/28/2023	Amy Gibbons, Kelly Wingard, Craig Johnson	Kat Brigham, Teara Farrow Ferman, Eric Quaempts, Carl Merkle, Audie Huber	Update on the public comment period for the Draft EIS and continued outreach to engage on a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Hard copy letter, also emailed to tribal staff

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**Table 1-6. Record of Coordination with the Warm Springs Tribe.**

<b>Date of Contact</b>	<b>USACE Contacts</b>	<b>Tribal Contacts</b>	<b>Intent</b>	<b>Medium</b>
12/3/2018	Amy Gibbons, Mike Turaski, Craig Johnson	Austin Greene, Jr., Robert Brunoe, Christian Nauer	EIS development initiation and request to participate as a Cooperating Agency.	Hard copy letter
1/18/2019	Amy Gibbons, Suzanne Hill	Austin Greene, Jr., Robert Brunoe, Christian Nauer	USACE invitation to participate as a Cooperating Agency.	Hard copy letter, also emailed to tribal staff
2/21/2019	Suzanne Hill, Sally Bird-Gauvin, Molly Casperson	Robert Brunoe, Brad Houslet, Christian Nauer	EIS development coordination and request for tribe to participate as a Cooperating Agency.	Meeting, virtual (original scheduled in-person, but cancelled due to winter weather)
8/21/2019	Wendy Jones	Christian Nauer	EIS development discussion including potential for tribe to participate as a Cooperating Agency.	Meeting, in-person
8/27/2019	Erik Petersen, Molly Casperson	Ronald Suppah	Site visit with Willamette Valley Project Operations Manager and Tribal Council Representative to Cougar Dam to see the area, discuss fish passage, discuss WVS operations and maintenance EIS and potential for Tribe to participate as a Cooperating Agency. Ronald Suppah (Tribal Council Representative) requested that USACE send a letter to the Tribal Council to engage on potential Cooperating Agency status.	Meeting, in-person
9/13/2019	Amy Gibbons, Suzanne Hill	Austin Greene, Jr, Ronald Suppah, Robert Brunoe, Christian Nauer	Request to Tribal Council to participate as a Cooperating Agency.	Hard copy letter, also emailed to tribal staff
10/9/2019 to 10/15/2019	Craig Johnson, Molly Casperson, Wendy Jones, Erik Petersen	Michele Stacona, Ronald Suppah	Request to schedule presentation to Tribal Council and follow up to confirm date.	Email
10/28/2019	Suzanne Hill, Erik Petersen, Craig Johnson	Tribal Council	In-person briefing by USACE managers and staff to Tribal Council, request for the tribe to participate as a Cooperating Agency.	Meeting, in-person
11/18/2019	Suzanne Hill, Garrett Dorsey, David Griffith, Richard Piaskowski, Molly Casperson, Craig Johnson	Robert Brunoe, Brad Houslet, Christian Nauer	Email to update tribal staff of USACE briefing to Tribal Council and Tribal Council agreement to participate as a Cooperating Agency, request to meet to discuss how the Tribe would engage.	Email

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<b>Date of Contact</b>	<b>USACE Contacts</b>	<b>Tribal Contacts</b>	<b>Intent</b>	<b>Medium</b>
12/4/2019 to 12/5/2019	Molly Casperson	Christian Nauer, Robert Brunoe	Follow up on Cooperating Agency status engagement.	Email
4/30/2021	Craig Johnson, Molly Casperson, Kelly Janes	Robert Brunoe, Christian Nauer, Brad Houslet	Request to meet with Warm Springs tribal staff to discuss Tribal Resources section of the EIS.	Email
9/30/2021	Chris Page, Kelly Wingard, Craig Johnson, Molly Casperson	Raymond Tsumpti, Robert Brunoe, Brad Houslet	EIS development update and request to engage with the tribe.	Hard copy letter, also emailed to tribal staff
12/3/2021	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kathryn Herzog, Molly Casperson	Louie Pitt, Brad Houslet, Robert Brunoe, Brigitte McConville	Request to engage with the tribe and follow up from 9/30/2021 letter sent to Tribal Council.	Email, which included attachment of CRITFIC letter dated 06/28/2019
6/3/2022	Kelly Wingard, Craig Johnson, Molly Casperson, Kelly Janes	Robert Brunoe	Request for meeting to provide an EIS development briefing and to engage on a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email
7/20/2022	Molly Casperson	Christian Nauer	Follow up on request for meeting to provide an EIS development briefing and engage on a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email
7/28/2022	Kelly Wingard, Craig Johnson, Molly Casperson, Kelly Janes	Robert Brunoe, Louie Pitt	Follow up on request for meeting to provide an EIS development briefing and to engage on a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email
8/19/2022 to 8/24/2022	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kelly Janes, Molly Casperson	Robert Brunoe, Christian Nauer, Raymond Tsumpti, Austin Smith Jr., Brad Houslet, Louie Pitt	Follow up and response regarding request for meeting to provide an EIS development briefing and engage on a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email
2/28/2023	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kelly Janes, Molly Casperson	Austin Smith, Jr., Brad Houslet, Christian Nauer, Raymond Tsumpti, Robert Brunoe	Follow up regarding request for meeting to provide an EIS development briefing and engage on a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email
4/28/2023	Amy Gibbons, Kelly Wingard, Craig Johnson	Jonathan Smith, Sr., Raymond Tsumpti, Austin Smith, Jr., Brad Houslet, Mars Galloway	Update on the public comment period for the Draft EIS and continued outreach to engage on a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Hard copy letter, also emailed to tribal staff
6/15/2023 to 6/30/2023	Kelly Wingard, Craig Johnson, Molly Casperson	Austin Smith, Jr., Brad Houslet, Jeff Hogle, Jim Lyman, Mars Galloway	Request to schedule a meeting with tribal staff and follow up to confirm meeting date.	Email



