KLAMATH TRIBES OF OREGON PRESS RELEASE - Distributed February 13, 2018

Issuance of Draft 60-Day Notice to Protect C'waam and Koptu

Chiloquin, OR - On Friday, February 9, 2018, attorneys for the Klamath Tribes sent a letter to representatives of three federal agencies requesting that Upper Klamath Lake be managed at higher levels throughout the upcoming irrigation season to protect the endangered C’waam and Koptu (Lost River and Shortnose suckers, respectively).

The Tribes’ letter – a 60-day notice required under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) in order to file a lawsuit to protect listed species such as the C’waam and Koptu – requested that the Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Marine Fisheries Service take “immediate, emergency measures” to provide sufficient water for the tribal fisheries and correct other deficiencies of the 2013 Biological Opinion. The Tribes see 2018 as a potential tipping point, believing that the Biological Opinion is inadequate to preclude the possibility of an extinction level event for the C’waam, the Koptu, or both this water year.

The C’waam and Koptu fisheries sustained the Tribes’ people for millennia. In addition to providing for the Tribes’ subsistence, treaty resources are central to the Tribes’ ability to maintain and exercise their cultural and spiritual practices, which in turn are critical to the physical and social health of tribal families and community. Without these treaty resources, the Tribes do not have the ability to live as Klamath People in the way their Creator intended. The Klamath Tribes have a responsibility to restore and steward the C’waam and Koptu, and other tribal treaty resources, for their current members and future generations.

According to Klamath Tribal Chairman Don Gentry, “It is regrettable that we have to consider taking such a serious action as litigation at this time. We simply have little choice given the serious declining population status of the C’waam and Koptu in Klamath Lake. Our fisheries staff have shared with us that extinction is imminent given their currently declining population trends, and could occur in any given year due to poor lake conditions. The recent and frequent dry water years, such as that expected to occur again this year, raises our concerns significantly. Because of the dire situation our fisheries are facing, our position is that the Bureau of Reclamation, US Fish and Wildlife and other federal agencies are responsible to use every means possible to protect them from extinction – including strategic lake level management based on currently available science. If our fish disappear, they will be gone forever.”

While the Tribes invite the federal agencies’ cooperation in resolving the problems identified in the letter without litigation, the Klamath Tribes made their intent to sue the agencies clear if significant progress to protect the tribal fisheries is not made within the next 60 days.

More information contact:
Klamath Tribal Chairman, Don Gentry, (541) 892-1433 or email: don.gentry@klamathtribes.com
Klamath Tribal Secretary, Roberta Frost, (541)783-2219 ext. 170 or email: roberta.frost@klamathtribes.com

Prayers for the Protection of the Fish...
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The Next Standing Rock? A Pipeline Battle Looms in Oregon
By Klamath Tribal Chairman, Don Gentry and Emma Marris

MARCH 8, 2018

Water not diverted by dams flows back into the Klamath River near Keno, Ore. Several dams are scheduled to be removed in 2020, but a proposed pipeline has raised fears that construction and leaks could threaten a revitalized river. Credit Jeff Barnard/Associated Press

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — Each spring and fall in the old days, Chinook salmon swam up the Klamath River, crossing the Cascade Mountains, to Upper Klamath Lake, 4,000 feet above sea level. For millennia, the Klamath, Modoc and Yahooskin Band of Snake Indians fished salmon from the lake and the river. The Klamath had agreements with the downriver tribes — the Karuk, Hoopa and Yurok among them — to let fish pass so that some could swim all the way back to their spawning grounds.

After dams were built on the river starting in 1912, the salmon were blocked. Today the only “c’iyaals hoches” (salmon runs) enacted by the Tribes, whose members carry carved cedar salmon on a 300-mile symbolic journey from the ocean to the traditional spawning grounds to bring home the spirit of the fish.

Several Salmon Spirit Runners 2017 with Karuk Tribal Chairman, Russell Attebery and Klamath Tribal Chairman, Don Gentry. Photo Credit Taylor Tupper/Klamath News Dept. Summer 2017 on the Klamath River, OR.

