

PROTECTING OUR PAST FOR OUR FUTURE

In cooperation with other agencies, Schitsu'umsh (the Coeur d'Alene Tribe) and Avista are protecting cultural resources.

For thousands of years the Schitsu'umsh have centered their lives on Coeur d'Alene Lake and its tributaries as well as the Spokane River. They gathered food, hunted, fished, lived in villages, worshipped in sacred places and carefully buried their dead here.

As time passed, non-tribal members moved into the area, built homes and occupied land in different ways. Like the Schitsu'umsh, they too worshipped in special places and carefully buried their dead.

All people have left evidence of their lives on and around Coeur d'Alene Lake, tributaries and the Spokane River, and throughout the region. The legacy of this evidence is our history and the heritage of all people. Removing or damaging these resources or artifacts is like tearing a page from our living history book.

HELP PROTECT CULTURAL RESOURCES

These are invaluable resources and *cannot* be replaced.

It is against the law to engage in any illegal act listed in this brochure. If you suspect a violation DO NOT get involved or approach the scene!

**You can help by
reporting violations to
the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Police
24 hours a day, 7 days a week
at (208) 686-2099**

or contact one of the following:

Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Jill Wagner
(208) 686-1572

Avista Corporation
Recreation, Land Use &
Cultural Resource Specialist
Rene' Wiley
(509) 495-2919

Help Protect
**CULTURAL
RESOURCES**
and
HISTORY
of
Coeur d'Alene Lake,
its Tributaries, and
the Spokane River



IT IS A CRIME

Did you know it's against the law to remove or vandalize cultural resources and artifacts? Cultural resources are any material remains of past human life. There are laws and policies at the federal, state, and tribal levels protecting these resources.

Violations may be punishable with fines and/or prison terms.

There are people on the waterways and nearby public lands destroying and removing our cultural resources on a regular basis.

AVOIDING ILLEGAL ACTS

Do Not take or remove artifacts including bottles, tin cans, arrowheads, etc.

Do Not deface a pictograph or petroglyph

Do Not use a tool to dig, probe, or remove any artifact from the ground (a tool can be any instrument - even a stick)

Do Not dig for or possess human remains

Do Not vandalize historic buildings

There are thousands of years of history represented by these artifacts and other cultural resources.

When you take or damage artifacts or other cultural resources, you damage history.

Cultural resources are not the property of looters and vandals. Artifacts and other cultural resources are not renewable resources and the knowledge of our past is LOST to all of us.

Cultural resources should be left in place and honored.

HOW CAN YOU HELP ?

You can help by immediately notifying law enforcement if you witness any of the illegal acts listed in this brochure.

Share this information with family and friends.

Respect special places and encourage others to do the same.

Do not touch, disturb, or pick up cultural resources.

Use Caution if you witness an illegal act and DO NOT approach the scene! As safely as possible record information such as license plate numbers, boat registration numbers, physical descriptions, and location and report it to law enforcement as soon as possible.