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Date of Contact	USACE Contacts	Tribal Contacts	Intent	Medium
7/20/2023	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard	Austin Smith, Jr., Brad Houslet, Mars Galloway, Jeff Hogle, Jim Lyman, Ryan Smith, Sr.	Confirmation of 8/2/2023 meeting.	Email
8/2/2023	Amy Gibbons, Craig Johnson, Greg Taylor, Molly Casperson	Brad Houslet, Lyman Jim, Ryan Smith, Jr., Mars Galloway	Provide an EIS development briefing.	Meeting, in-person

**Table 1-7. Record of Coordination with the Yakama Tribe.**

Date of Contact	USACE Contacts	Tribal Contacts	Intent	Medium
4/17/2019	Aaron Dorf	Phil Rigdon	Yakama response to USACE scoping notice, request for engagement, and point-of-contact provided. Also, noted potential concerns with EIS development and topics relevant to the Yakama Tribe.	Letter submitted through USACE EIS scoping digital clearing-house
4/21/2021	Craig Johnson, Molly Casperson	Paul Ward enviroreview@yakama.com	Request for information related to the Tribal Resources section of the EIS.	Email
9/30/2021	Chris Page, Kelly Wingard, Craig Johnson, Molly Casperson	Delano Saluskin, Casey Barney, Phil Rigdon	EIS development update and request to engage with the tribe.	Hard copy letter, also emailed to tribal staff
12/3/2021	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kathryn Herzog, Molly Casperson	Paul Ward, Casey Barney, enviroreview@yaka.com	Request to engage with the tribe and follow-up from 9/30/2021 letter sent to Tribal Council.	Email, which included attachment of Yakama scoping letter dated 04/17/2019
6/3/2022	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kelly Janes, Molly Casperson	Paul Ward enviroreview@yakama.com	Request for meeting to provide an EIS development briefing and engage on a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email
7/6/2022	Craig Johnson	Melissa Hannigan	Phone call to schedule a meeting.	Phone
7/12/2022	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kelly Janes, Molly Casperson	Melissa Hannigan	Request for a meeting to provide an EIS development briefing and to engage on a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email
8/3/2022	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kelly Janes, Molly Casperson	Melissa Hannigan	Request for a meeting to provide an EIS development briefing and to engage on a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email

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Date of Contact	USACE Contacts	Tribal Contacts	Intent	Medium
8/31/2022	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kelly Janes, Molly Casperson	Melissa Hannigan	Request for a meeting to provide an EIS development briefing and to engage on a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email
2/28/2023	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kelly Janes, Molly Casperson, Nicklas Knudson	Jerry Meninick, Casey Barney, Elizabeth Sanchey	Request for a meeting to provide an EIS development briefing and to engage on a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Email
4/28/2023	Amy Gibbons, Kelly Wingard, Craig Johnson	Gerald Lewis, Casey Barney, Elizabeth Sanchey, Phil Rigdon, Steve Parker	Update on the public comment period for the Draft EIS and continued outreach to engage on a Tribal Perspectives statement.	Hard copy letter, also emailed to tribal staff

Table 1-8 through Table 1-10 provide a list of coordination efforts between USACE and the tribes who deferred engagement in the development of the EIS to other tribes.

**Table 1-8. Record of Coordination with the Coquille Tribe.**

Date of Contact	USACE Contacts	Tribal Contacts	Intent	Medium
9/30/2021	Chris Page, Kelly Wingard, Craig Johnson, Molly Casperson	Brenda Meade, Kassandra Rippee	EIS development update and request to engage with the tribe.	Hard copy letter, also emailed to tribal staff
10/12/2021	Molly Casperson	Todd Martin	Deferring involvement in EIS development to other tribes.	Email
11/19/2021	Molly Casperson	Todd Martin	Confirmed receipt of the tribe's deferral.	Email
12/3/2021	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kathryn Herzog, Molly Casperson	Kay Collins, Kassandra Rippee	Request to engage with the tribe and follow up from 9/30/2021 letter sent to the Tribal Council.	Email
12/3/2021	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kathryn Herzog, Molly Casperson	Kay Collins, Kassandra Rippee	Confirmation of receipt of Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) email deferring involvement in EIS development to other tribes and follow up request by USACE to confirm that deferral is applicable to other tribal interests and natural resources (and not only the THPO's office).	Email

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Date of Contact	USACE Contacts	Tribal Contacts	Intent	Medium
12/3/2021	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kathryn Herzog, Molly Casperson	Kay Collins, Kassandra Rippee	THPO indicating they will follow up with Coquille Natural Resources Division to see if there are concerns or interest in EIS development participation.	Email
4/29/2024	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Molly Casperson	Bridgett Wheeler, Kay Collins	Requesting follow up regarding the 12/3/2021 email from Kassandra Rippee.	Email
8/7/2024	Craig Johnson	Coquille Natural Resources Department	Follow up regarding 12/3/2021 email from Kassandra Rippee.	Phone

