



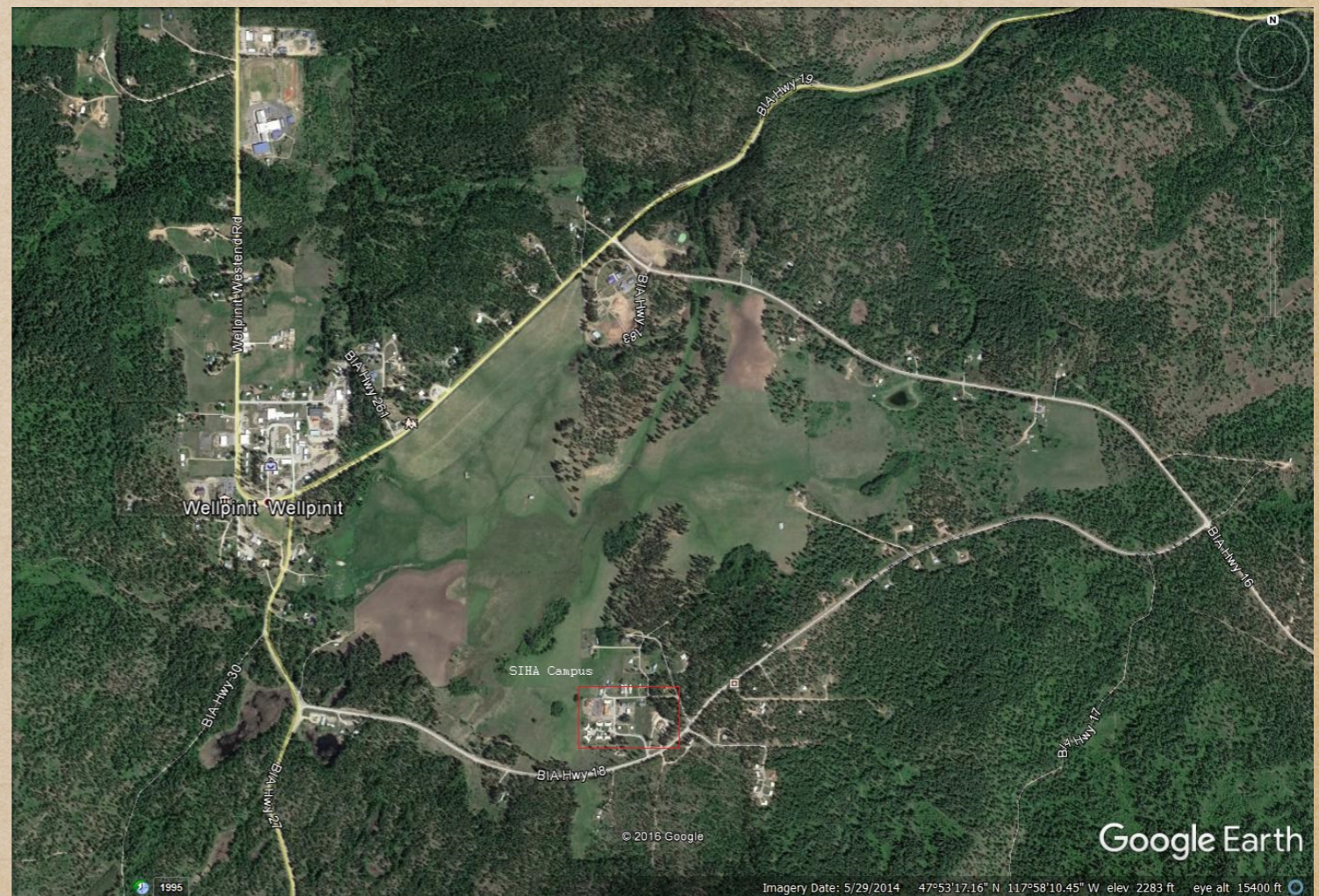
Spokane Indian Housing Association Presentation
(SIHA)



Children of the Sun

(Spokane Tribe of Indians)

- In 1881, eight years before Washington became a state, President Rutherford B. Hayes signed an executive order establishing the Spokane Tribe's reservation on a fraction of their historic land.
- Today Wellpinit is the tribes Main location of government, commerce, business and cultural infrastructures that are important to tribal affairs and history.

