Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation



Solar PV Array and LED **Lighting Retrofit**

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The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR)

- The CTUIR consists of the Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla-Walla Tribes
- Treaty of 1855 with US Government reserved rights and resources for members of the three tribes
- More than 3,000 enrolled Tribal Members
- Umatilla Indian Reservation:
 - Located in northeastern Oregon
 - Established by Treaty of 1855
 - Area reduced in late 1800s due to Federal legislation
 - Final area roughly 270 sq. miles
 - Home to nearly 1,500 Tribal Members as of Jan. 2014

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation – Tribal Government

- The CTUIR is governed by a Constitution and By-laws adopted in 1949
- The governing body is the nine member Board of Trustees, elected every two years by the General Council (Tribal Members age 18 and older)
- The CTUIR is now a full service tribal government (for a complete listing, visit http://ctuir.org/)
 - Children and Family Services
 - Economic and Community
 Development
 - Education
 - Housing

- Planning and public transportation
- Public Safety
- Public Works
- Natural Resources (Energy and Environmental Sciences, Water Resources, Fisheries, etc.)

Project Overview and Objectives

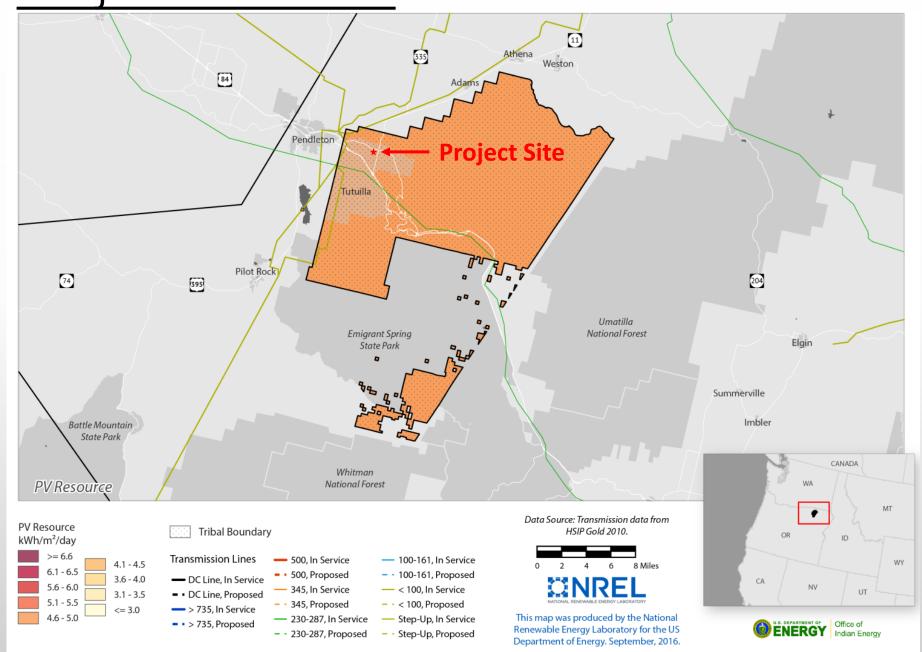
- Replace fluorescent lighting with high efficiency LED lighting in three tribal buildings (Field Station Science and Engineering Laboratory, Public Transit Center Bus Barn, Public Transit Center Maintenance Shop)
 - 332 individual lights
 - 23,635 kW-h of energy saved annually
- 2. Install 97 kW-DC nameplate capacity solar photovoltaic (PV) array
 - Aggregated net metering agreement with local utility
 - 276 solar panels
 - Footprint approximately 300 ft by 20 ft
 - Fixed/stationary ground-mounted racking
- Develop custom operations and maintenance (O&M) manual for solar array system and monitor actual system performance for 12 months and compare against estimates

Project Overview and Objectives Cont.

- Estimated annual net energy demand reduction: 149,203 kW-h
 - Equates to nearly 22.8 tons per year of reduced CO₂ emissions
- Estimated net annual savings: \$12,361
- Funding: CTUIR (\$57,084), DOE (\$133,706), Other (\$91,128)
- Total project budget: \$281,918



Project Location



Project Participants

 The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation – Project Management and support



 Elemental Energy, LLC – Solar PV array system installer



 Gordon's Electric, Inc. – Lighting replacement specialists



<u>Project Status Update – Solar PV Array</u> Installation

Geotechnical survey complete

Fence moved and site cleared

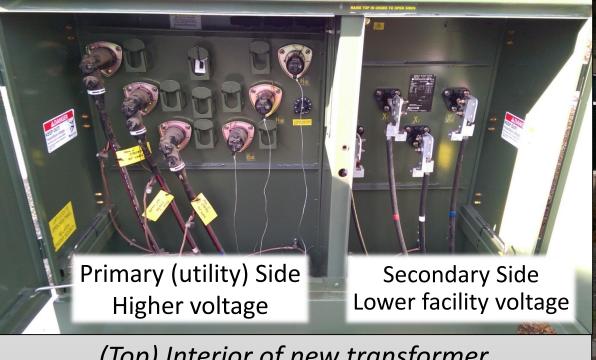


(Top) Taking core samples for geotechnical survey. (Right) Fence dismantled prior to relocation.

<u>Project Status Update – Solar PV Array</u> Installation Cont.

 Transformer upgrade complete (needed for array interconnect)

Array racking design complete



(Top) Interior of new transformer. (Right) New transformer positioning.

<u>Project Status Update – LED Lighting</u> Retrofit

- Task complete at Field Station
- Public Transit buildings to be completed in coming weeks



Image of Field Station environmental laboratory lit using newly installed high efficiency LEDs.

Background Information and Past Activities

- Strategic Energy Planning Workshop with NREL (2016)
- Professional energy audit of tribal facilities (2016)
- CTUIR involvement with other renewable energy projects:
 - Investment into 103 MW Rattlesnake Road Wind Farm (2005)
 - Installation of 50 kW wind turbine at <u>Tamástslikt Cultural</u> <u>Institute</u> (2014)
 - Installation of 123 kW solar PV array at <u>Tamástslikt Cultural</u> <u>Institute</u> (2016)
 - Umatilla Indian Reservation Geothermal Resources Assessment (ongoing)
- Environmental restoration service investments:
 - ORELAP/NELAP accredited environmental laboratory
 - Native plant revegetation capabilities

Questions?

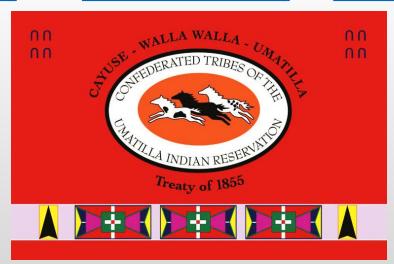
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