**Table 1-9. Record of Coordination with the CTCLUSI Tribe.**

Date of Contact	USACE Contacts	Tribal Contacts	Intent	Medium
9/30/2021	Chris Page, Kelly Wingard, Craig Johnson, Molly Casperson	Debbie Bossley, Roselynn Lwenya, Christine Sylvester	EIS development update and request to engage with the tribe.	Hard copy letter, also emailed to tribal staff
10/7/2021	Molly Casperson	Courtney Krossman, Christine Sylvester, Roselynn Lwenya	Defer involvement in EIS development to other tribes.	Email
11/19/2021	Molly Casperson	Courtney Krossman, Christine Sylvester, Roselynn Lwenya	Confirm receipt of deferral.	Email
12/3/2021	Craig Johnson, Kelly Wingard, Kathryn Herzog, Molly Casperson	Doc Slyter, Roselynn Lwenya	Request to engage with the tribe and follow-up from 9/30/2021 letter sent to the Tribal Council.	Email

**Table 1-10. Record of Coordination with the Klamath Tribe.**

Date of Contact	USACE Contacts	Tribal Contacts	Intent	Medium
9/30/2021	Chris Page, Kelly Wingard, Craig Johnson, Molly Casperson	Don Gentry, Perry Chocktoot	EIS development update and request to engage with the tribe.	Hard copy letter, also emailed to tribal staff
10/31/2021	Kelly Wingard	Perry Chocktoot, Mandy Roberson, Jennifer Ochoa, Jennifer Vigil, council@klamathtribes.com	Klamath Tribe deferring involvement in EIS development to other tribes.	Email

# **ATTACHMENT 1: CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON TRIBAL PERSPECTIVES STATEMENT**



## The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon

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On behalf of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon ("Grand Ronde" or "Tribe"), thank you for the opportunity to share as part of the Willamette Valley System Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS"). The Tribe has served as a cooperating agency on this project, and Grand Ronde reserves the right to consult on the EIS on an ongoing basis, and to make additional and/or updated comments beyond those contained in and attached to this letter. Grand Ronde Tribal Council reserves the right to make and/or update any and all statements of Tribal policy or position on an ongoing basis.

### *Procedural Interactions and Connections between Grand Ronde and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE")*

Grand Ronde staff have met with USACE staff directly about the EIS multiple times over the history of the EIS. The Tribe appreciates the willingness of USACE and its staff to answer questions and provide information to Tribal staff. Many of the comments Grand Ronde submits in writing today have been communicated verbally and in writing throughout our meetings.

To date, there has not been any formal government-to-government consultation between USACE and Grand Ronde. Though we have been in regular contact as a cooperating agency and been given the option to comment on drafts of the EIS, we would appreciate that any references in the EIS to "consultation" or "government-to-government consultation" with Grand Ronde, either directly or as one of several "interested tribes", be removed from the EIS to avoid confusion as to whether government-to-government consultation with Grand Ronde has happened at all.

### *Grand Ronde Tribal History and Interests in the Project Area*

#### *Treaties*

*Rogue River 1853 & 1854 ~ Umpqua-Cow Creek 1853 ~ Chasta 1854 ~ Umpqua & Kalapuya  
1854 ~ Willamette Valley 1855 ~ Molalla 1855*

Grand Ronde is a sovereign Tribal nation with a special trust relationship with the U.S. Government and Federal agencies. Grand Ronde also has a government-to-government relationship with the State of Oregon and its agencies. Grand Ronde is made up of more than 30 antecedent tribes and bands with homelands in Oregon, southwest Washington, and northern

California. Grand Ronde and its antecedent tribes and bands have hunted, fished, and gathered in the entire EIS area since time immemorial. The Willamette Valley Treaty of January 22, 1855, which ceded the entire Willamette Basin to the U.S. in exchange for certain rights and benefits, was signed by representatives of the Kalapuya and Northern Molalla tribes. The Yoncalla Kalapuya signed the Treaty with the Umpqua and Kalapuya of November 29, 1854, which ceded a large portion of the Umpqua Basin to the U.S. in exchange for certain rights and benefits. All the Kalapuya and Molalla bands were subsequently, forcefully removed to the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation where they became members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. Please see Attachment 1, Grand Ronde Ceded Lands Map.

All cultural, environmental, and natural resources located in or otherwise connected to the areas within and surrounding the Willamette Valley System are impacted by the continued presence and operation of the 13 dams; they are likewise impacted by the cumulative effects of related/connected construction and development. It is hard to overstate the impact these dams have had upon our people, natural and cultural resources, and ways of life since their creation in the heart of our Ceded Lands. Water quality and aquatic species health are core Tribal cultural and natural resources, and ones upon with other Tribal resources rely for their survival and integrity.

Grand Ronde seeks to protect, enhance, and restore Tribal cultural, environmental, and natural resources potentially affected by the Willamette Valley System itself and all related/connected cumulative impacts. These resources include but are not limited to:

- Archaeological values
- Historic values
- Aesthetic/visual values
- Tribal Cultural Landscapes as defined by the Tribe
- Quality and integrity of water, air and soil
- All native habitats, regardless of current land ownership or status
- All native species, whether they have any special status under federal or state law, and regardless of current management responsibility.

