



Confederated Tribes and Bands  
of the Yakama Nation

Established by the  
Treaty of June 9, 1855

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Sent via Electronic Mail and Certified Mail

Secretary Deb Haaland  
United States Department of Interior  
1849 C. St. N.W.  
Washington D.C., 20240

**Re: Call For Consultation And To Reject Colville's Attack On The Yakama Nation's History And Lands**

Dear Secretary Haaland, Our Indian Agent:

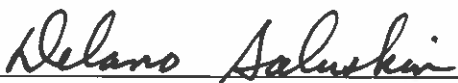
I write on behalf of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation (the "Yakama Nation"). The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation ("Colville") have purchased land within our Treaty Territory, for the purpose of building a casino, and have made concerted efforts to re-write the aboriginal history of our Palouse people.

Attached represents a formal governmental act by the Yakama Nation Tribal Council, calling on all federal, state, and local governments to reject Colville's effort to colonize the Yakama Nation's Treaty Territory and from re-writing the Yakama Nation's history through its strategic propaganda campaign.

The Yakama Nation recognizes Colville's activities as an attack against our most important resources: our People, our Lands, and our History. The Yakama Nation, pursuant to Article III of the Treaty with the Yakamas, calls on the Federal Government to intervene on the Yakama Nation's behalf to stop Colville from its modern-day war effort. As an act of self-defense, the Yakama Nation has directed all available governmental resources to carry out a systemic, non-violent opposition against Colville's efforts. The Yakama Nation asks that you and your leadership support the Yakama Nation and reject Colville's efforts to develop gaming within our Treaty Territory.

The Yakama Nation is open and ready to discuss our position. We therefore request direct, government-to-government consultation with you, our Indian Agent, so that we may work together to stop this unrighteous and disheartening attack.

Respectfully,

  
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DELANO SALUSKIN, CHAIRMAN  
YAKAMA NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL