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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

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## **Donations for Fire Response**

NESPELEM, WA – The Colville Tribes announces that it is receiving generous offers of donations from around the region to assist the response to ongoing fires on the Colville Reservation. To streamline the process and lessen confusion, the Tribes announces means by which donations may be made.

Financial contributions are the fastest, most effective and flexible way to donate to assist fire response. The Tribes' Chief Financial Officer, William Nicholson II, is ready to accept and account for any monetary donations made to the Tribes to defray expenses due to the current fires. He may be reached at (509) 634-2857 or at [billy.nicholson.act@colvilletribes.com](mailto:billy.nicholson.act@colvilletribes.com)

Donation of unsolicited goods is discouraged. The Tribes' Emergency Operations Center often buys in bulk, with purchases through local businesses when possible, to stockpile supplies that may be needed in a crisis. Processing unsolicited goods which aren't needed may burden volunteers' ability to meet the needs of fire victims and may draw away valuable transportation and warehouse space. Please speak to the Tribes' Director of Employment and Education, Tammy James, to confirm what items may be needed before donating goods. Ms. James can be reached at [tammy.james.adm@colvilletribes.com](mailto:tammy.james.adm@colvilletribes.com) or at (509) 634-2777.

The Tribes is accepting donations of non-perishable food items and approved goods. Donations may be made beginning 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at the Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) office at 37 Lake Street on the Nespelem Agency Campus. Going forward, donations will be accepted from Monday to Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until capacity is reached. Also, please call ahead to arrange drop-off as staff is engaging in

sanitization procedures due to COVID-19. Telephone numbers for LIHEAP are (509) 634-2770 and (509) 634-2796.

If you are in need of resources due to the fires, please contact the Tribes' Emergency Operations Center at (509) 634-7350. You may also contact the usual numbers for emergency assistance if you face a situation of immediate danger.

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,491 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: ščəlám̓xəx̓w (deep water) or Chelan; walwáma (Wallowa people) or Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce; s̓x̓w̓y̓l̓p (sharp pointed trees) or Colville; šntiyátk̓wəx̓w (grass in the water) or Entiat; sn̓áyckst (speckled fish) or Lakes; mət̓x̓w (blunt hills around a valley) or Methow; škwáxčənəx̓w (people living on the bank) or Moses-Columbia; nspilm (prairie) or Nespelem; uknaq̓in (seeing over the top) or Okanogan; palúšpam (people from Palouse) or Palus; sənp̓ŋ̓w̓ilx (grey mist as far as one can see) or San Poil, and šnp̓əšq̓wáw̓səx̓w (people in between) or Wenatchi.