

Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians and the Community of Yachats Building Reconciliation Between a Previously Divided People

Earning Trust

- Relationship building can only begin when historical and current truths are acknowledged, understood and appreciated.
- Understanding and genuine remorse about historical truths, and apologies can lead to a more thoughtful and respectful experiences.
- Shared experiences on projects over time such as history articles, naming trails, creeks, areas about historical truths, complimentary interpretive signage, ceremonies, invitations to and from Tribal members, and protecting the few archaeological sites remaining all earn trust.
- Land acknowledgements need to share the entire truth not an abbreviated and non-provocative version.

What the Community of Yachats Continues to Learn

- Tribal supervision is an essential part of how tribal history and current tribal culture are communicated and presented by a community, organizations, agencies and the tourism industry.
- When any form of development is pursued, it is of critical importance to identify and preserve archaeological sites.
- Majority culture needs to be aware of own cultural biases when collaborating with minority cultures who have their own perspectives and processes, respecting theirs.

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