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The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation display artwork at Tri-Cities Airport

Pasco, WA – The newest round of artwork has been installed at the Tri-Cities Airport (PSC). <u>The Confederated</u> <u>Tribes of the Colville Reservation</u> will be displaying pieces in all three of the airport art areas for 2024. The Palus People display vibrant pieces focused on three important themes for the Colville Tribes: history, homeland, and the 12 bands that comprise their tribal community.

Each year, PSC offers local artists an opportunity to display artwork in various terminals. This year's selection from the Colville Tribes showcases a mix of historic and modern imagery, cultural touchpoints, and unforgettable vistas in the Tri-Cities region.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be able to share the stories of our people with all who pass through the Tri-Cities Airport," said Jarred-Michael Erickson, Chairman of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. "Through these beautiful billboards, we are able to showcase our culture—from the importance of food gathering to traditional regalia and the celebrations of the Colville people past and present."

"Once again, our Airport Art Committee has found an important regional partner with a compelling story to share," said Buck Taft, Director of Tri-Cities Airport. "The mix of people, the incredible landscapes, and the informative videos offer several reasons to engage with the displays and learn more about the region's indigenous communities. We hope that our passengers connect with these pieces all year long."

In addition to the artwork, each display includes a QR code linking to videos created by the Colville Tribes. Passengers can scan the QR code on their smartphone to view the videos.

The Palus Display by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation will be up in the airport terminal through the 2024 year.



"History of the Palus People"



"Welcome to Our Homeland"



"Our Tribes & the Community"

About the Airport

Tri-Cities Airport (PSC) is the largest airport in the Southeastern Washington and Northeastern Oregon region and the third largest air carrier airport in the state of Washington. With connections to several major hubs, the airport is served by Alaska, Allegiant, American, Avelo, Delta, and United airlines. For more information about the airport, visit <u>flytricities.com</u> or follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>LinkedIn</u>.

About the Colville Tribes

Today, more than 9,283 descendants of 12 aboriginal tribes of Indians are enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of the Colville. The twelve tribes which compose the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation include: ščəlámxəx^w (deep water) or Chelan; walwáma (Wallowa people) or Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce; sx^wy?i⁴p (sharp pointed trees) or Colville; šntiyátk^wəx^w (grass in the water) or Entiat; sn{áyckst (speckled fish) or Lakes; mətx^wu (blunt hills around a valley) or Methow; škwáxčənəx^w (people living on the bank) or Moses-Columbia; nspilm (prairie) or Nespelem; uknaqin (seeing over the top) or Okanogan; palúšpam (people from Palouse) or Palus; sənp^wilx (grey mist as far as one can see) or San Poil, and šnþəšq^wáwsəx^w (people in between) or Wenatchi.