



Help us protect
the
**CULTURAL
RESOURCES**
and **History**
of the
**COLUMBIA RIVER
BASIN**



**PROTECTING MORE
THAN SALMON**

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement Office in Hood River, Ore., protects a vital cultural resource — the salmon species. However this is not the only resource we protect.

In cooperation with federal agencies and the Nez Perce, Umatilla, Warm Springs, and Yakama Tribes, we protect cultural and archaeological resources. We also work with federal, state, and local law enforcement in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho to protect these resources.

**PROTECTING OUR
HERITAGE**

For thousands of years Native American people have lived on the Columbia, Snake, and Clearwater rivers. They gathered food, hunted, fished, lived in villages, worshipped in sacred places, and carefully buried their dead.





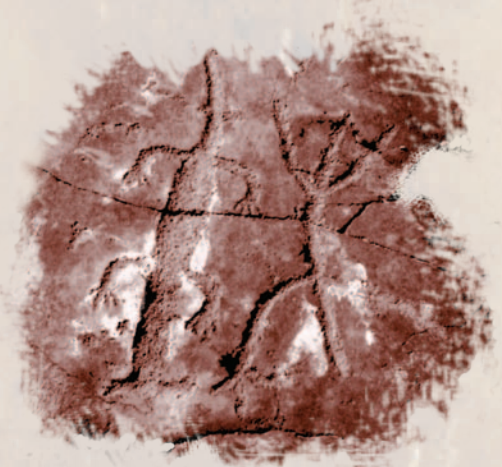
As time passed, non-Natives moved into the area, built homes, and occupied the land in different ways. Like the Native Americans, they too worshipped in special places and carefully buried their dead.

All people have left evidence of their lives on and around these rivers. These remnants are the legacy of our country and the heritage of all people, and cannot be restored once they are damaged or removed.

IT'S A CRIME

Did you know it's against the law to remove or vandalize cultural resources and artifacts? Such acts may be felonies and are punishable with fines and prison terms!

There are people on the river, every day destroying and removing our cultural and archaeological resources. An archaeological resource is any material remains of past human life, activities, and occupation. There are federal, state, and tribal laws protecting these resources.



Not everyone who destroys or damages cultural artifacts is a collector. People damaged these petroglyphs by simply taking rubbings with chalk and paint.

EXAMPLES OF ILLEGAL ACTS

- Defacing a pictograph or petroglyph
- Digging, probing, or using a tool to remove any artifact from the ground (a tool being any instrument, even a stick).
- Digging for or possessing human remains
- Digging for bottles
- Removing any artifacts
- Vandalizing old buildings



HOW CAN I HELP?

- You can help by immediately notifying us if you see any of the illegal acts listed.
- Share the information in this brochure with family members and friends.
- Respect special places and teach your children to do the same.
- Don't touch or pick up archaeological or cultural resources, and report it when others do.
- When you suspect a violation **DO NOT** get involved or approach the scene! Make note of information such as the location, time and date, license plate numbers, and a description of the vandals, and contact law enforcement authorities as soon as possible.



REPORT THE VIOLATION

IF YOU SUSPECT A VIOLATION DO NOT get involved or approach the scene! REPORT the violation immediately to the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement Office.

1-800-487-FISH (3474)

Also, you may be eligible for a reward of up to **\$1,000** for information leading to the prosecution of anyone committing crimes against US Army Corps of Engineers property. Please report crimes to the CorpsWatch Nationwide toll free hotline at 1-866-413-7970. Callers can remain anonymous.

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CULTURAL RESOURCES

belong to everyone. They are not the property of looters and vandals. We need your help in protecting these invaluable resources!

If you see someone engaged in any of the activities listed in this brochure, they are breaking the law and you can help by reporting it to CRITFE 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please call. We need your help.

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CULTURAL ARTIFACTS

are not a renewable resource. Once taken or damaged they are lost to all of us. They should be left in place and honored.

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement, along with the US Army Corps of Engineers, and Oregon and Washington state law enforcement agencies, is serious about enforcing the laws that protect our resources.