

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **Regarding the National Endowment for the Humanities' Section 106 Review of The Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians Cultural Center at the Hollering Place**

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has awarded the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI), a grant to construct a new tribal museum and cultural center, located in Empire, Oregon. NEH is an independent grant-making agency of the United States government dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities. This public notice is issued as part of NEH's responsibilities under 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the regulations which implement Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended, 16 U.S.C. § 470. NEH, a funding agency, is required by regulation to identify and assess the effects of any proposed actions on historic properties. If any proposed action will have an adverse effect on historic resources, NEH works with the appropriate parties to seek ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects. Additionally, the Section 106 regulations require NEH to consider the views of the public on preservation issues when making final decisions that affect historic properties.

The project site, known as the Hollering Place has been a center of culture, commerce, and communication in the Coos Bay area and is one of the oldest and most important Native American settlements on the southern Oregon coast. The Hanis Coos village of Hanisiich was located on the east shore of the bay and is one of the oldest and largest tribal settlements on the southern Oregon coast. The Hollering Place redevelopment project will serve as a cultural gathering place for people to experience, participate, and engage in active learning opportunities associated with the cultures and people who have called this place home. It will also serve as a foundation for the redevelopment of the Empire District of Coos Bay.

In its grant application the CTCLUSI, plan to construct a 4,250 square foot tribal museum and cultural center and expand the existing hard scaping to 12,000 square feet. The site will include two small outbuildings, and a pump station.

In an archeological report submitted to NEH, January 27, 2020, Stacy Scott, MA, RPA, Cultural Resources Protection Specialist and Tribal Historic Preservation Office for the CTCLUSI, advised that the proposed undertaking would have no effect to cultural resources, as defined by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. In a letter dated January 31, 2020, John Pouley, M.A., RPA, Assistant State Archaeologist for the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office concurred.

As required by Section 106, NEH is providing the public with information about this project, as well as an opportunity to comment on any knowledge of, or concerns with, historic properties in the proposed project area, and issues relating to the project's potential effects on historic properties. Comments may be submitted to the NEH by e-mail to [FPO@neh.gov](mailto:FPO@neh.gov). The deadline for submitting comments is February 18, 2020.