

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

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Agenda Item: 18

Information

Topic: Heritage Programs Update

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- **Cultural Resources and Tribal Relations policies:** In the fall of 2008, Heritage staff will be reviewing and recommending updates for these two policies. Both policies were initially adopted in 2004, so it is time for their scheduled review. It is anticipated that there will be at least minor changes to each policy, given that we now have four years of experience working with them.
- **Pacific Northwest Preservation Field School:** Each summer since 1995, Heritage Programs/SHPO has helped sponsor a series of six one-week training sessions in hands-on historic preservation techniques. The field school sessions are the result of a unique partnership between the state park departments and state historic preservation offices in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, along with the National Park Service, the University of Oregon, and Oregon State University. The field schools focus on one or more historic structures in a state park in one of the three states. Attendees are typically university students in historic preservation or related programs and state parks employees who are responsible for the maintenance and repair of historic structures.

The 2008 field school is being conducted from August 10 to September 26 at Cape Disappointment State Park and Fort Columbia State Park located on the Long Beach Peninsula in Washington State and includes seven staff from OPRD. The location offers students a chance to work with the North Head Lighthouse (built in 1897-98) as well as the historic homes, bunkhouses and military battlements of Fort Columbia State Park.

The 2009 field school is scheduled for the National Register-listed Poultry Building at the Oregon State Fairgrounds. Recent field schools in Oregon parks have been held at Thompson's Mills and Honeyman.

Action Requested: None

Prior Action by Commission: None

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