



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Environmental Trust (ET) Program relies on community input when searching for information vital to planning and/or finalizing projects. This information is essential in making projects on the Colville Indian Reservation successful.

ET and Recycling Programs co-sponsored an educational outreach event at all schools on the Colville Reservation. Environmental Trust also held a Native Youth Artist Competition to encourage youth to showcase their artistic abilities.

The 128(a) Tribal Response Program holds a annual meeting to update concerned citizens on hazardous waste sites on the Colville Reservation and present an action plan to remedy these issues.

ET post public notices for Reservation Communities when water or air quality levels are impacted by elements making them unhealthy or unsafe.



ET conducted a survey and the results will be used to estimate exposure from pollution and to encourage healthy diets and lifestyles for those living on the Colville Reservation.

The Upper Columbia River Tribal Consumption and Resource Use Survey is one of the largest ever done on a Tribal population. A total of 5,469 surveys were administered by Tribal Employees or descendants.

The survey found that 1,421 people refrained from using or avoided any resources from the Upper Columbia River or Lake Roosevelt because of contamination or pollution.

The top 10 local foods consumed are: Deer, Huckleberries, Elk, Moose, Wild Strawberries, Wild Raspberries, Bitterroot, Camas, Upland Birds (e.g. Wild Turkey) and Wild Mushrooms.

Our goal is to improve the lives of the community members, provide a healthy environment for all creatures, and protect the natural resources for future generations.



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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION



ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST PROGRAM



Environmental Trust Mission:

To achieve and maintain a healthy environment with functioning ecological systems including biodiversity, clean water, clean air, and healthy soils required to support plants, animals, tribal values, and subsistence uses.

THE CIRCLE OF LIFE EVOLVES AROUND THE ENVIRONMENT



Water Rights and Permitting, Maintain a water permitting and record system, Tribal water rights, perform water resource planning and inventory functions, and regulate/permit on-site waste water systems.

- Process temporary and full-time water permits
- Perform water permit and water rights investigations
- Coordinate with State regarding boundary waters and state permitting issues
- Create and maintain a water permit/water use data base
- Perform water availability and need studies for reservation watersheds
- Regulate and permit on-site waste water systems

Watershed Management, Protect and enhance the water quality of the Colville Indian Reservation, manage Twin Lakes and Owhi Lake dam, and protect reservation soil, enforce tribal laws on hydraulics practices, forest practices, mining water quality, and water quality standards

- Perform surface and ground water monitoring on the reservation.
- Ensure sustainable and productive reservation soils by operating a tribal soils program.
- Improve accuracy, quantity and availability of water resources data to other programs.
- Protect people and property by operation of a federal dam safety program.
- Help achieve sustainable integrated natural resources management by overseeing the water resources portion of IRMP and PPP (watershed plans)
- Perform or coordinate watershed analysis to facilitate water and soil resource management and land use planning.

- Verify compliance with tribal water quality standards law through monitoring, and periodic water quality assessments.
- Oversee enforcement of the mining practices water quality act.
- Enforce tribal forest practices act, and coordinate enforcement efforts with other programs.
- Enforce DNR forest practices regulations on fee lands.
- Advise Tribe and BIA on forest practice issues. Draft and implement improved forest practices regulations.
- Enforce hydraulic practices act.
- Oversees development and implementation of non-point source water quality projects.
- Coordinate wetlands program development and implementation.

Boundary Waters, Protect and enhance boundary waters of the Colville Indian Reservation.

- Coordinate with state and federal authorities on boundary water quality.
- Coordinate with Canadian authorities on boundary water quality.
- Coordinate Upper Columbia River CERCLA activities.
- Assist with activities of the Lake Roosevelt Water Quality Council.
- Represent tribal interests and provide technical input in forums and processes effecting boundary water quality.
- Serve as Lead Administrative Trustee for Upper Columbia River Trustee Council and Oversee the Upper Columbia River resource consumption health survey.



Air Quality, Protect air quality of the Colville Indian Reservation.

- Analyze and advise the Tribe regarding the adoption of tribal laws and/or delegation of federal laws on air quality.
- Develop, operate, and maintain an air monitoring program for reservation.
- Coordinate with EPA and others to build tribal air program capability.
- Coordinate with EPA on implementation of new federal air quality laws for the Colville Indian Reservation.
- Annually develop and manage air quality work plans, grants, and contracts with EPA and others.
- Perform air quality inventories and assessments.
- Operate an air quality permit system and coordinate with Fire Control on burning permits and smoke management issues.
- Maintain air quality program website for the reservation.



Hazardous Waste, Assess and clean up hazardous waste/materials on the Colville Indian Reservation.

- Negotiate annually "tribal response" CERCLA 128(a) work plan with EPA
- Enforce tribal hazardous substances control act.
- Manage hazardous waste assessment activities on the reservation.
- Manage hazardous waste clean up activities on the reservation.
- Maintain an information repository for all clean up and assessment activities on the reservation, past and present, including a responsible party file system.
- Inform the public of hazardous waste activities on the reservation.

Spokane Bomb Squad suits up to remove dynamite found at local residence.