### *Tribal Comments and Concerns*

Grand Ronde appreciates the outreach from USACE regarding the EIS, and the participation of staff from USACE in continued engagement and site visits to the Willamette Valley System properties. Coordination among sovereigns and sharing of relevant information are guiding principles of effective Tribal consultation. Other guiding principles include but are not limited to:

- Due diligence must be fully exercised in identifying Tribal resources before USACE may be said to have fully analyzed impacts to cultural resources.
- Impacts to Tribal resources, once identified and analyzed, should be avoided to the extent possible.
- If avoidance is not entirely possible, then impacts to Tribal resources should be minimized to the extent possible.

- Impacts to Tribal resources that have not been fully addressed through avoidance or minimization must be fully mitigated to the maximum extent.

In applying these principles, Grand Ronde has ongoing concerns regarding Tribal cultural and natural resources that are affected by the Willamette Valley System, particularly with regards to the noted significant adverse effects to cultural resources listed in all of the considered alternatives in the EIS, including the preferred alternative. Please find our direct comments on the cooperating agency draft version of the EIS, previously delivered to USACE staff in writing, attached to this letter. Please note that most natural resources are also considered cultural resources of the Tribe. Unless and until these concerns are fully addressed to the Tribe's satisfaction, Grand Ronde considered the EIS to be inadequate and respectfully requests that USACE not issues a final EIS; Grand Ronde would further request that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) not approve this EIS on the grounds of inadequate analyses under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to comment, and for already acknowledging many of the Grand Ronde comments that have been previously submitted to USACE staff.



