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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

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Sinixt Appeal Hearing Approaches Quickly

Nespelem, WA—The Colville Business Council received notice this week of the upcoming appeal hearing for the Desautel Hunting case in Nelson, BC. The British Columbia Canadian court system schedules the dates for the appeal hearings a few days before they are held, the dates are not confirmed yet but are expected to be either the first or second week in September.

“We were prepared for the appeal and knew that it was coming,” said Chairman Dr. Michael E. Marchand. “The Sinixt living south of the border continue to hunt and express our connection with the land that we have had a relationship with for thousands of years.”

The appeal will be heard over a two-day period in Nelson, BC. The hearing is most likely to be heard on September 6-7 or 7-8, 2017, but that is still to be confirmed.

“Arrow Lakes is our traditional territory and our rights as Sinixt people have endured and we need to continue to fight for the BC and Canadian governments to recognize that,” said Marchand. He added “We hope that Sinixt people will attend the hearing and continue to show their support for Rick Desautel and the important fight he has taken on”.

Sinixt descendants are encouraged to attend the hearing and if interested please contact the Office of Reservation Attorney’s by calling 509 634-2385 or by email to: bonnie.carden@colvilletribes.com.

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,538 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.