THPO:
Tribal Historic Preservation Office

Land & Culture Department

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

Outline

Who we are

Mission

Where we work

Types of projects

What makes a resource cultural

Examples of projects

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Mission:

- …is charged with the identification, recording, and protection of cultural resources of significance and importance to the tribe.

- The THPO provides tribal voice via review, comment, consultation, contracting, and partnerships associated with projects throughout the ceded lands and ancestral homelands.

- By advocating for the tribe's cultural resources (artifacts, materials, and practices) the Office maintains and demonstrates stewardship responsibilities linked to its sovereignty and maintain connection throughout its ceded lands.

How we do it
- Review of state and federal permits
- Partnerships
- Grants
- Tribal Directive

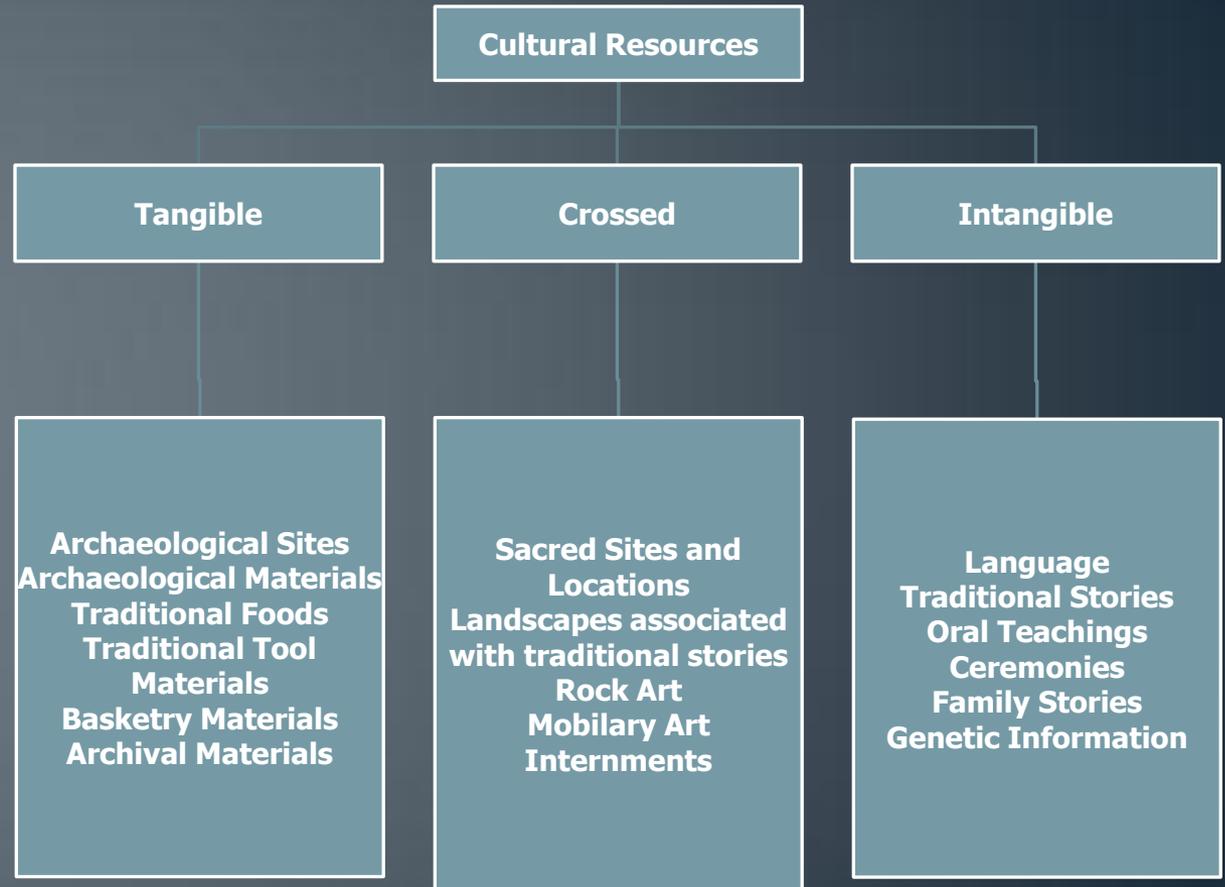Area of Stewardship Responsibility
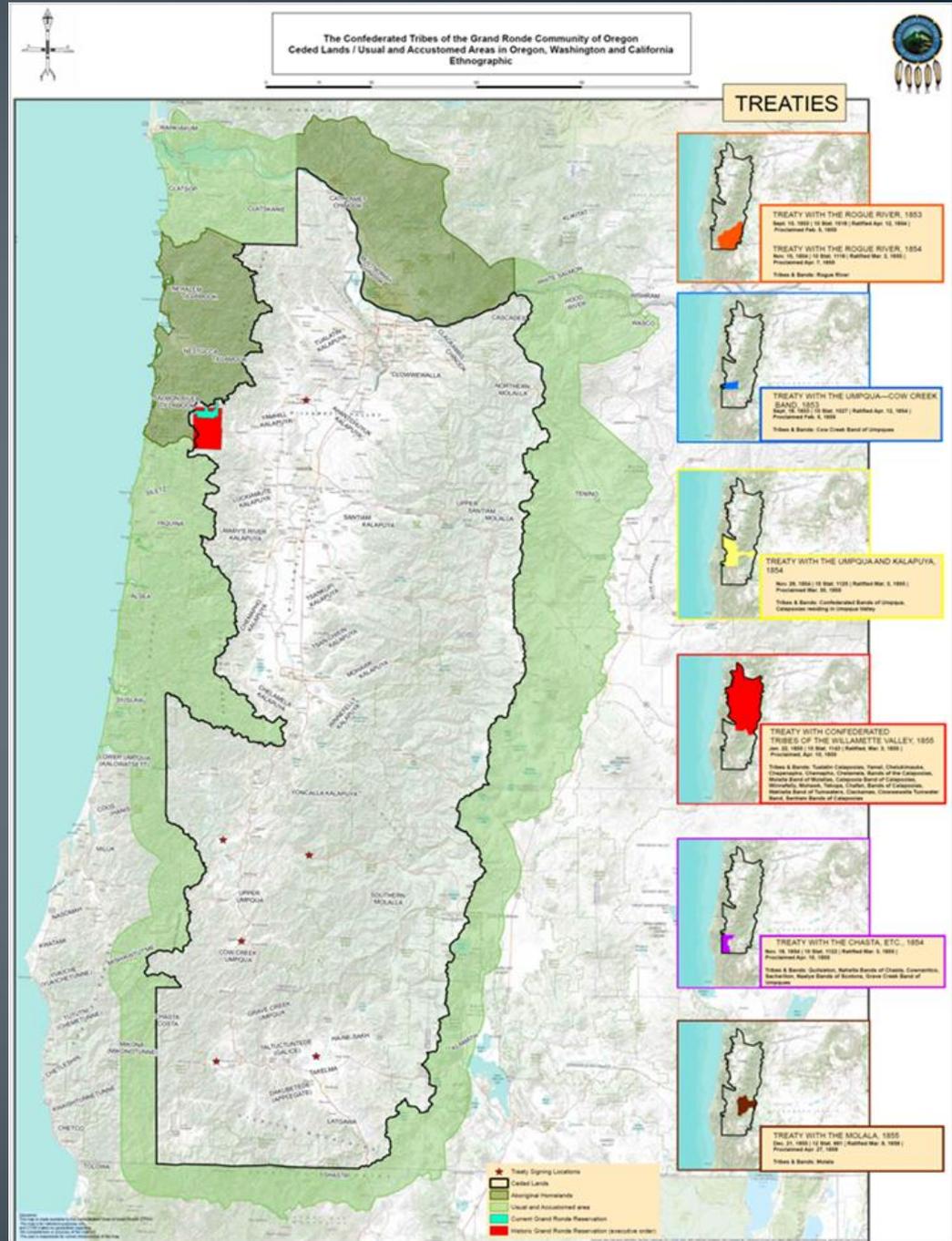
What we do – compliance & archaeology

