



## **Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Tribal Council**

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Joint Committee on Ways and Means  
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Re: Willamette Falls Trust

Dear Co-Chairs and Joint Committee Members,

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (Siletz Tribe) is pleased to support Willamette Falls Trust's request for state funding to enable the acquisition of the Portland General Electric (PGE) property known as Moore's Island and the surrounding uplands.

The Siletz Tribe is a federally recognized Tribe and a successor in interest to seven (7) ratified Treaties including the January 22, 1855 Treaty with Kalapuya et al., 10 Stat. 1143, which ceded the area of Willamette Falls.

Since time immemorial, our Tribal members have relied on the bounty of subsistence provided by the Falls. Our ancestors, among the original caretakers and stewards of these lands and waters, established the relationships to place and culture which continue to guide this important work.

The Siletz Tribe recognizes the many other Indigenous Peoples who hold historic ties to the Falls. We share their concern for the health and well-being of this sacred place and like them, are anxious to reestablish Indigenous presence on the landscape for our own communities, as well as for Oregonians and visitors to the site.

The myriad of benefits realized through this project prove significant: from enhanced quality of life, to community economic development for local municipalities and the State, to enhanced green space where all are welcome to experience the dynamic power of the Falls.

State investment (and ownership) ensure the west side property will be available for public benefit in perpetuity. It expands the ability to share the rich history which began with our ancestors, was reshaped by early settlers and the ensuing industrialization, and now, ultimately opened for the world to enjoy the beauty and grandeur that is Willamette Falls.

We are pleased to join with the other member Tribes of Willamette Falls Trust: the Confederated Tribes and Band of the Yakama Nation, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs of Oregon, in support of this project. We hope you are similarly inspired by this once in a generation opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Delores Pigsley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

Delores Pigsley  
Tribal Chairman

CC: Senator Dick Anderson  
Representative David Gomberg