



Columbia River Treaty Heritage Project





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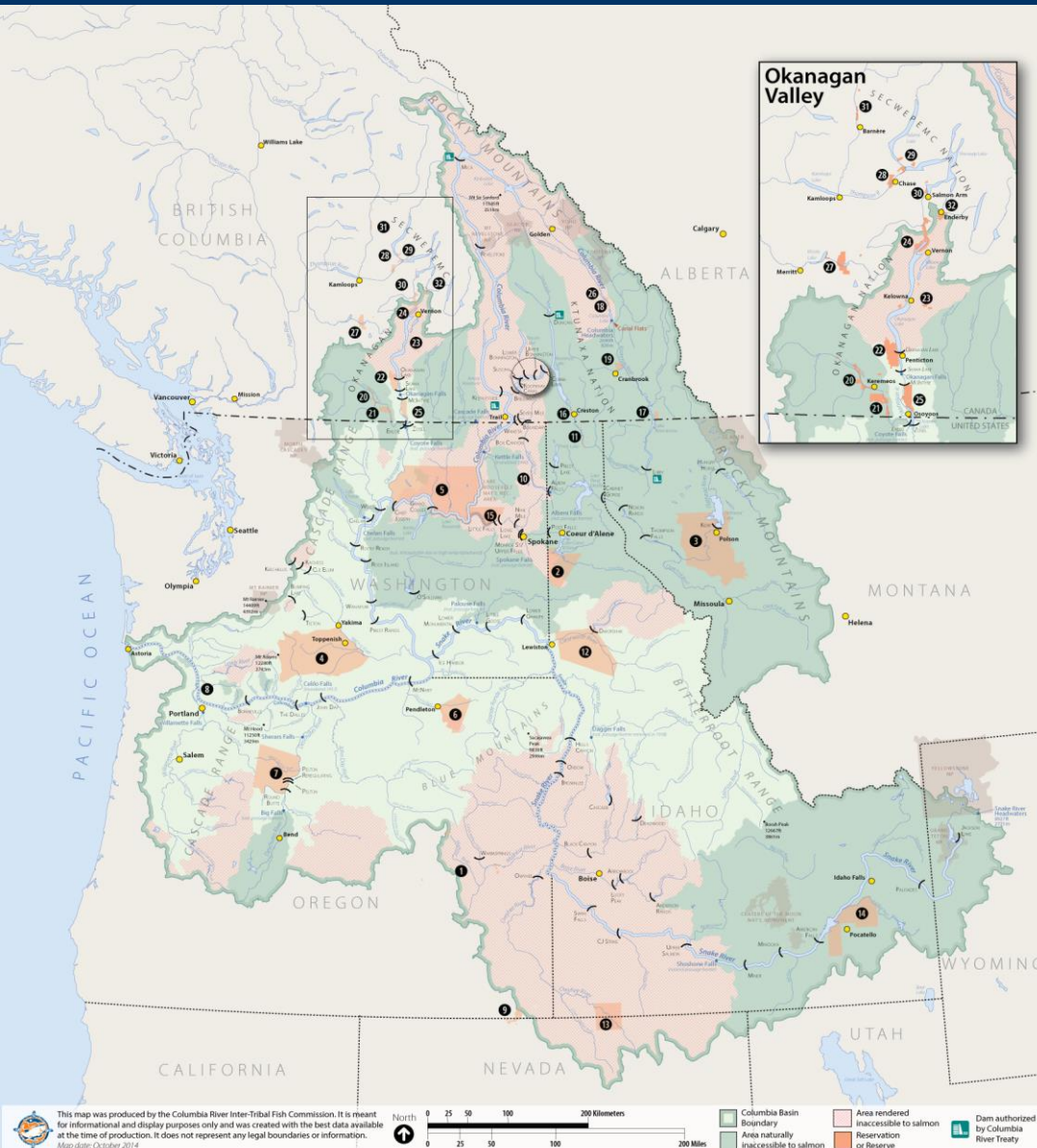




PROJECT PURPOSE

- Preserve & magnify the history of a key regional event: Columbia River Treaty
- Provide tangible recognition of impact/losses to Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples
- Link existing related displays, sites, initiatives
- Mechanism to educate youth, residents, visitors
- Stimulate broader community benefits





KTUNAXA NATION

Yaqan nuʔkiy (*Lower Kootenay Indian Band*)
 ʔakinkumtasnuqtiʔit (*Tobacco Plains Indian Band*)
 ʔakisq̓nuk (*Columbia Lake Indian Band*)
 ʔaq̓am (*St. Mary's Indian Band*)