The Klamath River’s dams are scheduled to be demolished by 2020, in what will be one of the largest river restorations in American history. But there’s a threat to the dream of a revitalized river — a project that would...
put a newly unobstructed Klamath at risk of contamination while simultaneously contributing to climate change, desecrating grave sites and trampling the traditional territory of the Klamath people. If you’ve read anything at all about the protests near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in North Dakota, you might be able to guess what that threat is.

It’s a pipeline.

The Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline would run 229 miles from Malin to Coos Bay, Ore., crossing underneath the Klamath River near the city of Klamath Falls. It would extend, via interconnections, the Ruby Pipeline, carrying natural gas from Wyoming to a huge planned storage and export terminal for sales to countries in the Pacific Rim.

The company behind the pipeline, Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline LP, and the export terminal, Jordan Cove Energy Project LP, are both owned by the Pembina Pipeline Corporation, based in Calgary, Alberta. The companies claim that the pipeline and the terminal will create jobs and produce around $20 million a year in tax revenue in some of the poorest counties in Oregon. And they promise that the 36-inch underground pipe will be barely noticeable — and safe.

For the pipeline to proceed, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission must decide that it’s in the public interest. The commission has already decided that it isn’t, twice.

In March 2016 it denied the project’s application, and in December of that year, it turned down a request for a rehearing. The commission said that the companies had failed to demonstrate that the benefits outweighed the project’s negative impacts. Now the companies are trying again, though the commission said they had failed to show there was market demand for the project.

If the pipeline gets built, the initial construction jobs will disappear as soon as it is done. As far as the Klamath people are concerned, this pipeline is a bad idea even if the price of gas were predicted to skyrocket. The Klamath people oppose this project because it puts at risk their watersheds, forests, bays, culture, spiritual places, homes, climate and future.

The 95-foot-wide gash through the tribes’ ancestral territory that pipeline construction would require would be likely to unearth long-buried ancestors and pulverize sites of cultural importance. Construction would strip shade from streams and pollute them with sediment, harming fish central to the Klamath’s traditions and way of life.

If the pipeline catches fire or leaks, the Klamath River and its fish will be put at risk. The track record of fossil fuel pipelines suggests such a calamity is only a matter of time.

The Klamath negotiated a Treaty with the United States in 1864 that established the United States as the tribe’s trustee. From the perspective of the Klamath Tribes, the federal government should deny approval of this destructive pipeline to protect the tribe’s traditional homeland.

Though natural gas generates lower greenhouse gas emissions than coal, it is still a fossil fuel. Leaks during extraction, transport and burning of gas all contribute to climate change. The State of Oregon recently announced its intention to meet the Paris climate agreement’s emissions targets.

If the pipeline were to be put in place, according to an analysis by Oil Change International, a clean-energy research and advocacy group, it would emit 2.2 million metric tons of greenhouse gas annually within Oregon, becoming the state’s biggest single source of those emissions after 2020. Notably, several state agencies do have the power to deny permits and stop the pipeline from being built.

The Klamath Tribes, along with the Yurok and Karuk, hundreds of landowners, conservation groups, and concerned citizens, have registered as intervenors to have legal standing to dispute this pipeline. Just as the tribes along the river shared the salmon in the old days, those tribes will work together to protect their shared river today.
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As long as this proposal hangs over the river, the Klamath will stand in fierce, firm and unwavering opposition. Only when the pipeline is firmly and finally rejected can we look forward to the revitalization of the river, and the celebration of the c’iyaals return ceremony to mark the first real salmon run in more than 100 years.

Mr. Don Gentry, Chairman of the Klamath Tribes:
The Klamath, Modoc and Yahooskin Piaute people.

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**KTHFS Wellness Center Expands Hours of Operation**

The priority for Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services is to improve patient satisfaction, access to care, as well as to retain our wonderful providers and excellent support staff. In October 2017, the Wellness Center—which includes Medical, Dental, and Pharmacy—began staying open and serving patients during the lunch hour (12:00 to 1:00 p.m.). Now we have a plan to stay open later.

At its December 5th meeting, the Health Advisory Committee made a motion to support increased hours for the Wellness Center to stay open until 5:00 p.m. Tribal Council approved this recommendation in a motion on December 13, 2017.

