Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation



A snapshot of our history, our government and our current activities

Indian Country over the years

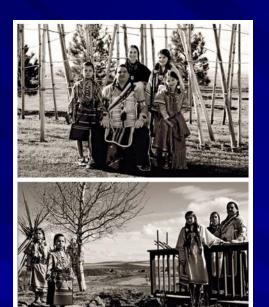


The Indian Experience

Time Immemorial - 1491
1492–1828 Colonial Period
1828–1887 Removal,
Reservations, and Treaty
Period
1887–1934 Allotment and
Assimilation Period
1934–1945 Indian
Reorganization Period
1945–1968 Termination
Period

1968–Present Self Determination Period

An Imposition of Will Incursion with No Proposals







Pre – 1492 / Pre-Columbian Period

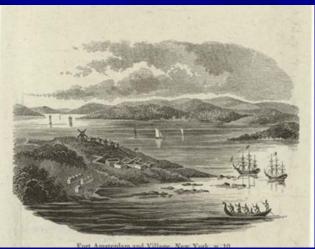
- Tribes control and possess over 2 billion acres
- Native People lived in well organized complex societies with their own forms of government
- Most Native People believe we have always been here. We didn't cross any land bridge or set out on canoes from Asia.
- We are seasonal travelers not nomadic.
- Current Western science hypothesizes that Native People have inhabited the America's for at least 30,000 years.



1492 - 1828 Colonial Period

- European colonies create a dominant presence on East Coast of N. America.
- Colonies occupy Native lands under doctrine of discovery they negotiate and sign treaties for land.
- Louisiana Purchase rights to negotiate for land rights.
- Lewis & Clark Expedition Doctrine of Discovery
- Colonial governments and eventually the U.S. recognize tribes as sovereigns and work through diplomatic relations to resolve issues.







1828 – 1887 Removal, Reservations, and Treaty Period

- Due to burgeoning population on East Coast many tribes are forced to migrate Westward.
- US government aggressively moves to relocate tribes to reservations.
- In general, reservations were established by treaties. Tribes trade large tracts of land for continued right of self governance under the protection of the US.
- Land Stewardship vs. Land Ownership
- Indian Law



1887 – 1934 Allotment and Assimilation Period – Tribes Reserve 138 million acres

- General Allotment Act (Dawes Act) dictates the forced conversion of community held tribal lands into small parcels for individual tribal member ownership
- Due to this act over 100 million acres were taken from tribes and given to non-Indian settlers as "surplus" – most given without compensation to Tribal members.
- And additional 10 million acres was lost from individual Tribal members due foreclosures, taxation, and outright greed.



1934 – 1950 Indian Reorganization Period

- Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 ends the discredited policy of allotment.
- The Act supports Tribes reclaiming their lands and developing / reconstituting Tribal governments.
- Federal Government develops programs and projects to rehabilitate Indian economic life.
- The forced American values and governance structure often damage traditional values and governance.



1950 - 1968 Termination Period

- During the 1950's Congress legislates that federal recognition and assistance to more that 100 tribes should be terminated.
- Public Law 280 (passed in 1953) imposed state criminal and civil jurisdiction over tribes in CA, MN, NE, OR, and WS.
- Termination created economic disasters for most Tribes, resulting in over 5 million acres of natural resource land being lost to the federal govt or private sales.
- Federal Policy emphasized the physical relocation of tribal members from reservations to urban areas.



1968 – Present Self Determination Period

- Tribal government involvements with Congress and federal courts ends termination era and prompted the development of a policy of self determination and self governance.
- Polices like the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975 emerged that favored tribal control over their own destinies.
- With control over their lands once again Tribes make great strides in reversing economic hardships and revive their unique life ways and languages.





Federal Indian Policy

- 1633 General Court of Mass. Indian Land Allotment
- 1754 Albany Congress Unified Colonial Indian Policy
- 1763 King George III Proclamation of Indian Land
- 1778 1st Indian Treaty with U.S. Continental Congress
- 1789 War Department oversees Indian Affairs
- 1790 Trade and Intercourse Act
- 1803 Louisiana Purchase
- 1820 Federal Gov't Authorized to hold Trust funds
- 1824 War Secretary creates BIA
- 1830 Indian Removal Acts multiple
- 1834 Congress establishes IIM Trusteeship
- 1843 Intercourse Act restricts Tribal rights
- 1858 Land Donation Acts multiple
- 1868 Indian Peace Commission negotiates final treaty with Tribes
- 1871 Congress passes act to abolish treaty making with Tribes
- 1885 Major Crimes Act
- 1887 Dawes Act

- 1920 Competency Commission established
- 1921 Snyder Act
- 1924 Indian Citizen Act
- 1924 Indian Health Division established
- 1934 Howard Wheeler Act Indian Reorganization
- 1934 Johnson O'Malley Act
- 1936 Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act
- 1936 Alaska Native Welfare Act
- 1946 Indian Claims Commission established
- 1947 BIA formally established
- 1952 PL 83-280
- 1953 Termination Act HCR 108
- 1954 IHS transferred to BIA
- 1964 Economic Opportunity Act
- 1968 Indian Civil Rights Act
- 1971 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act
- 1973 Congress repeals Termination Act
- 1975 PL 93-638 Indian Self Determination / Education Assistance Act
- 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act
- 1988 Indian Gaming Act
- 1994 Indian Trust Reform Act

What is a Treaty?

