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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

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Colville Reservation to Reopen on Friday, August 27, 2021

(Nespelem, WA) — The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation announces today that the Colville Reservation will reopen to industrial activities and to the general public on Friday, August 27, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. The Reservation has been closed since July 13, 2021 due to extremely hazardous fire conditions.

Chairman Andy Joseph, Jr. stated, “We are grateful that fire conditions have improved to a point that allows us to reopen the Reservation. I want to thank all of the firefighters and other individuals who have struggled against the fires this summer to save our health, homes, and land as much as possible. However, we must continue to act safely and remain aware of fire danger until fire season has truly passed for the year.”

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,421 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: ščəlámxəx^w (deep water) or Chelan; walwáma (Wallowa people) or Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce; sǰ^wyʔiɫp (sharp pointed trees) or Colville; šntiyátk^wəx^w (grass in the water) or Entiat; snǰáyckst (speckled fish) or Lakes; mətx^wu (blunt hills around a valley) or Methow; škwáxčənəx^w (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; sənpǰ^wilx (grey mist as far as one can see) or San Poil, and šnpəšq^wáwəsəx^w (people in between) or Wenatchi.