



# News Release

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## Bridge Toll Waiver Exemption for Tribal Members

Mission, OR – The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) is pleased to announce that enrolled members of the CTUIR are now exempt from paying any toll fees associated with the bridge crossing on the Bridge of the Gods over the Columbia River in Cascade Locks, Oregon.

The Port of Cascade Locks Commission formally adopted this exemption at its meeting on January 19, 2023.

"Since time immemorial, the Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla people have lived, fished, hunted, and gathered along the Columbia River -freely trading goods among other tribes and non-tribal people," said Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair and Board of Trustees Member at Large Corinne Sams. "The CTUIR appreciates and thanks the Port of Cascade Locks' continued willingness to work together on issues that impact our tribal people and removing this significant impediment to exercising our 1855 Treaty Rights," Sams said.

CTUIR tribal members must present their CTUIR enrollment card to cross the bridge without charge. The policy also extends to CTUIR tribal government employees, who must show their CTUIR government employee badge to cross without charge.

In addition, the CTUIR is in discussions with the Port of Hood River regarding adopting a similar exemption at the Hood River Bridge.

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation is comprised of the Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla Tribes, formed under the Treaty of 1855 at the Walla Walla Valley, 12 Stat. 945. In 1949, the Tribes adopted a constitutional form of government to protect, preserve and enhance the reserved treaty rights guaranteed under federal law.

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