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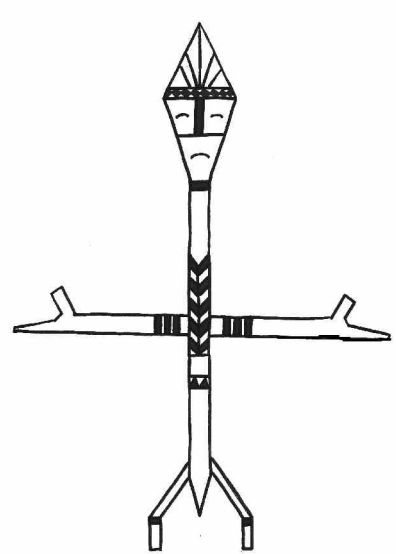
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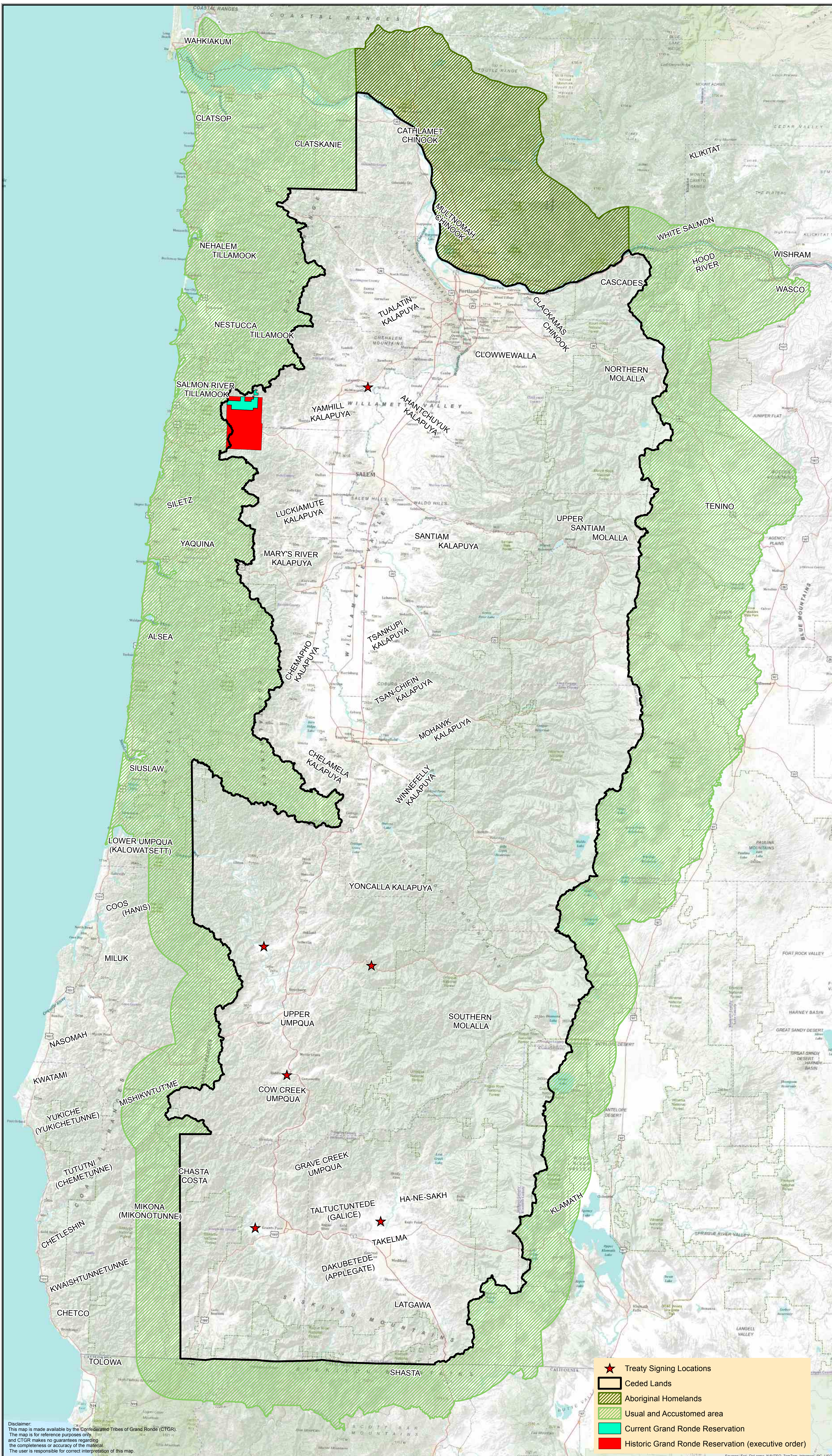
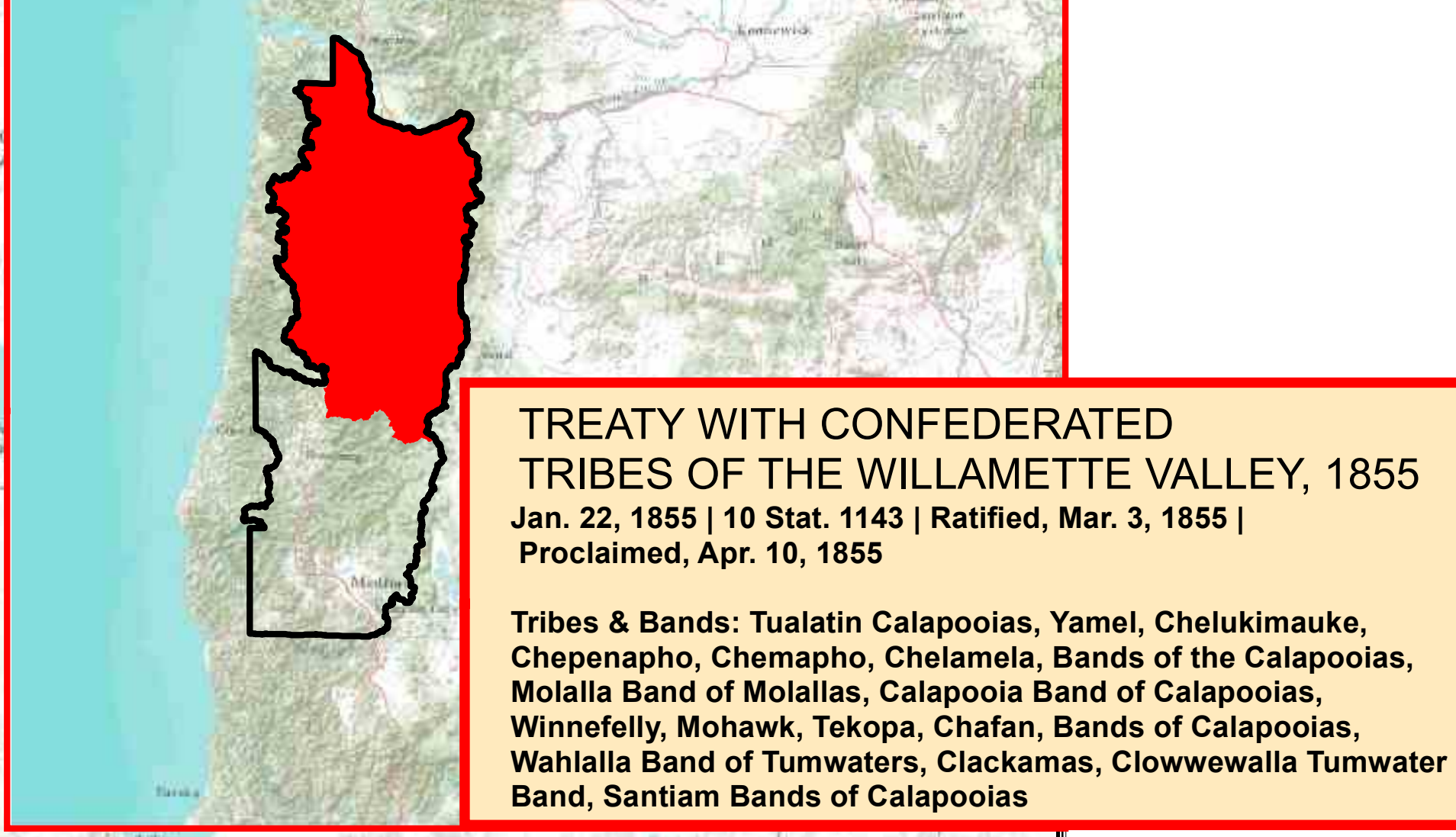
