



## The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon

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Washington County Reserves Coordinating Committee  
c/o Washington County Department of Land Use & Transportation  
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Reserves Steering Committee  
c/o Ms. Laura Dawson-Bodner  
Metro  
600 NE Grand Avenue  
Portland, OR 97232-2736

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon ("Confederated Tribes") regarding the recommendation to designate lands north of Highway 26 in Washington County as urban reserve. Before the Washington County Reserves Coordinating Committee makes any recommendation to the Reserves Steering Committee, the Confederated Tribes request government-to-government consultation with both Washington County and Metro to discuss the impacts such an urban reserve recommendation would have on the Confederated Tribes.

Grand Ronde is a federally recognized Indian Tribe. Under the treaty of January 22, 1855, the tribes and bands of the Confederated Tribes ceded a significant part of their homelands in the Willamette Valley and along the Columbia River to the United States. The Atfalati (or Tualatin Kalapuyas), one of the antecedent bands of the Confederated Tribes lived in what is today Washington County. The Confederated Tribes' Cultural Resources Department has identified the area in Washington County north of Highway 26 as a remnant cultural landscape of significance to the Confederated Tribes. The Confederated Tribes believe this is an area containing sacred, historical, cultural, and burial sites. Designating this area as urban reserve could facilitate development that would irreparably harm these sites. In view of this, the Confederated Tribes request to meet with you at the earliest opportunity to initiate a government-to-government process that would ensure the protection of the Confederated Tribes' interests in this area.

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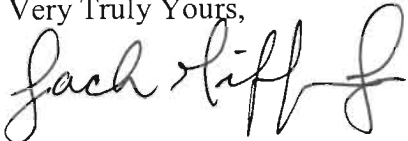
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I look forward to hearing from you. I can be reached at (503) 879-2306. You may also contact our Tribal Attorney, Rob Greene at (503) 879-2270.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Giffen, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jack Giffen, Jr.  
Tribal Council Secretary

cc: Chairman Brian and Washington County Board of Commissioners  
Council President Bragdon and Metro Councilors  
Mr. Dennis Griffin, Ph.D., RPA, State Archaeologist  
Tribal Council  
Rob Greene, Tribal Attorney  
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