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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

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### **Francis Somday, Executive Director of the Colville Tribes, Passes Away**

(Nespelem, WA) — The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation announces with sorrow the passing of Francis Somday. Francis was the Executive Director of the Colville Tribes and has been a vital part of the Tribes' government.

Chairman Andy Joseph, Jr. stated, "My condolences, and those of the Colville Business Council, go out to Francis' family and to his many friends and colleagues. The loss of Francis is a great blow to many people and to the Tribes as a whole. A longer remembrance of his life and career will follow. For now, rest in peace, Francis."

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,432 descendants of 12 aboriginal tribes of Indians are enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of the Colville. The twelve tribes which compose the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation include: ščəlāmxəx<sup>w</sup> (deep water) or Chelan; walwáma (Wallowa people) or Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce; sx<sup>w</sup>yʔilp (sharp pointed trees) or Colville; šntíyátk<sup>w</sup>əx<sup>w</sup> (grass in the water) or Entiat; sníáyckst (speckled fish) or Lakes; mətx<sup>w</sup>u (blunt hills around a valley) or Methow; škwáxčənəx<sup>w</sup> (people living on the bank) or Moses-Columbia; nspilm (prairie) or Nespelem; uknaqin (seeing over the top) or Okanogan; palúšpam (people from Palouse) or Palus; sənpɬ<sup>w</sup>ilx (grey mist as far as one can see) or San Poil, and šnpəšq<sup>w</sup>áwsəx<sup>w</sup> (people in between) or Wenatchi.