Perspectives: Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Review of the Continued Analysis of Supplemental Treatment of Low-Activity Waste at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation -Virtual MEETING-

October 21, 2021

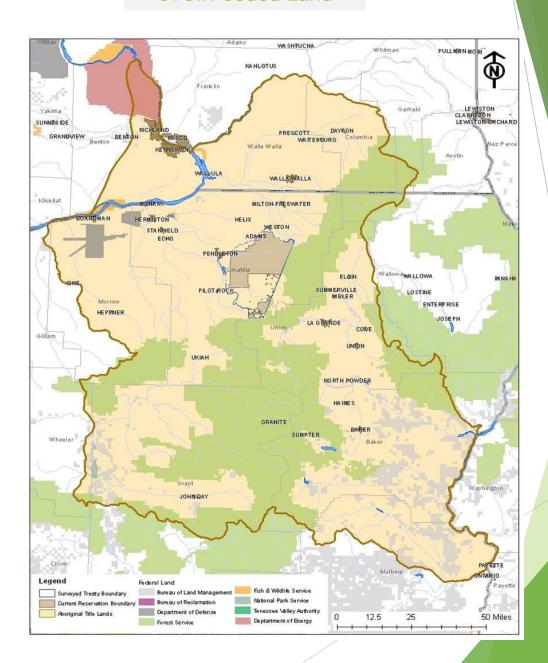
Tribal Treaty Rights

- Treaty of 1855
- Ceded 6.4 million acres
- Current reservation = 250,000 acres (apx 390 sq miles)
- Retained rights
 - to hunt, gather, and pasture animals on unclaimed lands
 - ▶ to fish at usual and accustomed places
- Tribal health and culture is based on the ability to access and safely use the First Foods





CTUIR Ceded Land

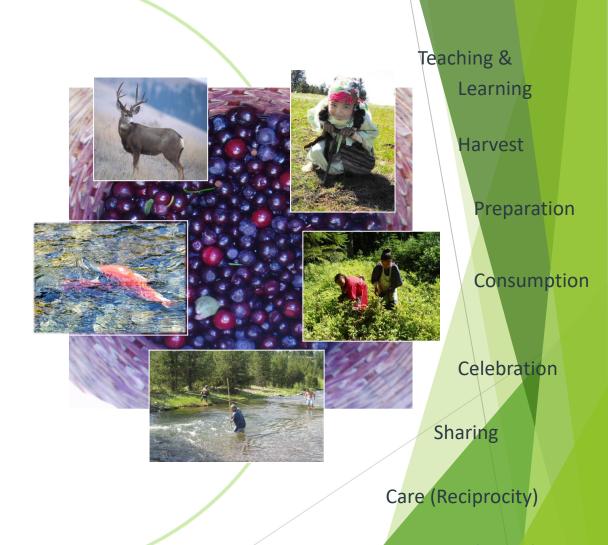


Food Associated Culture

First Foods

Access

Physical + Ecological Processes



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla, Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

CTUIR DNR Hanford Programs

- First Foods Policy Program; Chris Marks
 - Natural Resource Damages Assessment
 - Natural Resource Trustee Council participation
- Energy and Environmental Sciences Program, Mason Murphy
 - Air Quality, Chemists, Ecologists, lab technicians; etc
 - Field Station
 - Analytical laboratory
 - Greenhouses
- Cultural Resources Protection Program, Bambi Rodriguez, Interim Manager

Each program reviews and comments on cleanup documents and partners with various agencies on multiple projects

First Foods Mission

- To protect, restore, and enhance the First Foods water, salmon, deer, roots, and berries - for the perpetual cultural, economic, and sovereign benefit of the CTUIR
- We will do this by using traditional ecological and cultural knowledge and science to inform:
 - Population and habitat management goals
 - Natural resource policies and regulatory mechanisms



Hanford Policy

- Adopted by CTUIR Board of Trustees 2009
- Natural and cultural resources at Hanford must be:
 - Protected & restored
 - Clean and safe for Tribal members to use
 - Returned to 1855 conditions





Hanford NRDA Staff & the Hanford Natural Resources Trustee Council (HNRTC) participation

Participation in the "HNRTC" is to engage in good faith discussions aimed at the development of a natural resource damages assessment claim to make the public whole for losses suffered due to the release of contamination at Hanford, and to provide technical and policy input to the HNRTC to inform group decisions so that they better comply with the CTUIR Hanford Policy. Completion of all tasks is contingent upon full funding.

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Primary or Technical: Alex Nazarali *

Alternate: Althea Huesties-Wolf *

Attorney: Diana Bob

^{*} Althea will swap duties with Alex in January 2022

CTUIR NRDA Projects

- ► 100-F Study
 - ► Contracted work with Alta to develop a risk calculator for the 100-F Area on the Hanford Site. Used HRA-EIS source data which was able to indicate concentrations of radiological and chemical contaminants for that area.
 - Study is ongoing
- CTUIR Threshold Opinion
 - A cumulative threshold value needs to consider all contaminants and where they are located to be able to calculate the sum of impact and understand what the injury and damages are to treaty resources.

Questions? Thank you

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