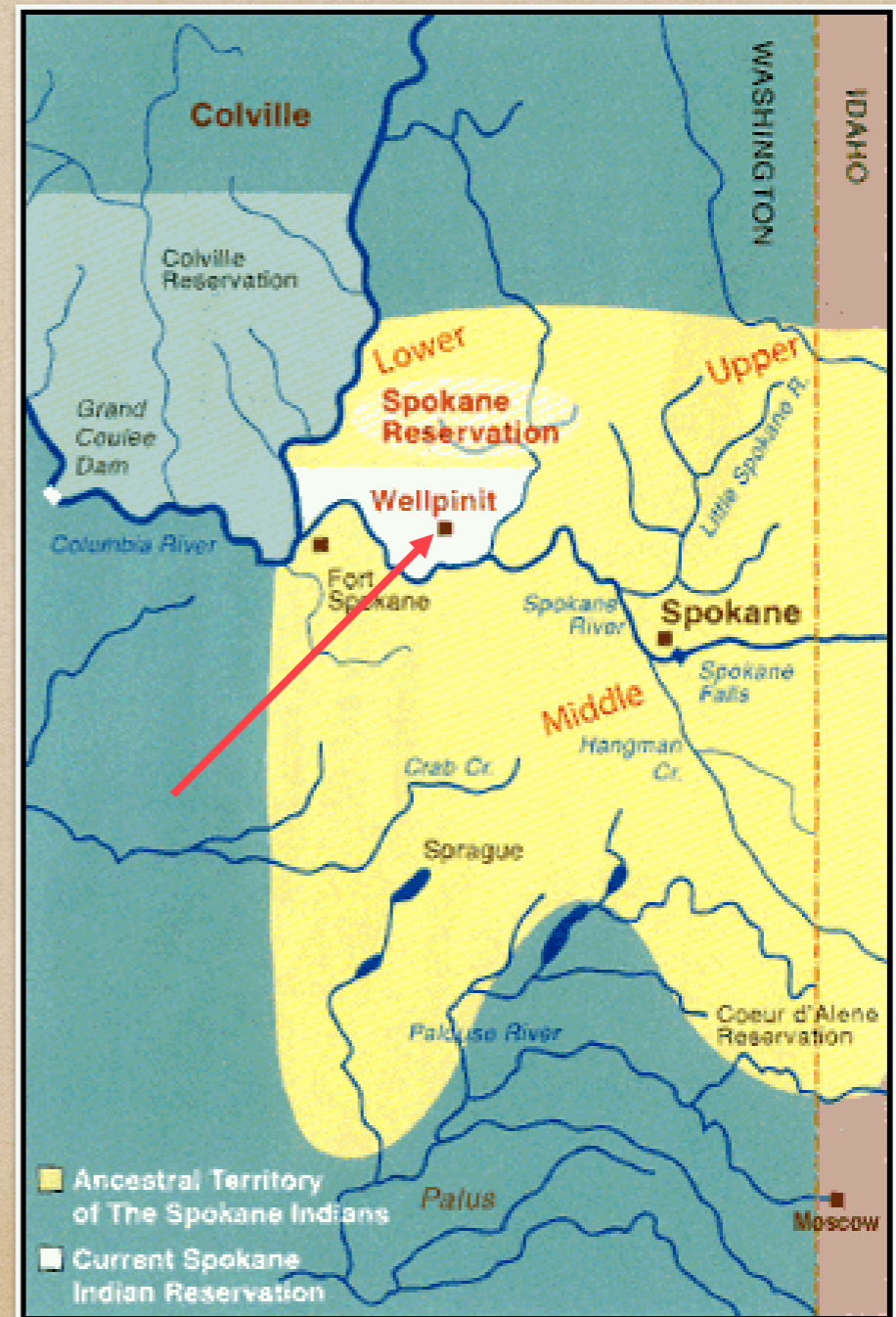




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- Wellpinit resides 40 miles north of Spokane, Washington in the heart of the Spokane reservation.
- The Spokane reservation stretches over 100 thousand acres which is made up of agricultural and forestry land not to include water ways and rivers.
- The Spokane tribe continues its cultural and historical practices till this day and plan on preserving its ancestral land as well as language.