- Large-scale long-term projects
- Grant Funded Research
- Artifact Identification
- TCP Analysis
- Ground Penetrating Radar
- Monitoring

- Phase I, II, and III archaeological testing
- Interdisciplinary research
- Oral Histories
- NAGPRA
- Mapping
- Build Partnerships

# What are cultural resources?

It's the use that makes it cultural.

Cultural Resources

Tangible

Crossed

Intangible

Archaeological Sites
Archaeological Materials
Traditional Foods
Traditional Tool Materials
Basketry Materials
Archival Materials

Sacred Sites and Locations
Landscapes associated with traditional stories
Rock Art
Mobilary Art
Internments

Language
Traditional Stories
Oral Teachings
Ceremonies
Family Stories
Genetic Information

Source Materials

Ikanum - Stories and myth

Historic – ethnographic, diaries/journals, notes, maps, etc.

Modern – oral histories, archaeology, contemporary actions
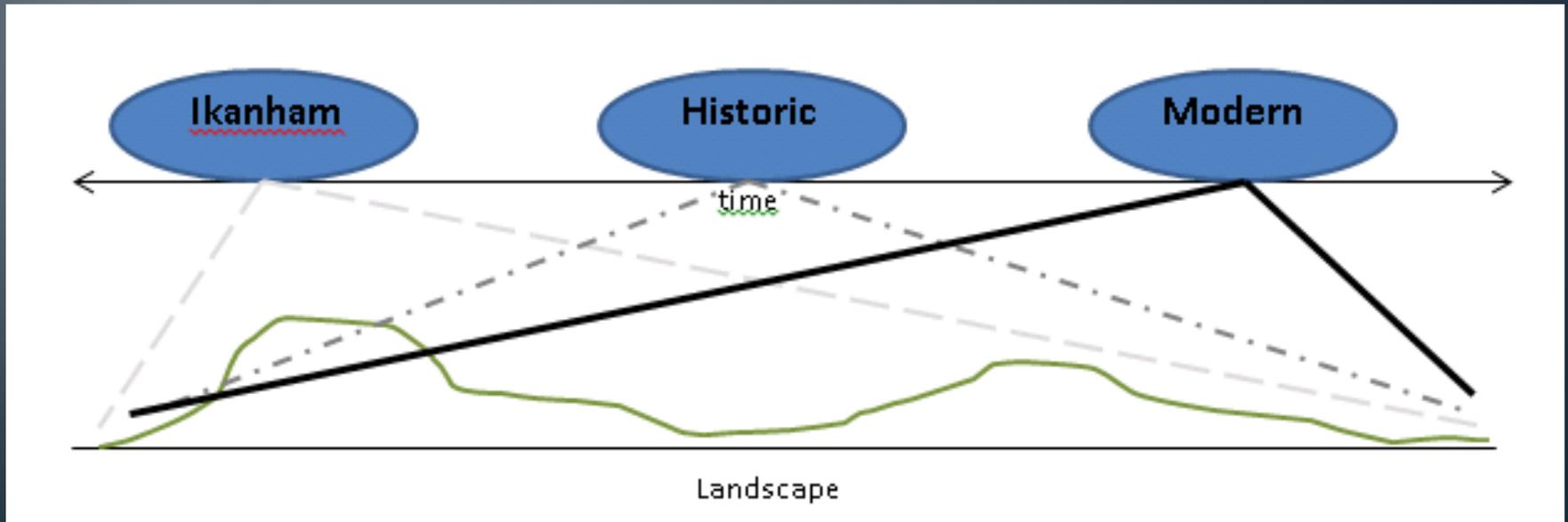
Projects