**Effective February 5, 2018,** the Wellness Center will be open from 7:30 to 5:00 p.m. in order to provide our patients more access to the clinics and pharmacy. Please note below the hours for each type of clinic service.

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**You Can Stay Connected to the Tribe thru... Email, Facebook, Newsletter, and the Web!**

Did you know... in-between the quarterly tribal newsletter you can stay connected by getting electronic tribal updates.

**Ways to help you stay connected?**

1. Send your email, name and roll# to: taylor.tupper@klamathtribes.com

2. Facebook:
Become our Friend at: www.klamathtribes.org
"click" the Facebook link on the web or find us at: "The Official Klamath Tribes Page"

3. "What's Happening" Link on Website
Visit the Website: www.klamathtribes.org
Click : "What's Happening" (Dwaa Nee Pqa) on the website homepage.

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Photo by Taylor Tupper- Klamath Tribes News Dept.
Taken in Klamath Falls, Oregon, at the proposed crossing of the pipeline.
Under our Sacred Water the Klamath River

“c’iyaals hoches” (salmon runs) - Water is Life!
OEM hosted the bi-annual Oregon Tribal preparedness coalition meeting, in Salem, Oregon on February 15, 2018.

A coalition of Tribal, state, and federal governments from emergency management, public health, and public safety work together to prepare communities for disasters.

The coalition meeting covers topics including government-to-government relations, tribal consultation, conducting effective exercises, hazard mitigation planning, and long-term resilience to disaster events.

For more information contact:
Zak Jackson, Klamath Tribes Emergency Manager at 541-783-2219 ext. 184 or email: zakary.jackson@klamathtribes.com

NOTICE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

Klamath Tribal Administration will be making available to tribal members on Friday, June 22, 2018 between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, the following office furniture that has been declared surplus.

**Office Furniture**
(chairs, desks, file cabinets, office equipment)
*Note: items are “as is” and may not be in operating condition. Repairs may need to be made to be functional. All items are as is.

**LOCATION**

All surplus office furniture items will be set up at the Klamath Tribes Maintenance Building located at:
Tribal Administration
501 Chiloquin Blvd
Chiloquin, Oregon

**TIME SCHEDULE/Bring I.D.**
Tribal Elders/Veterans: 8am-9am
Tribal College Students: 9am-11am
Tribal High School Students: 11am-1pm
Tribal Members: 1pm-3pm
Tribal Employees: 3pm-4pm

The time schedule will be adhered to – if you fall into one of the above-mentioned categories, that is your scheduled time.

A priority system for the release of the furniture and equipment has been developed. First priority will be for tribal elders/veterans; second priority is for tribal members currently enrolled in college; third priority is for tribal members currently attending high school; fourth priority is for general tribal membership; and fifth priority is for tribal members currently employed by the Tribes. College and high school students need to bring proof of school attendance and everyone will need to bring their tribal enrollment card. Each individual will need to check in with the Receptionist. No one will be allowed to pick up any furniture and/or equipment for someone else or set aside for anyone else. You need to be present at the designated times, to select furniture. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Questions call the Maintenance Program, at 783-2219 ext. 143 and ask for Todd.
The Klamath Tribes
Community Services Department
Programs & Services
Ph: (541) 783-2219

The Community Services Department offers the following ten programs. Applications are available at the Tribes Administration building, may be mailed if needed, and soon on The Klamath Tribes website.

## ELDER SERVICES

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<td>The purpose of the program is to engage with Tribal elders to improve their overall quality of life. The program provides referral, advocacy and navigation services; meal site activities, events, trips, respite relief, transportation, and much more. Beginning April 2018, the program will provide quarterly newsletters to elders.</td>
<td>The purpose of the program is to provide temporary respite relief to the primary non-paid caregiver. Caregiver eligible to receive up to 187.5 hours of respite relief in 12 months, occurring from April to March. Number of caregivers assisted is contingent on funding. Contact the Elder Outreach Worker for information.</td>
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**Eligibility**

