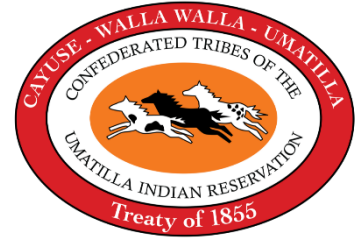


Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

HEARING NOTICE



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Notice of Public Hearing on Coonskin Creek Fish Passage Project

WHAT: The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) Water Resources Program hereby gives notice of a public hearing regarding the Coonskin Creek Fish Passage Project, in accordance with the CTUIR Water Code.

WHEN: 10 a.m., May 19, 2026

WHERE: Conference Room 101A in the Nixyáawii Governance Center at 46411 Timíne Way in Mission, Oregon.

WHY: Under the CTUIR Water Code, all waters of the Umatilla Indian Reservation are properties of the CTUIR and are held in trust for the CTUIR's benefit. The Coonskin Creek Fish Passage Project is designed to restore passage for Mid-Columbia steelhead, an Endangered Species Act-listed species, within its critical habitat.

PROPOSED PROJECT INFO: The project is located on Parcel C166, extending approximately 400 feet downstream from Cayuse Road. It includes:

- Channel Re-alignment: Activities involving the bed and banks of Coonskin Creek, subject to the "Protection of Water Quality and Fish Habitat" provisions of the Water Code.
- Barrier Removal: Removal of two log weirs and a pipeline exceeding 1-foot jump heights.
- Culvert Replacement: Replacement of a corrugated metal pipe with a 3-sided box culvert to meet tribal velocity criteria.

PUBLIC IMPACT AND SCHEDULE: Cayuse Road will be closed for a two-week period within the weeks of June 8 to July 24, 2026. Traffic will be rerouted over the Thornhollow Bridge. The general site construction is scheduled for June 8 through Sept. 30, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENTS: The CTUIR Water Commission invites testimony regarding this application to ensure the project does not impair existing water rights or the public interest. Invited parties may review the project application at the CTUIR Water Resources Program office. Written comments may be submitted by 4 p.m. on May 9, 2026.

To submit comments, contact Devan Noblit, Water Code Administrator, DNR – Water Resources Program
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