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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

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### **Colville Executive Director Focuses on Economic Development**

The Colville Business Council (CBC) has delegated Executive Director (ED), Francis Somday, on a special assignment to create and present to the CBC a strategic plan for the development of the remaining casino sites within the ancestral and historic territories of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation.

Somday's contract will remain in full force and effect with the exception of scope of duties, which shall be limited to the special assignment.

Acting EDs will serve on a rotating basis from the pool of current administrators and division directors. Each acting ED will serve for 120 days, starting with Public Safety Director, Deb Wulff. Subsequently, CBC will determine by consensus who will serve as acting ED.

Somday provided information about this assignment to the membership at the annual general meeting last month, presenting a map of traditional territories along populous highways in Central and Eastern Washington.

The Colville Tribes has the authority for six casinos due to the Tribes' size. The Tribes' have three casinos in Manson, Omak and Coulee Dam.

"I am thrilled and excited that I will be focusing in on a strategic plan that will generate new revenue streams to the Colville Tribes government for services to the membership and future economic development. Building a stronger economy for the reservation and its members is most important to me," Somday said today.

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,520 descendants of 12 aboriginal tribes of Indians are enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of the Colville. The tribes, commonly known by English and French names, are: the Colville, the Nespelem, the San Poil, the Lake, the Palus, the Wenatchi (Wenatchee), the Chelan, the Entiat, the Methow, the southern Okanogan, the Moses Columbia and the Nez Perce of Chief Joseph's Bands.