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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

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Colville Tribes Addresses Extreme Fire Danger

(Nespelem, WA) — The Colville Reservation and surrounding areas are facing extreme fire conditions. The Tribal Council today passed several emergency resolutions to mitigate the fire risk.

The sale and ignition of fireworks are now prohibited within the Reservation boundaries. In addition, open fires are prohibited within the Reservation boundaries. All violations of these prohibitions will result in a \$5,000.00 fine. These prohibitions and emergency fines are in effect from July 1, 2021, until October 1, 2021. Finally, the shorelines in Hellgate Game Reserve and the Swawilla Basin are closed due to the predicted fire risk and the restricted accessibility for initial attack resources.

Council Secretary Karen Condon stated, “Over the last week we have seen extreme temperatures. On top of an unusually dry year, the Tribes now faces extreme fire conditions. Today’s actions are necessary to protect the lives and property of all residents.”

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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: ščəlámxəx^w (deep water) or Chelan; walwáma (Wallowa people) or Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce; sǰ^wyǰilp (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 šnpǰəq^wáwəsəx^w (people in between) or Wenatchi.