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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

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Individuals Do Not Represent the Wenatchi Tribe or the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

(Nespelem, WA)—Several individuals have purported to represent the interests of the Wenatchi Tribe. These individuals have held themselves out in public as representatives of the Wenatchi Tribe, including in several news articles. The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation wishes to clarify that these individuals are not acting on behalf of the Colville Tribes or of the Wenatchi Tribe.

Specifically, the Colville Tribes is not currently affiliated with any fundraising efforts to buy back land in its traditional territories. These fundraisers are being held by individuals who do not have authority to act on behalf of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation or its constituent tribes, including the Wenatchi Tribe.

Any questions about the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation or its constituent tribes are properly directed to the Colville tribal government. Individual tribal members are not authorized contacts. The Tribes' media contact Neeka Somday is available at (509) 634-2213 or by email at neeka.somday@colvilletribes.com.

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,448 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 šnpəšq^wáwsəx^w (people in between) or Wenatchi.