OKANAGAN NATION

c'ac'əwixaʔ (*Upper Similkameen Indian Band*)
 kək'ər'miws (*Lower Similkameen Indian Band*)
 snpíntktn (*Penticton Indian Band*)
 stqaʔtkʷəʔwt (*Westbank First Nation*)
 suknaqínx (*Okanagan Indian Band*)
 swíws (*Osoyoos Indian Band*)

SECWEPEMC NATION

Kenpésq̓t (*Shuswap Indian Band*)

OKANAGAN NATION

spaxoməñ (*Upper Nicola Band*)

SECWEPEMC NATION

Qwʔewt (*Little Shuswap Indian Band*)
 Sexqeltqín (*Adams Lake Indian Band*)
 Simpcw (*Simpco First Nation*)
 Skemtsin (*Neskonlith Indian Band*)
 Splatsín (*Splatsin First Nation*)

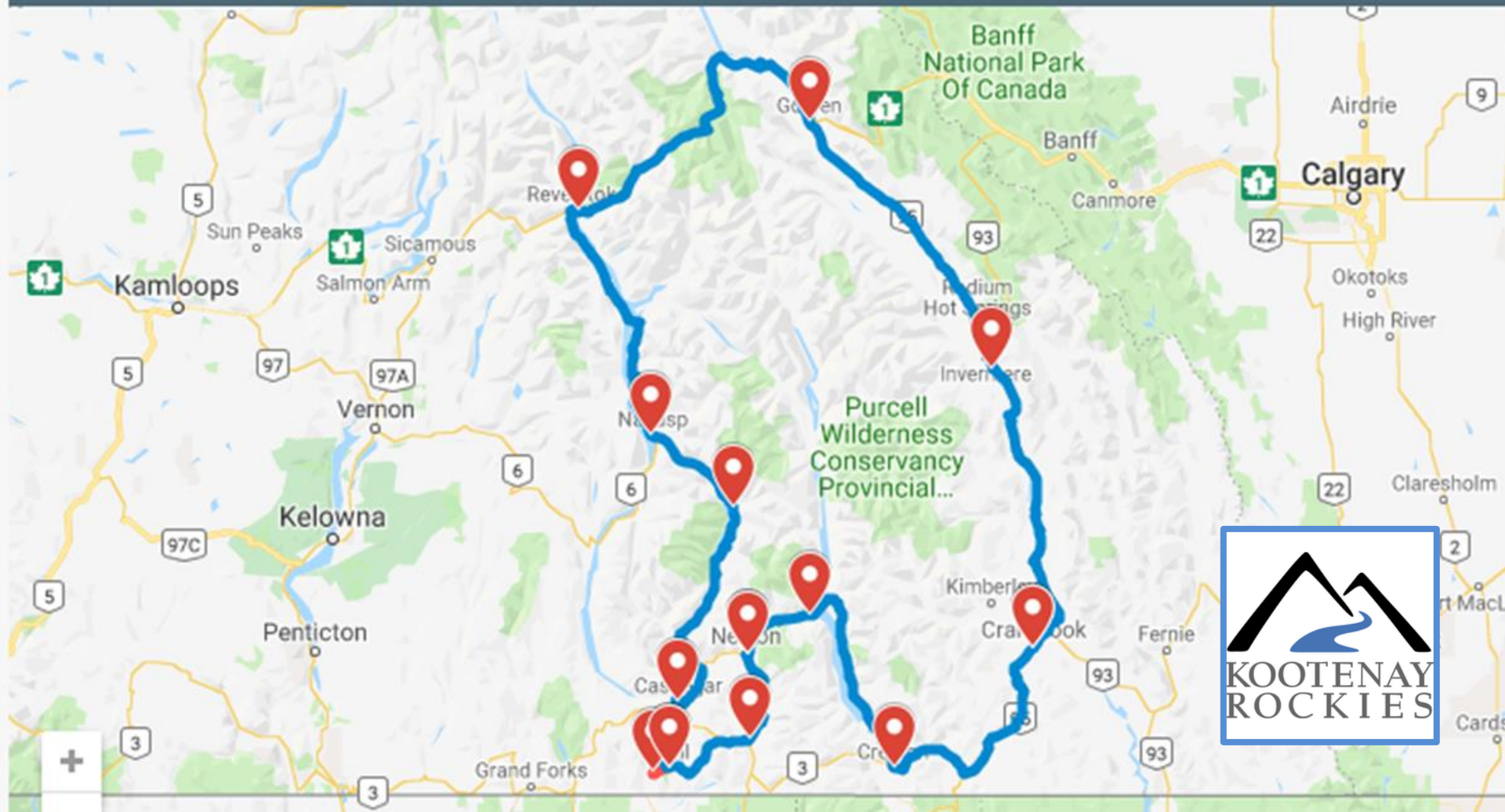
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- Branded heritage touring route
- Interpretive signage at key locations
- Indigenous and non-Indigenous stories
- Link to overarching regional story
- Promotional materials, social media, website, mobile app, marketing program