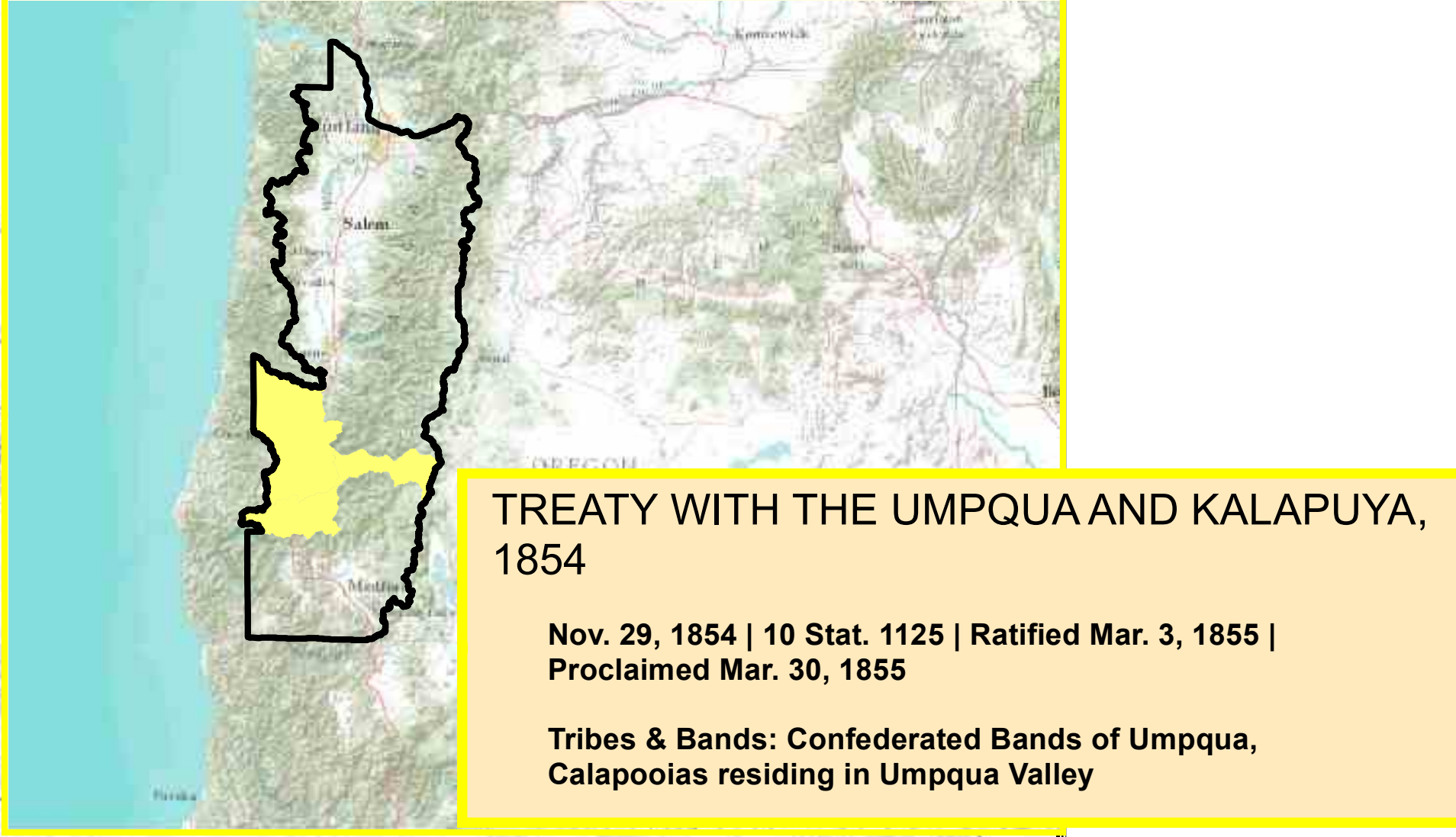
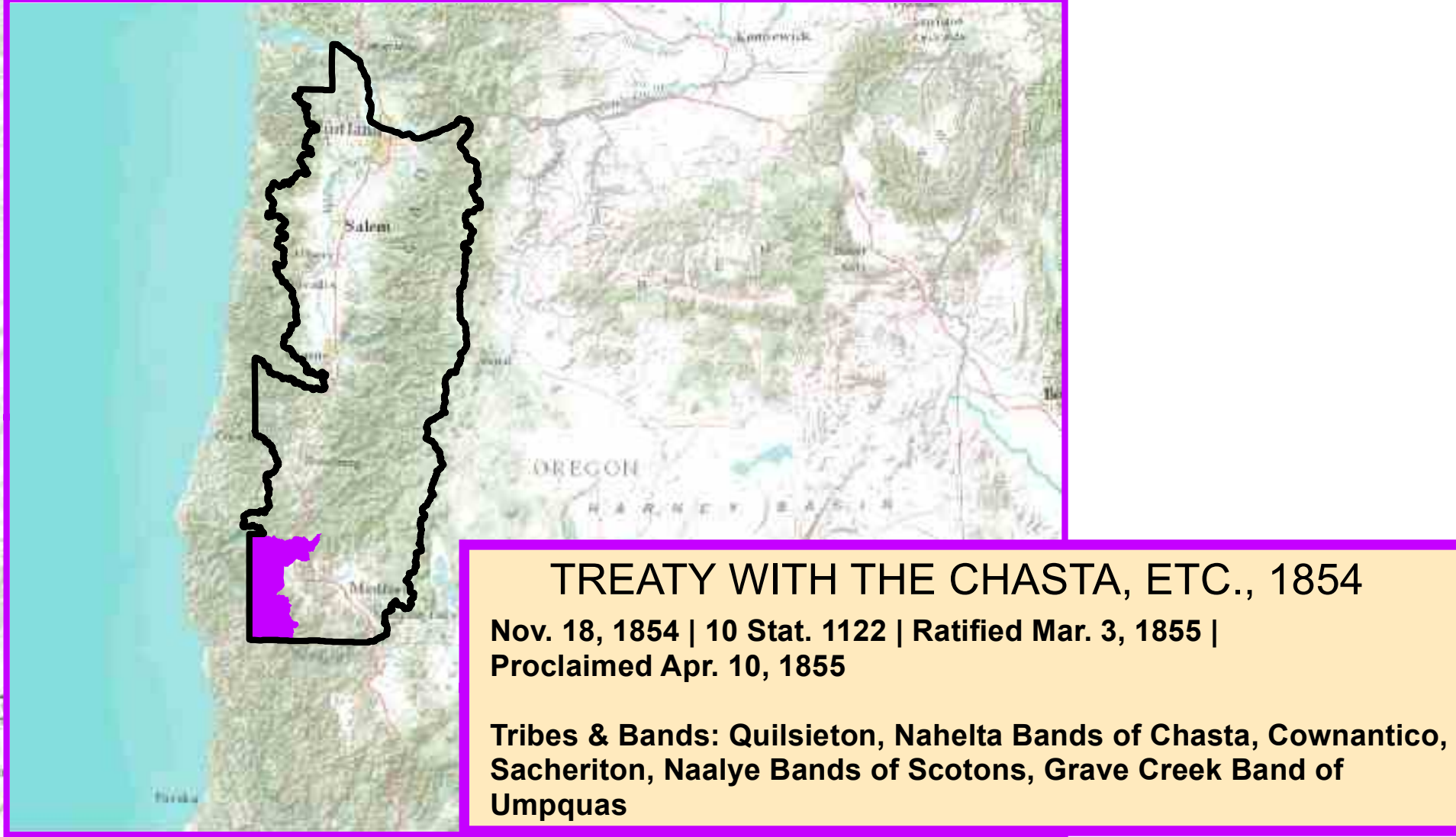
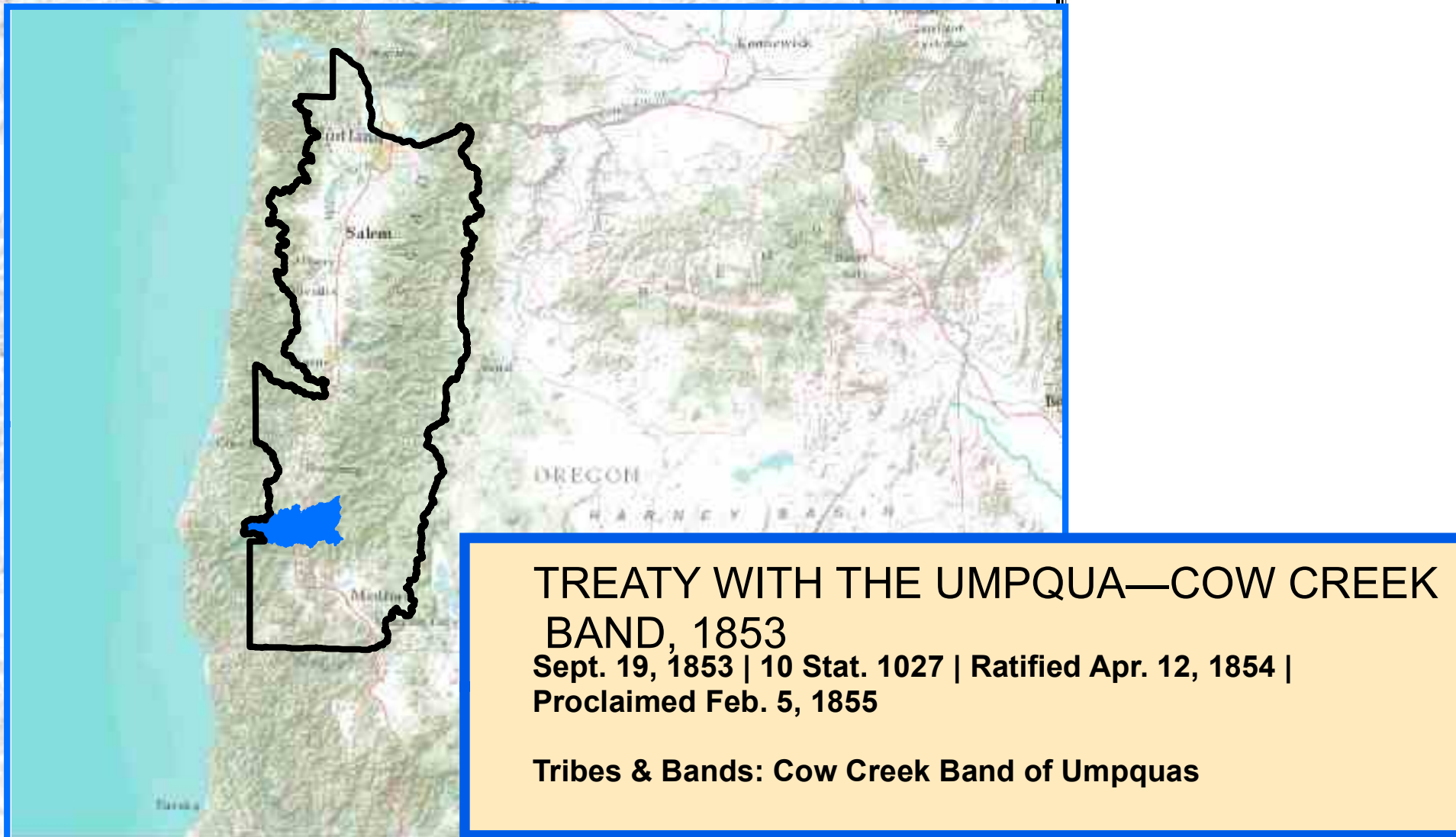
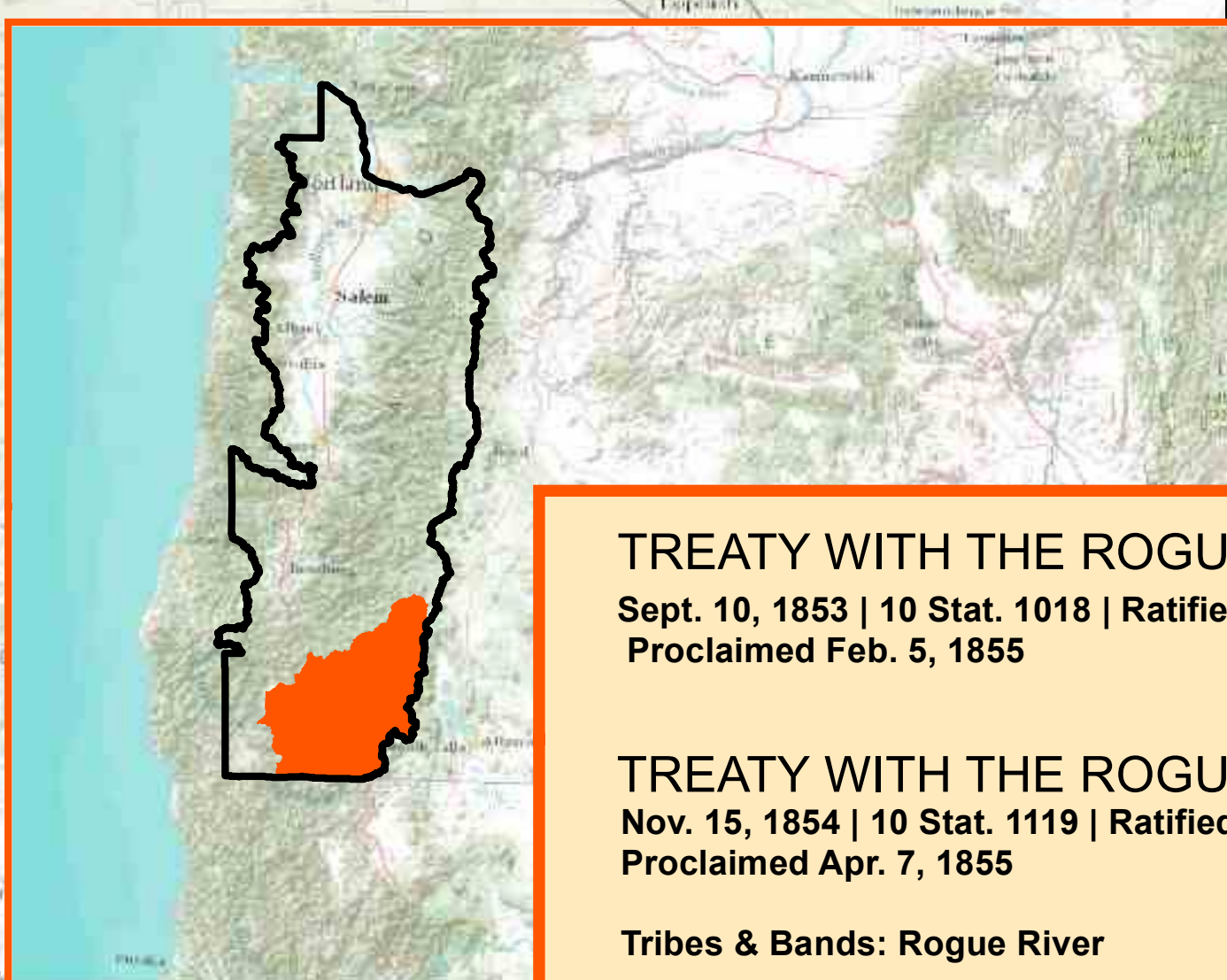


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Ceded Lands / Usual and Accustomed Areas in Oregon, Washington and California

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TREATIES



- ★ Treaty Signing Locations
- ▭ Ceded Lands
- ▨ Aboriginal Homelands
- ▨ Usual and Accustomed area
- ▨ Current Grand Ronde Reservation
- ▨ Historic Grand Ronde Reservation (executive order)

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