Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
History/Archaeology Program

The History/Archaeology Program specializes in Columbia Plateau cultural resource management including archaeology, ethnography, history, botany, preservation of traditional skills, collections rehabilitation and management, and NAGPRA.

Our qualified staff has the technical expertise and experience to draft, direct, and complete cultural resource management projects meeting state and federal requirements for our clients in a timely manner.

The CCT History/Archaeology Program is based at the CCT administrative campus two miles south of Nespelem, Washington. We maintain an administrative staff consisting of a program manager, one office associate, one accountant, and one administrative assistant, ten full-time archaeologists, ten full-time archaeological technicians, one Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) coordinator, two TCP technicians, one TCP plant specialist, two TCP plant specialist technicians, three museum staff, and one curator. We also hire a regular crew of seasonal staff as needed for specific projects. All employees have extensive experience in the Plateau region conducting archaeological survey, inventory, monitoring, subsurface testing, site excavation, and data recovery. Our TCP team is experienced in conducting ethnographic interviews, transcribing oral histories, documenting traditional cultural practices with still photography and video, and producing culturally sensitive documents, books, and videos.

All field projects are conducted under the supervision of a Principal Investigator that meets the Secretary of Interior Standards for archaeology. The History/Archaeology Program maintains a federally approved repository currently housing multiple state and federal collections and is capable of housing artifacts and samples that may be collected during archaeological investigations. The Program uses tribally owned vehicles, leases a small fleet of vehicles from GSA, and owns an all-terrain vehicle. Two aluminum and two fiberglass hulled boats are maintained for accessing sites by water. Standard personal computers, handheld Trimble Global Positioning System (GPS) units, and iPads with multiple Apps and BadElf GNSS Surveyor GPS units are utilized throughout the program.

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SERVICES

- Historic Background Research
- Archival Research
- Records Search
- Literature Review
- Oral History Review
- Data Compilation
- Traditional Skills Research & Preservation
- TCP Recordation
- Ethnographic Interview
- Oral History Transcription
- Historic Context Development
- Phase I Cultural Resource Inventory
- Reconnaissance Archaeological Survey
- Archaeological Excavation—small scale assessments to data recovery
- Archaeological Monitoring
- Remote Sensing
- Resource Mapping—ArcGIS
- Artifact Analysis—pre-contact and historic period
- Context Statements
- Mitigation Monitoring
- Treatment Plan
- Mitigation Plan
- Management Plan
- Programmatic Agreement
- Memorandum of Agreement

- Finding of Effects Documents
- Phase II Archaeological Testing
- Cultural Resource Awareness Training
- Resource, site, and feature Locality Recording
- Artifact Collection
- Herbarium, Plant Specimen Collection, Monitoring, & Analysis
- Phase III Data Recovery Excavation
- Collections Management
- Laboratory Preparation and Analysis
- Preparation and Cleaning for Curation
- Museum Display & Management
- Lithics Analysis
- Cataloguing
- Site Records
- Interpretive Reports
- Peer Reviews
- National, State, Tribal Register Eligibility Determinations
- National Register of Historic Places Archaeological District & Multiple Property Documentation nominations
- Archaeological Resource Protection Act Damage Assessment
- Preservation Planning
- Mitigation Measures
- Mitigation Plans
- Construction Monitoring