

Proposal for COCC Land Acknowledgement

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Purpose: To acknowledge someone is to say, “I see you. You are significant.” The purpose of a land acknowledgement is to recognize and pay respect to the original inhabitants of a specific region. It is an opportunity to express gratitude and appreciation to those whose territory you exist in.

COCC Land Acknowledgement

(Extended Version)

COCC would like to acknowledge that the beautiful land our campus sits on is the original homelands of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. The Confederated Tribes ceded this land in the Treaty of 1855 while retaining regular and customary hunting, fishing, and gathering rights. The **Northern Paiute**, the **Wasq’ú** (Wasco), and the **Wana Lama** (Warm Springs) people inhabited this area seasonally and clearly established their presence here. It is also important to note that the Klamath Trail ran north through this region to the great Celilo Falls trading grounds. Although many Tribal Nations used this trail, the Klamath Tribes claim it as their own. We acknowledge and thank the original stewards of this land. It is our hope that students, staff, faculty, and guests continue to honor and care for the land that we use.

(Condensed Version)

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Proposed Use:

1. The extended version of the land acknowledgement will be a framed document displayed in visible and high traffic areas in the Madras and Prineville Campuses.
2. It would also be displayed in key locations of the Bend and Redmond Campuses such as:
 - Boyle Education Center
 - Coats Campus Center
 - Barber Library
 - Redmond Building 3
 - Wickiup Hall
 - Mazama

3. The extended version will be displayed on the Office of Diversity and Inclusion COCC website.
4. The proposers encourage reading of the condensed statement in the following situations:
 - At one COCC Board of Directors' meeting per quarter
 - The first meeting of a committee and/or department, when said meetings take place regularly throughout the term.
 - COCC sponsored events, both on and off-campus including but not limited to:
 - Guest speakers
 - Performers
 - Films
 - Festivals/celebrations
 - Stop and visit it at one location on campus tours
 - Bobcat Orientation
 - All College Kick-Off
 - End of Year BBQ
 - Prominent events such as the Nancy R. Chandler Visiting Scholar Program.
 - COCC Symphony
5. Future uses include:
 - Bobcat welcome
 - BCO packets
 - Outside events