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- With approx. 3,000 Enrolled Tribal members to date, its quite small compared to what the Salish tribe and three bands once was.



Mountain on Fire

- In 2016 The Cayuse Mt. Fire lefts its devastating mark on the Spokane reservation causing much damage to wildlife and local land. This was the first time a fire had threatened the lively hood of the inner Wellpinit community by knocking out electricity and water.
- Damaged 18,000 Acres of land
- 14 homes and
- Closing within 1 mile of tribal buildings the fire cut off electrical power and water to the locals and emergency responders who needed to battle the massive wildfire putting all in danger of hurting the economics and well being of Wellpinit.







Learning from the Cayuse Mt Fire

- Due to wild fires past decade and Cayuse we must acknowledge the inherent issues of climate change that endangers tribal land and the community.
- Resilience
- Emergency readiness is key to help defend against future fires and disasters.
- Generator back ups.



Future of The Sun

COSSI
2017-2018

What is COSSI? (Children of the Sun Solar Initiative)

- COSSI is SIHA plan to be more energy independent and emergency prepped for future threats.
- Addressing the significant energy reliability and preventing issues that threaten the social and economic well-being of the Tribe, its people and its economy.
- Since environmental impact is linked to these recurring fires we must also help reduce our environmental footprint to help promote a better environment for our future.

Our Vision

- Reducing tribal energy cost and becoming more conscious of energy self-sufficiency.
- Emergency readiness, Being prepared will give the Spokane tribe the edge it needs to combat any threatening conditions in the future.
- Clean energy is better energy

Our Mission Statement

“The Spokane Tribe adapts to change and
we are still here”

-SIHA

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Plan of Action

- Using the 2.1 \$ Million dollars of grant and tax credit investments to buy and install solar panels on tribal community buildings through Wellpinit.
- The solar photo voltaic panels installed will produce 637 kw (annually) for 14 tribal buildings in the heart of Wellpinit.
- Thus Supplementing 24% of the energy used in Wellpinit from solar energy reducing energy cost(s) of 2.8\$ Million over the 35(yr) life of PV system.
- Preparing emergency water tanks.

Our Partners

Investors: Sunvest

- A National developer who has worked with over 600 customers.
- Ranked among the top 50 solar developers by Solar Power World Magazine.
- <http://sunvest.com/>



Consultant: Godfrey & Kahn

- A High-level service and creative legal solutions.
- Strategic legal advice with smart, practical solutions to real world problems.
- An Award winning team.
- <http://www.gklaw.com/GodfreyKahn.htm>



Non-Profit: GRID Alternative

- GRID Alternatives is a 501(c)(3) certified non-profit organization that brings together community partners, volunteers and job trainees to implement solar power and energy efficiency for low-income families, providing energy cost savings, valuable hands-on experience, and a source of clean, local energy that benefits us all.

- <https://gridalternatives.org/>



GRID
ALTERNATIVES

Environmental Impact

- Generating 24% of clean energy used by the Wellpinit community will reduce carbon footprint.

Community Impact

- Training and jobs for tribal members.
- Lowering energy bills for locals.
- Changing the status quo on renewable energy.



Energy Sovereignty

To be self reliant of energy and power.

Sovereign Power

- Sovereign Power is focused on developing a renewable energy model for the tribe that could include producing, transporting, marketing and selling power.
- Independence, free up cash currently spent on utility bills, and create work for some of the roughly 2,000 people who live on the reservation

Micro Grids

- Future Expansion on solar projects.

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