



# Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act

*Acres  
14,708 acres held in trust on behalf of the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians and 17,812 acres for the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians.*

*The Law  
On January 8, 2018, the Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act was signed in to law (Public Law 115-103).*

*Stewardship  
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As part of a nationwide priority to enhance tribal relations, the BLM is working closely with tribes on land management issues in Oregon and Washington, including implementation of the Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act.

On January 8, 2018, the Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act (Public Law 115-103) was signed into law. This law provides for approximately 14,700 acres of BLM-administered lands in western Oregon to be held in trust on behalf of the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians. It also provides that approximately 17,800 acres of BLM-administered lands in western Oregon be held in trust on behalf of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians.

Currently, these two tribes do not hold any land in trust. This increase in tribal lands is intended to spur job development and economic growth for both tribes.

Since the passage of the Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act, the BLM has assembled a team and appointed a project manager to implement the requirements detailed in the law.

In addition, BLM has created an official GIS data set and a website to begin to share information with the tribes and other interested parties.

The law also contains a number of specific requirements over the next several years:

- BLM staff will create a map and legal description to be filed with the Senate and House of Representatives;
- The Secretary of the Interior will enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the tribes for administrative access;
- The Secretary of the Interior will negotiate reciprocal rights-of-way agreements with the tribes;
- Staff will complete survey work; and
- Staff will identify public domain lands that will be reclassified as Oregon and California Revested Lands Act lands.