



Oregon Conservation Law Forum

December 5, 2018, 10am-2:30pm

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[Registration Information](#)

Draft Forum Agenda

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8:00am – Breakfast Buffet available

8:30am – 9:45am: Historic Land Loss among Native Americans: What Land Trusts Need to Know Before Partnering with Native American Tribes and Nations

The history of Native land loss in this country is a painful one. All the land that we live and work on – and are conserving today – is the ancestral land of Native Americans. Before land trusts can authentically partner with Native American tribes and Nations, it is incumbent on us to begin the work of understanding their history and cultural and spiritual ties to nature. Chuck Sams, Interim Director of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, has extensive experience working in the field of land conservation and has presented many times on this subject. The session will last one hour with a fifteen minute question-and-answer period.

- **Chuck Sams**, Communications Director, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

9:45am – 11:00am: Tribal Sovereignty and Governance

This presentation by an authority on Indian Law will cover the legal basis and background of tribal sovereignty and governance structure. Suzy Driver has extensive experience with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and has represented tribes in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Ms. Driver's expertise in negotiation evolved from her work as an attorney/advisor for the U.S. Department of the Interior and as a Federal Negotiating Team Chair for the Secretary of the Interior Working Group on Indian Water Settlements. The session will last one hour with a fifteen minute question-and-answer period.

- **Susan Driver**, Negotiation Guidance Associates

11:00am – 12:00pm: Case Studies – Partnerships and Relationships between Tribes and Land Trusts

This session will feature short presentations of three case studies focusing on tribal partnerships with Columbia Land Trust, North Coast Land Conservancy, and Willowa Land Trust.

- **Nancy Duhnkrack**, COLT Pro Bono Program Coordinator
- **Glen Lamb**, Executive Director, Columbia Land Trust
- **Katie Voelke**, Executive Director, North Coast Land Conservancy
- **Kathleen Ackley**, Executive Director, Willowa Land Trust

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