Hot Springs and Heritage Circle Tour ★



UPPER LAKE

Recapturing Its Vibrant History

Since its humble beginnings, Upper Lake's strategic position drew an enterprising and hardworking population. The town bustled with activity as the terminus for the Clear Lake and Cloverdale stage lines. Visitors to local resorts and hot springs might disembark to a head-splitting cacophony of saw mills, bleeting sheep, and tins shuffling on conveyor belts at the bean cannery.

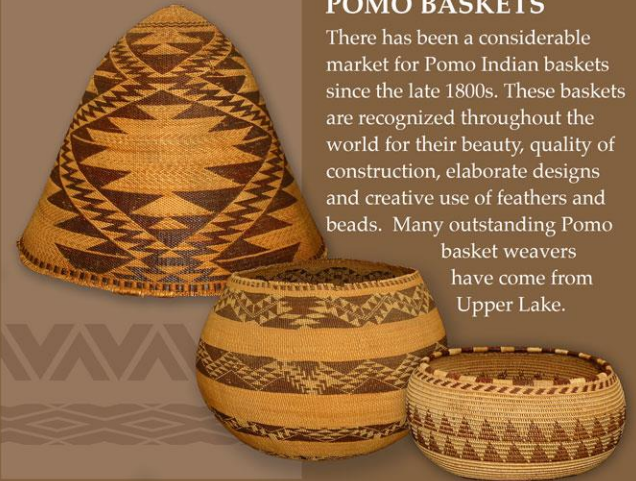
Dense pine and fir forests to the north were the first to be exploited, and numerous lumber mills cropped up. Though a railway line was never built to connect Lake County with its neighbors, W.W. "Bull Pine" Prather constructed railroad tracks to transport timber to his mill where lumber, box shoo (parts for box-making) and molding were produced in the 1920s on the north side of Elk Mountain. Today, quaint Main Street welcomes visitors as the southern gateway to the Mendocino National Forest.



In 1924, a raging fire devastated most of the town, sparing some of the original structures. A new generation of innkeepers and shop owners have lovingly restored many buildings to their original charm and stature.

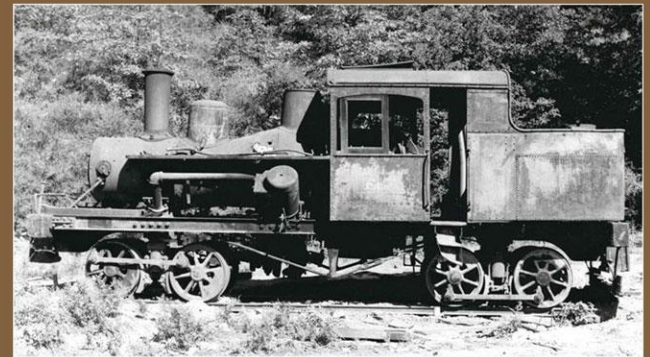


"Blue Lake" beans, prized by vegetable gardeners, originated in Upper Lake, where its bean cannery was one of Lake County's original industries.



POMO BASKETS

There has been a considerable market for Pomo Indian baskets since the late 1800s. These baskets are recognized throughout the world for their beauty, quality of construction, elaborate designs and creative use of feathers and beads. Many outstanding Pomo basket weavers have come from Upper Lake.



The rusted remains of the Heisler steam locomotive used at Prather Mill.

Street photo courtesy Lyle Madeson



PROCESS

- Multi-year Project
- Year 1+
 - Project steering committee formed/ Indigenous collaboration
 - Funding secured
 - Project Lead engaged
 - Advisory Committee formed
 - Targeted outreach
 - Broad public outreach
 - Project designed



PROCESS Cont'd

- **Year 2 and beyond**
 - Project design finalized
 - Project implementation
 - Promotion/marketing to residents, youth, visitors
 - Business opportunity spinoffs
 - Ongoing: maintenance and updates





BUDGET AND FUNDING

- Working on developing a project plan and budget to support funding applications.
- Targeting federal, provincial and regional funding agencies





Next Steps/Call to Action

- Is your community interested in participating in the project?
- Which organization will be community lead?
- What Columbia River Treaty impacts will your community share? Who are the story holders?
- What other community assets could be promoted?



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