"The Willamette River from a Mountain"
Paul Kane, 1847 (Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto)
Newcomers and Treaties

The fur trade and disease epidemics

The 1851 Anson Dart treaties (reservations on homelands)—rejected by Congress

The 1853-1855 Joel Palmer treaties

Ratified by Congress

Removal to Grand Ronde Reservation

All rights on ceded lands not specifically given up in the treaties were *retained* by these tribes/bands
Willamette Valley Treaty
Signed: January 22, 1855
Ratified: March 3, 1855
Tribes and Bands: Tualatin, Yamhill, Luckiamute, Mary’s River, Muddy River, Long Tom, Calapooia, Winnefelly, Mohawk, Tekopa, Chafan, Santiam, Pudding River, Northern Molalla, Clackamas, Cascades, Clowwewalla, Multnomah, Cathlamet, Skiloot.
Reservation Era, Termination, and Restoration

Almost 100 years of original Grand Ronde Reservation 1857-1954

Western Oregon Termination Act

Severed federal trust relationship

In 100 years the Tribes went from owning all their homelands to owning nothing

Almost 30 years of termination 1954-1983

Grand Ronde Restoration Act 1983

Grand Ronde Reservation Act 1988

Treaty rights to ceded lands restored, but early focus was on the Grand Ronde community and Reservation
Tribal Vision

The Tribal people have lived on the land and have been connected to the land from time immemorial.

Natural resources = Cultural

The people have made use of every type of habitat that historically existed, and are the original stewards of the land including all native species.

Responsibilities - next seven generations

Oregon white oak (Quercus garryana)
Tribal Staff Guidance

Natural Recourses Department
- The mission of the Fish and Wildlife Program is to protect and enhance fish and wildlife resources for the Tribal membership. The program provides a Tribal voice for issues that may impact fish and wildlife resources or the health, rights and opportunities of the Tribal membership to utilize important natural resources. To actively pursue Tribal Sovereignty through leadership and increased management authorities on all Tribal lands.

2010 Strategic Plan

Ceded Lands Plan
- 1) to protect, preserve, recover and restore Tribal treaty lands and resources
- 2) to be properly recognized and consulted as the primary sovereign Tribal nation of its homeland area.
Conservation Efforts

Tribe collaboration with BPA and NPCC on the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Program

Goal: Fully mitigate fish and wildlife that have been affected by the construction, operations, and inundation of the Federal Hydropower System.

Collaborating entity on the Willamette Biological Opinion processes

Actively participating in the ODFW Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program

Restoration and protection of Willamette Subbasin fish and wildlife species and habitats requires many active participants.
Questions