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COLVILLE TRIBES CONGRATULATES CONGRESSWOMAN MCMORRIS RODGERS ON NOMINATION TO LEAD INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation congratulates Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers on news that she will be the nominee for Secretary of the Interior. The Secretary of the Interior is a critical position for the Colville Tribes and for all of Indian country because it oversees the Bureau of Indian Affairs and other agencies that affect day-to-day life in our Tribal communities.

Over the past decade, the Colville Tribes has worked cooperatively with Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers on a number of important matters, including wildfire and forest management, energy development, and Indian health issues. Most recently, she co-sponsored the bipartisan Indian Trust Asset Reform Act, which President Obama signed into law in June as Public Law 114-178. She also supported the "Bring the Ancient One Home Act," which is currently pending final approval before the U.S. Senate and would return ancestral remains to the Colville Tribes and other tribes.

While we have not always agreed with Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers on every issue, she has always listened to and considered our perspective. We urge her swift

confirmation by the U.S. Senate, wish Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers success, and look forward to continuing to work with her in her new capacity for all our Tribal communities.

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