

OREGON SHPO – TRIBAL INTERACTION

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What is the State Historic Preservation Office? (SHPO)

- **SHPO was created under federal law (NHPA) in 1966 to oversee the protection of cultural resources in each state and to review proposed project developments in order to avoid adverse impacts to significant cultural resources.**
- **SHPO works with federal, state, and local agencies, as well as the tribes, and general public, to assist in compliance with state or local cultural resource regulations on all non-federal public and private lands in the state.**
- **In Oregon, the SHPO is within the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD).**

Tribal Consultation with Oregon's Native American Tribes

- Nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon;
- Tribes maintain an interest in archaeological and cultural sites throughout their traditional territories; not only on their reservation lands!
- CIS provides the name of the appropriate Tribes for areas within the state;
- SHPO consults with all federally recognized Tribes on most aspects that our office is involved with, sometimes on a daily basis.



SHPO-Tribal Relationship under federal law



SHPO consults with tribes regarding any federal project (federally managed, funded, or permitted) in Oregon regarding potential impacts to cultural resources. Tribal consultation is required for all federal projects;

Assist Tribes in compliance with federal, state or local regulations;

Provide assistance to Tribes regarding cultural resource laws in Oregon;

Maintain an on-line statewide-database of known archaeological sites, available to professional archaeologists and Tribes;

Work closely with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPO).

SHPO-Tribal Relationship under state law

- **SHPO work with Tribes in cases of the discovery of human remains to assist with repatriation/reburial;**
- **Assist Tribes with the return of any sacred object, object of cultural patrimony, or funerary object;**
- **Issue state archaeology permits of which Tribes are reviewers, with final approval authority;**
- **Participate with Tribes regarding any archaeological permit dispute on public lands, including informal dispute resolution, mediation, and arbitration;**
- **Manage multiple preservation grant programs that Tribes are eligible to apply for.**

Intergovernmental Cultural Resource Council (ICRC)

- **Informal interagency/governmental forum, started in 2005 between state and federal agencies with Tribes joining in 2014;**
- **Not for project-specific discussions but seen as an opportunity to brainstorm broad issues affecting cultural resources;**
- **Council meets three x year; all-day meetings;**
- **ICRC provides a forum for agency/tribal staff to get better acquainted with each other. Formal consultation process often forces unnatural & unhelpful communication that can be eased by ability to reach out and chat informally with staff you are familiar with;**
- **Past topics include: public education, law enforcement, site eligibility & mitigation, cultural landscapes & TCPs, internships, site stewardship, disaster preparedness, site stabilization, and natural resources as cultural resources.**

SHPO-Tribal Training opportunities

- **SHPO initiated Archaeology Awareness Training in 2004 for managers and field staff of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and Oregon Department of Forestry. All nine tribes invited to participate in training. Training now managed by OPRD and offered to all state agencies and some federal agencies. Tribes & SHPO remain active participants/ instructors.**
- **Starting in 2016, SHPO offers periodic training regarding cultural resource issues in a state forum (SHPOlooza) for cultural resource management personnel with Tribes active participants . Topics discussed include: TCPs, site eligibility, permit process, and state laws.**
- **SHPO regularly participates in tribal training programs, as offered.**

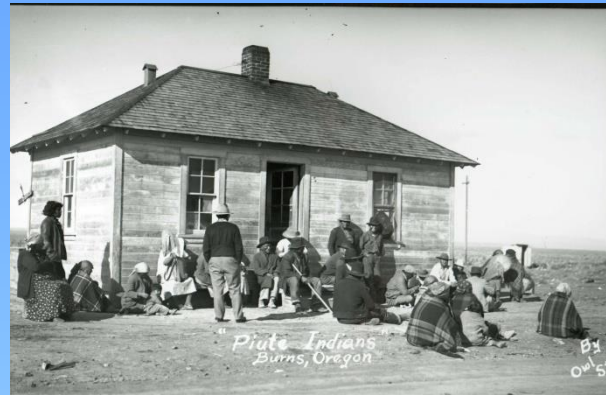
SHPO – THPO Collaboration

- Oregon SHPO instituted visits to each tribe to discuss SHPO program and see how they could assist tribal programs with projects important to them;
- Offered Tribes copies of all forms and templates that are used in SHPO office to assist in establishment of new THPO offices;
- Tribal representation on all SHPO managed commissions and grant programs;
- SHPO participated with Tribes on Governor's Task Force on Oregon Cultural Items;
- Tribes reached out to Oregon SHPO for possibility of collaborative projects regarding documentation of historic properties on reservations with historical ties to Tribes; properties relevant to the intersection of the histories of Tribes and Euro-Americans; and historic properties that reflect Euro-American history that are now owned by Tribes.

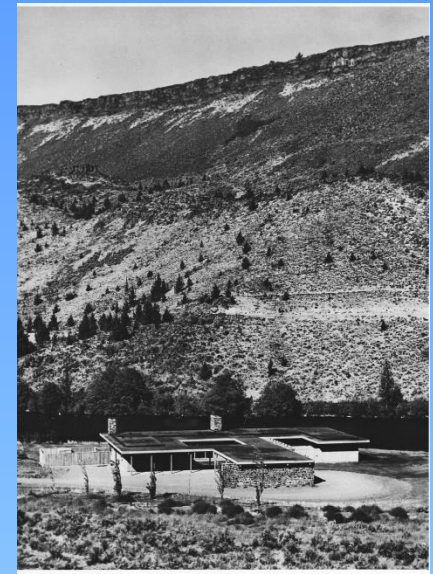
SHPO-THPO projects



Umatilla tribal school



Burns Paiute 'Old Camp' early tribal house



Historic Belluschi house

SHPO provided cultural specialists & summer student interns on a variety of tribal selected projects (Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla, Burns Paiute Tribe, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs) to document historic structures, conduct intensive level surveys, prepare NR nominations, & offer restoration advice.