Ethno-botanical surveys

Projects

Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) Studies

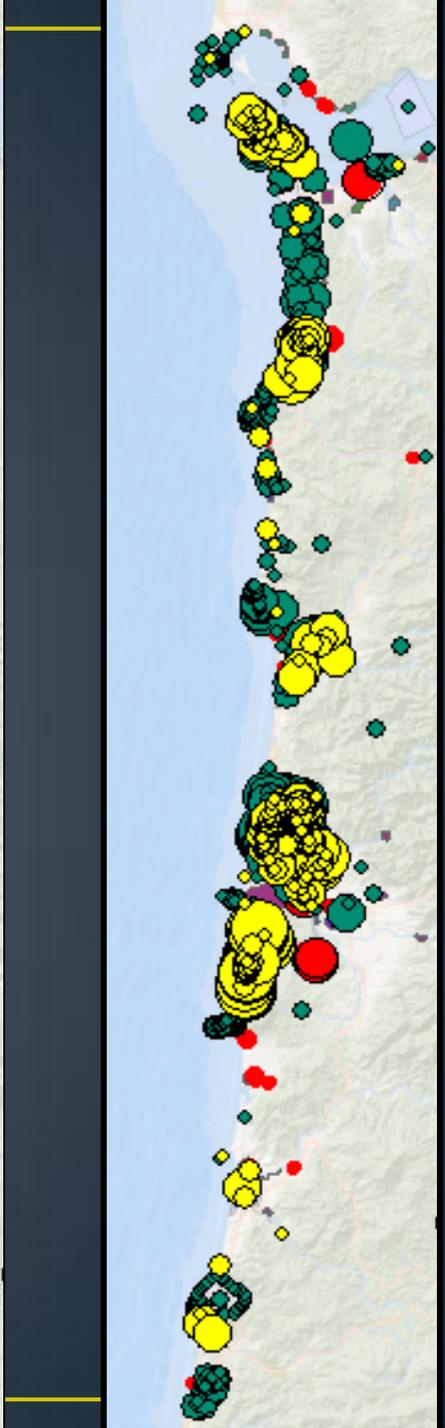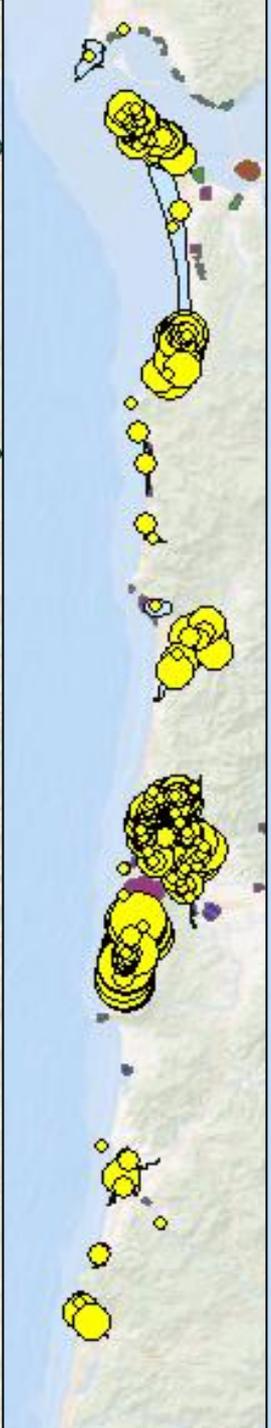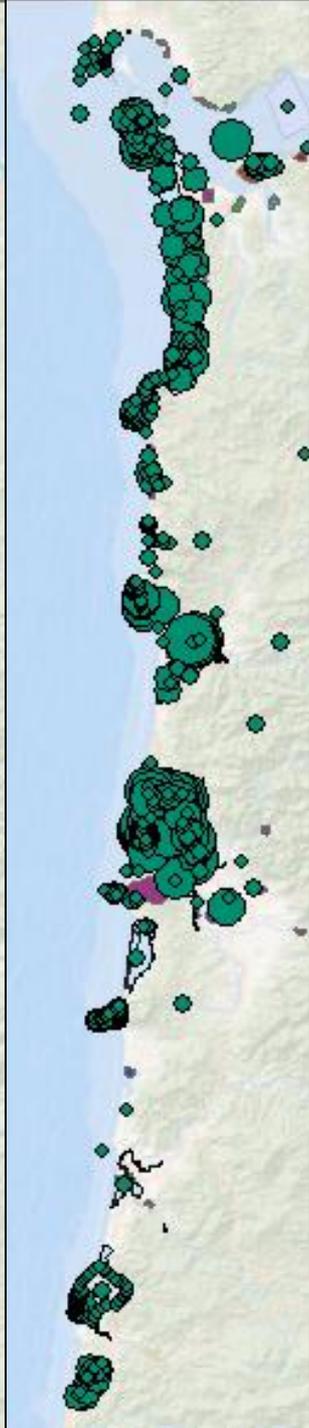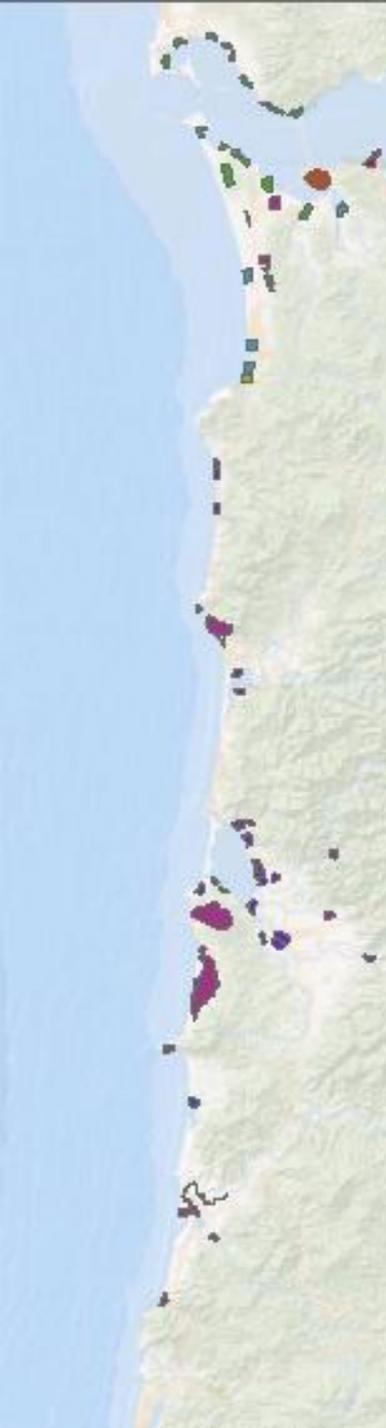- Mt. Angel
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Mount Angel

Willamette Falls

Mount Ashland

Cultural Landscapes (TCLs)

Questions?