1. Must be enrolled in a federally recognized Tribe
2. Must be 60 years old, or older
3. Priority given to those who reside in Klamath County

**Staff Contact:** Elder Outreach Worker; position currently vacant

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<th><strong>Elder Nutrition Program</strong></th>
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<td>The program hosts meal site and offers delivered meals to homebound elders five days a week. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the goos oLgi gowa Building in Chiloquin. Tuesday and Thursday at the Irwin Weiser Memorial Center in Beatty. Program is free for Tribal elders and their guest. Tribal elder may bring spouse, caregiver, or disabled adult child. Non-native seniors may attend meal site Tuesday through Thursday. Transport provided Tuesday and Friday, call Rachel at ext. 174. For more info about meal site or delivered meals, call Donna &amp; Jeanine (541) 274-1684.</td>
<td>For information, please see details listed under “Energy Assistance” section.</td>
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## ENERGY ASSISTANCE

For all Energy Assistance Programs detailed below, staff contact is:  
Casey, Program Support Specialist, ext. 134.

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<td>The purpose of the program is to provide cords of split firewood to Klamath Tribal elders for heating purposes. The program aims to serve 90 elder households every year, operating from January to December. Program is contingent on funding. In 2018, each elder will receive two (2) cords of firewood.</td>
<td>The purpose is to provide energy assistance to low-income Tribal households with high energy burdens. Program operates from October to September every year; provided sufficient funds remain. Two types of payments are available, Standard and Crisis. Crisis ends March 15 every year.</td>
<td>The purpose of the program is to weatherize homes, in which any member of the household is enrolled in a federally recognized tribe. Assistance up to $3500. Beginning October 2018, the program aims to serve 6-10 households per year. Please ensure your application on file is current/updated.</td>
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| The program contracts with, up to 10, Klamath Tribal members to harvest, split & deliver cords of firewood to Klamath Tribal elders. Contractors are paid $175 per cord of firewood. | **Eligibility:**  
1. Any member of household must be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe  
2. Reside within Klamath County  
3. Meet income guidelines | **Eligibility:**  
Same standards as LIHEAP; must be eligible for LIHEAP |

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

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<td>Program provides (1) Medical Transports, (2) Elders Events, Trips, and Meal Site Transportation, (3) Monthly Grocery Shopping for Elders, and (4) operates the Quail Trail Public Transit. Quail Trail service is free of charge to anyone. For more info, call Rachel, ext. 174 or Michelle, ext. 175.</td>
<td>Program provides commodity foods to Tribal households in Klamath County of Oregon, and Modoc County of California. The Program strives to consistently offer all available types of commodities foods. Must meet USDA monthly income standards based on household size. For more info call, the Commodities Office (541) 883-2876.</td>
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### Goodwill Voucher Program
- Program provides eligible clients a single $25 voucher, amount increased by $5 for each additional household member. One voucher per year; operates January to December each year. Must be eligible for LIHEAP to qualify. For more info contact Rachel, ext. 174

### Employee Sponsored Emergency Fund
- Program is funded through donations made by employees of the Tribes Administration and overseen by an anonymous Committee. Program availability fluctuates throughout the year; contingent upon available funds. Application details eligibility criteria. For more info call Rachel, ext. 174.
Klamath Tribes Housing
The Housing Department currently operates 10 Housing Programs:

• Low Rent Program
• Emergency Housing Assistance
• Emergency Repair Program for Tribal Elders
• Preservation
• Home Grant and Occupancy Program
• 1st Time Homebuyers Down Paymnt Assistance
• Rental Assistance
• Transition Rental Assistance
• pe peep’aak -The Congregate Facility
• Indian Health Services/Septic and Wells

Low Rent Program
This program is to provide affordable and decent housing for lower income members of the Klamath Tribes.

The Tribes own a total of 84 homes which are located in Beatty, Chiloquin and Klamath Falls.

The Housing Department pays water, sewer and garbage and the rent payment is based on 20% of the gross income. These houses are maintained by the Klamath Tribes Maintenance Department.