- Contract between Sovereigns
- United States Constitution authorizes President to enter Treaties on behalf of U.S. subject to Senate confirmation of the treaty
- United States Constitution provides that treaties are "the supreme law of the land."
- Article VI, Clause 2 of the United States Constitution, known as the Supremacy Clause, establishes the U.S. Constitution, U.S. Treaties, and laws made pursuant to the U.S. Constitution, shall be "the supreme law of the land."
- CTUIR entered into Treaty with U.S. in 1855
- CTUIR Treaty confirmed by the Senate in 1859- a few months before Oregon was admitted as a State into the Union

What do treaties contain?

- Indians agreed to relinquish lands (cede lands)
- U.S. promised to create federally protected Reservations for the Tribes (protect Tribal lands, people and resources) - Trust responsibilities
- Indian tribes constitute unique legal entities in the United States

Treaty of 1855

- Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla Tribes were brought together
- Peace treaty, not a war treaty, intended to open land for non-Indian settlers
- 3 Tribes ceded 6.4 million acres
- Reserved 510,000 acres for Umatilla Reservation
- Actual surveyed Reservation totaled 245,000 acres
- Umatilla Res. currently 172,000 acres (due to federal legislation in late 1800s)



Ceded Territory and Rights

- The 1855 Treaty involved a commitment by the United States to establish the Umatilla Indian Reservation as a tribal homeland, to recognize the sovereignty of the CTUIR over our Reservation and to reserve certain off-reservation rights to fish, hunt, gather foods/medicines, pasture livestock across traditional use areas.
- Rights were reserved, NOT given to the Tribes
- Cannons of Construction for Federal Indian Law Interpret as Indians would understand Liberally construe in favor of Indians Ambiguities resolved in favor of Indians

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CTUIR Aboriginal Lands

1949 Constitution



- Created our modern form of government
- General Council voting membership age 18 and older
- Board of Trustees a 9 member governing body, elected by the General Council every two years

Our Tribal Membership

Currently 3,047 Tribal Members



30% are children under age 18 15% are elders over age 55

About half live on or near the Reservation



Our Tribal Government Today

- Elected officials the Board of Trustees create policy
- Board appoints Tribal members to commissions and committees that monitor issues and make policy recommendations to Board
- Staff implements policies
- \$106 million overall operating budget for tribal governmental functions (does not include our major enterprises)

Board of Trustees

- Governing body of the CTUIR
- 9 members elected every two years: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, 4 Members-at-Large and the Chair of the General Council

















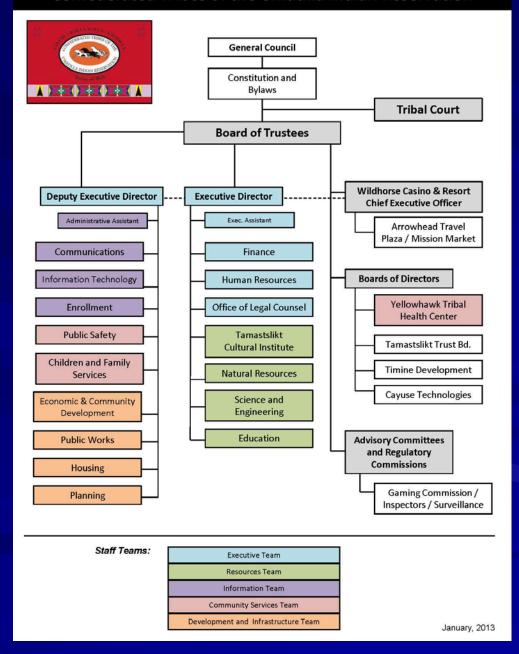
Tribal Court

- Exercises criminal jurisdiction for all misdemeanor and felony crimes committed by Indians, as well as over non-Indians who are accused of domestic violence
- Exercises exclusive jurisdiction over claims arising from CTUIR Statutes (zoning, enrollment, fish and wildlife, water codes, etc)
- PL 280 -Share jurisdiction with state courts re: civil causes of action
- Chief Judge: William Johnson, CTUIR member, graduate of the University of Oregon law school and a member of the Oregon State Bar

Our Work Force

- 448 employed within Tribal government
- 846 employed at Wildhorse Resort and Casino
- 242 employed at Cayuse Technologies
- 95 employed at Yellowhawk Clinic
- Total Workforce of 1,64528 % CTUIR Tribal Members12 % Other Indians61 % Non-Indians
- Over \$40 million annual payroll

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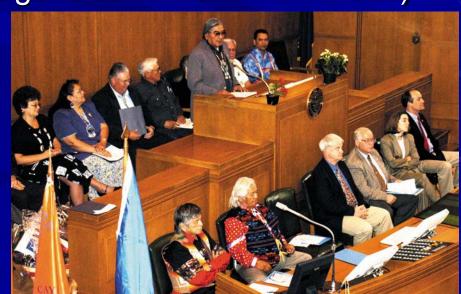
Government To Government

- Emphasis on government to government relationships at all levels (federal, state, tribal, county, city)
- Actively involved in Oregon Legislative Commission on Indian Services

Played active role in establishment of Governor's Executive Order (for Oregon agencies to work with Tribes)

and subsequent legislation enacting the EO into law

Active in US Congress,
 Oregon Legislature,
 Washington state Legislature





Thank you!