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**For the Fifth Year, Cow Creek Umpqua
Tribe Announces Request for Proposals
For the Natural Resources Grants to
Communities Program**

Roseburg, Oregon

The Cow Creek Umpqua Tribe is embarking on the fifth year of the Natural Resources Grants to Communities Program. The grant program supports natural resources research and restoration activities within the Tribe's Ancestral Territory. Since 2011, the Tribe and its Natural Resources Department have funded 13 different local community organizations and awarded \$40,000 for projects benefitting culturally significant wildlife and plant species in the Umpqua and Rogue River Basins. Governments, local non-profit organizations, environmentally focused businesses, and academic institutions are all eligible to apply. Applications are submitted online through the Cow Creek Foundation and will be available online October 1st, 2015, and are due by October 30th, 2015. Applicants may request up to \$2,500 per project.

To be eligible for funding, the following criteria must be met:

- Projects must be located within the Umpqua or Rogue River Basins. Projects that benefit culturally important species are required: Lamprey, Salmon, Steelhead, Huckleberry, Camas and Beaver.
- Project must be research or restoration in nature. Research projects are defined as academic or scientific; to gain a better understanding of the habitat, lifecycle or behavior of the species. Restoration projects include improving or restoring habitat, relocations, or fish passage.
- Projects that are cost-shared by the applicant (funds or contributed good and services) are preferable.
- Projects must be completed by December 31st of the year following the application (applicants in good standing may reapply in succeeding years);
- Governments (state and federal), local non-profit organizations, and academic institutions are encouraged to apply.

Please visit our website for more information and instructions on the application process
<http://www.cowcreek.com/natural-resources/grants/>.

According to Cow Creek Tribe CEO, Michael Rondeau, "This program means a lot to the Tribe. To see and assist in the restoration and conservation of our natural world brings action to

values that are very important. The partnerships forged through the Natural Resources Grants to Communities program benefit everyone."

Please call Jason Robison, Director of Natural Resources, or Janet Cooper at (541) 677-5575 if you have any questions about the grant application process.