

Greetings my name is Ryan G. Smith Sr. (Smitty) son of Lepha Marie Smith and the late Raymond Gene Smith. I am asking for your support to represent the Agency District in the Tribal Council election (largest voting district). I actively fish and hunt and have done so my entire life. I have a Bachelors of Science in Environmental Studies from the University of Oregon, employed in the water & soil department, and served on fish & wildlife committee from (2003-2021). F&W committee: initiated, expansion off reservation hunting, increase spring chinook production Hood River, promoted below Bonneville fishery (2011, 2013, 2015), and assisted in ceremonial fishing and hunting from (2003-2021). Presently member WSPWE board and Water Control Board.

An adopted tribal council priority plan is first order of business. The campus plan has to be a priority for this council! Eliminate license plate fees (within Oregon system) to start, ODOT built rest stop on reservation. Bear Springs re-development (housing) and review housing lots (reservation) for home ownership. Update all codes/ordinance fines, 2022 dollars (no wholesale changes). Identify the professional jobs/fields we will be needing and the institutions that we want our higher education students to attend. Re-prioritize the discussions on the flooding of Columbia River with reservoirs. Consider year around schooling, three months on and one month vacation (intervals).

The next few years the executive, judicial, and congressional entities will complicate federal tribal trust responsibilities. We are back to: the “congressional ask”- back to appropriations for just basic treaty guaranteed issues! Tribes needs to be on the offense not defense- and pursue opportunities for federal land management of trust responsibilities. If basic treaty expectations not implemented, shouldn’t we get back the federal lands within the ten million acre boundary we ceded? I have always strived to understand at all times how to talk and most importantly- “knowing who I represent”. I hope these few words convinces you to vote me into tribal council. **Let me help better the lives of the people of the CTWS.**

Ryan Smith Sr.
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