**Warm Springs, Wasco, & Northern Paiute**

Located in north-central Oregon, just south of Mount Hood, is the Warm Springs Reservation, home to eight bands from three separate tribes that function as a unit. The Warm Springs Indians lend their name to the reservation and are made up of four bands—the Taih (Tygh), Wyam, Tenino, and Dock-spus. The Wasco are from The Dalles, Dog River, and Ki-gal-twal-la bands. The remaining tribe is a band of the Northern Paiute (GAI, 183). The 3,000 residents of the reservation engage in farming and logging through a modern industrial corporation. They also maintain the Kah-Nee-Ta vacation resort in the hilly, northern part of the reservation. The flag of the “Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation” flies prominently at this modern resort complex.

The banner-like flag is light blue (sample flag provided by Elmer’s Flag & Banner, Portland, Oregon) with a yellow ribbon across the top with “THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE” and a similar ribbon across the bottom with “WARM SPRINGS RESERVATION OF OREGON”, both in red. Between the ribbons are two flying eagles in brown and white, approaching the center from either side. They recall the most sacred of all animals to the Native American as well as the abundance of wildlife on the reservation. A central yellow disk forms a traditional shield, with seven eagle feathers hanging below to symbolize the protection and safety that the three tribes find within their sovereign boundaries. The shield contains a map of the reservation in red outline with a depiction of Mount Hood in dark green with a white snowcap. Three brown tepees below the mountain and three yellow stars on a blue sky above it represent the three tribes and their lands’ proximity to magnificent Mount Hood, the highest peak in Oregon. 🌋