Home Grant and Occupancy Program
This program is to provide affordable and decent housing for lower income members of the Klamath Tribes. The homes will be located on the Tribes 55 acre development near Chiloquin, OR. This is also a lease to own program and the homeowners will make their payments to the Housing Department.

Rental Assistance
This program provides affordable housing for lower income members of the Klamath Tribes who would like to live in privately owned apartments or houses in Klamath County. The Klamath Tribes Housing would pay a portion of the participants rent based on 20% of their gross income. There are 80 vouchers total that are offered for this program.

For more information about these and our other housing programs please call the Tribal Housing Department at 541-783-2219 or 1-800-524-9787
Attention Graduating Seniors!

We are in the planning stages of our annual Honor Dinner to honor all Klamath County area graduating Native Seniors of 2018. If you would like to be part of the event or would like more information please contact Alethea Barlowe at 541.783.2219 ext. 208 or alethea.barlowe@klamathtribes.com.

Please send a jpeg photo, along with the student’s information (ie. School, college/next steps, parent info.) to: Alethea Barlowe at alethea.barlowe@klamathtribes.com by May 15th, 2018. We hope to get as many students as possible.

In Addition... If you have a graduating tribal student that you would like to recognize, we will be recognizing our tribal students through our "Klamath Tribes E-News Spotlight" from the Public Information and News Department.

Please send a jpeg photo, along with the student’s information (ie. School, college/next steps, parent info.) to: Alethea Barlowe at alethea.barlowe@klamathtribes.com by May 15th, 2018. We hope to get as many students as possible.
You are Needed. Please consider... The OYA (Oregon Youth Authority) is the state's juvenile corrections agency.

*Our Mission is to protect the public and reduce crime by holding youth offenders accountable and providing opportunities for reformation in safe environments.

*FOSTER CARE IS A STEPPING STONE: For various reasons, foster youth are unable to return home to their families.

Current Numbers:
Currently there are 15 Klamath Tribal Youth in OYA custody. 4-5 are almost ready for Foster Care to be an option for them. Youth in Care now is 49 Youth on waiting list - 13 males and 5 females

WANT MORE INFORMATION? For more information contact: Kelly Okili, Foster Care Certifier (971) 803-8154 email: Kelly.Okili@oya.state.or.us
www.facebook.com/oyafostercare
http://www.oregon.gov/OYA/foster.shtml
1. **2018 Holidays - Tribal Offices Closed**

- **January 1, 2018** – New Year’s Day
- **January 15, 2018** – MLK’s Birthday
- **February 19, 2018** – President’s Day
- **May 25, 2018** – State Indian Day
- **May 28, 2018** – Memorial Day
- **July 4, 2018** – Independence Day
- **September 3, 2018** – Labor Day
- **November 12, 2018** – Veterans’ Day
- **November 22, 2018** – Thanksgiving
- **December 24, 25, 2018** – Christmas

2. **Scheduled Meetings 2018**
   - **Special General Council Meeting**
     - **Tribal Auditorium**
     - **April 14th @ 10 a.m.**
     - **Contact Information:**
       - Roberta Frost
       - 541-783-2219 Ext. 170
   - **Regular General Council Meeting**
     - **Tribal Auditorium**
     - **May 19, 2018 @ 10am**
     - **Contact Information:**
       - Roberta Frost
       - 541-783-2219 Ext. 170
   - **Regular General Council Meeting**
     - **Tribal Auditorium**
     - **August 18, 2018 @10am**
     - **Contact Information:**
       - Roberta Frost
       - 541-783-2219 Ext. 170
   - **Regular General Council Meeting**
     - **Tribal Auditorium**
     - **November 17, 2018@ 10am**
     - **Contact Information:**
       - Roberta Frost
       - 541-783-2219 Ext. 170

3. **March**
   - **Event:** Elders BINGO
     - **Location:** Chiloquin Meal Site
     - **Date (s):** March 16
     - **Contact Information:**
       - Coquise Wilson
       - 541-783-2219 Ext. 133/128 respectively
       - Mandy Roberson
       - 541-783-2764 Ext. 101

