

## CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COOS, LOWER UMPQUA & SIUSLAW INDIANS

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SENT VIA EMAIL

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City of Florence 250 Hwy 101 Florence, OR 97439

Re: Siuslaw Estuary Trail Referral Request - Public Hearing February 27th

The Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians have no objections to the proposed project. Please be aware that the property is in proximity to known cultural resource sites and so may contain as yet unlocated cultural resources. We request that we be contacted immediately if any known or suspected cultural resources are encountered during any phase of the work.

Please also be aware that federal and state laws prohibit intentional excavation of known or suspected cultural resources without an archaeological permit and require that we be notified immediately if resources are discovered, uncovered, or disturbed. 43 CFR 10 applies on tribal and federal lands, federal projects, federal agencies, as well as to federal actions and federally funded (directly or indirectly) projects. ORS 97.745 prohibits the willful removal, mutilation, defacing, injury, or destruction of any cairn, burial, human remains, funerary objects, or objects of cultural patrimony of any native Indian. ORS 358.920 prohibits excavation injury, destruction, or alteration of an archaeological site or object or removal of an archaeological object from public or **private lands**.

Please feel free to contact me if I may be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Jillian Hendrix Cultural Resources Protection Specialist