4. **Department Reoccurring Activities**
   - **Month:** Each Week
     - **Event:** Elder Meal Site
     - **Location:** Chiloquin, OR
     - **Days:** M/W/F
     - **Contact:** Donna or Jeannine 541-274-1684
   - **Month:** Each Week
     - **Event:** Elder Meal Site
     - **Location:** Beatty, OR
     - **Days:** Tu/TH
     - **Contact:** Donna or Jeannine 541-274-1684
   - **Month:** Twice Per Month
     - **Event:** Elder Grocery Shopping Day
     - **Location:** Klamath Falls, OR
     - **Days:** 1st & 2nd Monday of each month
     - **Contact:** Rachel Miller 541-783-2219 Ext. 174
   - **Month:** Once per Month
     - **Event:** Commodities
       - **Location:** Klamath Falls, OR
       - **Date:** 2nd Tuesday of each month
       - **Contact:** Commodities Office 541-883-2876
     - **Event:** Commodities
       - **Location:** Chiloquin, OR
       - **Date:** 2nd Wednesday of each month
       - **Contact:** Commodities Office 541-883-2876
     - **Event:** Commodities
       - **Location:** Alturas/Pit River/Ft Bidwell, CA
       - **Date:** 3rd Wednesday of each month
       - **Contact:** Commodities Office 541-883-2876
     - **Event:** Commodities
       - **Location:** Klamath Falls, OR
       - **Date:** 4th Wednesday of each month
       - **Contact:** Commodities Office 541-883-2876
The application period for the Tribal Youth Ecological Forestry Training Program Open Now!

The training runs from June 11 – July 20, 2018.

This program follows the tribal hiring policy and is for ages 18-24.

If you know of anyone who is currently attending or have completed high school/GED and falls in to categories listed above please have them contact me.

Applications and Job Descriptions for this program are available in the Education & Employment Department and an application can be downloaded from the Lomakatsi Website: www.lomakatsi.org under the News and Events article.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sally Brandt
Klamath Tribes Employment Specialist Education & Employment Dept.
The Klamath Tribes
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(541) 783-2219, Ext 128, Fax (541)783-7802
email: sally.brandt@klamathtribes.com

wele.q’ak and skis y’ay’na dat
Mount McLaughlin

Guest Column by Tribal Elder, Gordon Bettles

The Klamath name for Mount McLoughlin is skis y’ay’na dat meaning Dwarf Old Woman because it was said that her farts could control the west wind. In the summer time when it was hot the Klamath might be heard to call out, “skis wele.q’ak ski.cipgi!” meaning, “Little old lady comes farting” to call out a cool western breeze from the Cascade Mountains. This was all in reference to the fact that her shape could be seen climbing up the mountain.

gmok’añê - The Creator, had instructed all the people and animals a long time ago that they should not climb that mountain. When gmok’añê spoke they knew that his instructions must be followed or something bad would happen. wele.q’ak, like all the others, heard his order but decided it was her right to climb that mountain. She was, after all, an old, small, mean woman that always caused harm and discord wherever she went.

It was well known that if the Klamath saw her, they had to be careful because something bad was going to happen to them or someone they knew. So, as it was, no one was really surprised when she said she was going to climb that mountain no matter what.

wele.q’ak prepared herself for the climb and then tied her baby into the cradle board and strapped him to her back. Now, all the animals and people watched her as she climbed up the mountain. They talked to each other wondering what gmok’añê would do if she continued or even finished her climb.

g.ag or crow watched her as she climbed and thought about what gmok’añê had instructed them all not to do. He knew it was wrong to climb the mountain and watched as wele.qak stubbornly climbed. g.ag saw how wrong it was and then thought how stupid it was of her to go against the wishes of gmok’añê. It was ridiculous and g.ag knew it! He laughed out loud at the stupidity of the situation she had created for herself. As soon as he laughed she instantly turned to stone for that was g.ag’s power gmok’añê had given him, the power to punish that which was bad and evil.

To this day, you can see wele.q’ak turned to stone on the side of ski y’ay’na dat or Mount McLoughlin. It is a reminder to all to always follow the rules of gmok’añê or something bad might happen.

Is this then why so many climbers in recent times have died or got lost on that mountain? It makes you sit and wonder.