

Timeline

1700s

1780 Population of the Kalispels estimated to be between 1200-1600.

1800s

1809 Explorer David Thompson traded with the Kalispel.

1838 Protestant missionaries visited the Kalispels 3-4 times a year.

1844 Father Hoecken established St. Ignatius Mission and began teaching Christianity. Father DeSmet celebrated a Christmas Mass with the Kalispels in a cave in the Selkirk Mountains which he named the New Manressa Grotto.

1850 Census taken by the missionaries estimated the Kalispel to be at 500-600.

1855 Death of Loyola (Standing Grizzly Bear), Head Chief of the Kalispels. After an election, the Kalispel rally around Victor as their new Chief.

1856 Governor Stevens convenes with the Kalispel and proposes a treaty that they cede land and move to a reserve in the mountains. Chief Victor declined.

1875 Kalispel population estimated at 395. White settlement increases rapidly.

1886 Indian-white conflicts escalate. Immediate action needed to protect the Indians and establish a reserve by the U.S. Government.

1887 Congress passed the General Allotment Act also known as the Dawes Act, which stated that the head of each family would receive 160 acres of tribal land and each single person would receive 80 acres. Title to the land would be held in trust by the government for 25 years. After 25 years each individual would be promised U.S. citizenship and fee simple title to their land.

NW Indian Commission met with the Kalispels chiefs to present an agreement intended to remove them to the Flathead reservation in Montana. Victor and his son, Marcella, refused. Michael, Chief of the lower Kalispels, who represented the majority, agreed, agreement is never ratified by the Congress.

1900s

1911 Tribal population declines to approximately 100. Priests visit on Sundays. When absent, the chief assembled the Tribe in his own home for singing, hymns and prayer in their native language.

1914 Separate reserves set apart by executive order of President Woodrow Wilson for the lower Kalispels within their own land, establishing the Kalispel Reservation.

1924 The Allotment Act changes traditional communal village living, and 40 acre parcels of land are dispersed and intended for farming. Agriculture is not suitable on the Reservation land due to flooding and hilly terrain.

1958 Indian Claims Commission (ICC) ruled the Kalispels have title to lands taken from them in the 1800s without compensation. Tribe is awarded \$2.7 million and funds much needed infrastructure on the reservation.

1965 Tribal annual per capita income is approximately \$1,400, and the Reservation only has one phone and two homes with running water.

1966 38 homes built on the reservation from ICC settlement funds.

1967 Community Hall is built on the reservation and is funded by the ICC settlement.

1974 Tribe receives 12 buffalo from the U.S. Park Service. Kalispel Metal Products established as an enterprise on present day site of Kalispel Career Training Center (KCTC).

1992 Tribal Administration is reorganized and a vision statement is developed. Kalispel Natural Resources Department is founded.

1993 Tribal buffalo heard stabilizes at 100 head.

1994 The Tribe acquires 40 acres of trust land in Airway Heights, WA. Albeni Falls Dam wildlife mitigation project turns over 440 acres to the Tribe to establish wildlife and waterfowl refuge.

1999 The first water line from the city of Cusick is brought across the Pend Oreille River to service reservation residents.

2000s

2000 Northern Quest Casino opens in Airway Heights, WA on Kalispel Reservation lands.

2001 Camas Path begins operations and services.

2001 First Tribal hatchery-produced bass are released in the Pend Oreille River.

2003 Powwow grounds receive major update on the Reservation in Usk.

2004 The State of Idaho recognizes the Kalispel Tribe as an Idaho Tribe.

2004 Tribe achieves water quality standards from the Environmental Protection Agency.

2006 Renovations to the Tribal headquarters in Usk, WA are completed.

2007 The Pend Oreille PUD installs a power line that runs under the river to the Reservation in order to service the future Camas Center.

2008 Camas Center for Community Wellness opens on Reservation in Usk, WA. Tribe acquires 4,400 additional acres of land. Infrastructure completed for 12 new homes sites on the Reservation to prepare for occupancy. Kalispel Tribal Economic Authority (KTEA) is created by the Council to plan and operate business and commercial opportunities for the Tribe.

2009 Box Canyon Dam license and settlement implementation ends 29 years of litigation between the Tribe and Pend Oreille PUD. Public Safety Building construction complete. Kalispel Tribal Transit System (KALTRAN) begins operations. Salish Language program receives Administration for Native American (ANA) grant to plan for Salish language revitalization.

2010 Northern Quest becomes Northern Quest Resort & Casino, with a 250-room luxury hotel, world-class spa, state-of-the-art fitness center and swimming pool. Tribe opens Kalispel Chevron Convenience Store at Legacy Landing (Airway Heights, WA).

2011 Honeysuckle Housing Development complete, adding six environmentally friendly, LEED certified homes on the Reservation. Kalispel Career Training Center Opens.

2012 Memorandum of Agreement established between the Tribe and the Bonneville Power Administration. Indian Creek Property acquired, bringing additional lands total over 5,000 acres.

2013 Kalispel Tribal Police recognized as a Washington State General Police Authority as a result of Law Enforcement Agreements with Pend Oreille County, Spokane County and the City of Airway Heights.

2014 The Reservation's centennial is recognized and the People's Place Community Center opens.

2015 Tribal population is 462. Elder Center opens. Tribe opens 2nd Kalispel Chevron Convenience Store (Airway Heights, WA)

2016 The Tribe opens The Kalispel Golf and Country Club, 1898 Public House (Spokane, WA), Kalispel Linen Services (Airway Heights, WA), and Crossroads Family Restaurant (Cusick, WA).



Our Heritage



CANADA

WASHINGTON

People of the Pend Oreille

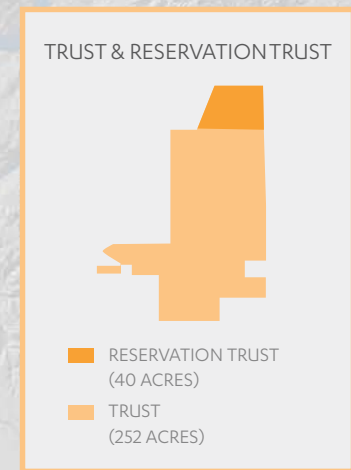
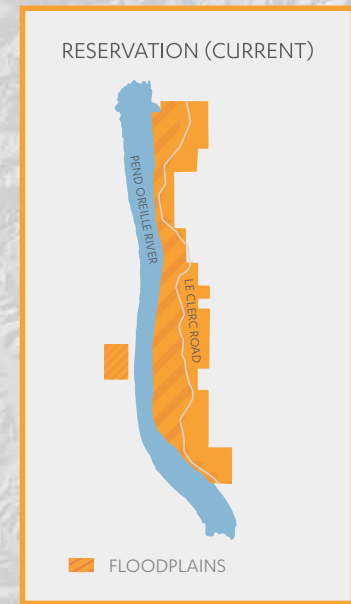
Since time immemorial, the Kalispel Indians were semi-nomadic hunters, diggers and fishermen who lived along the Pend Oreille-Clark Fork river system. Often traveling from Northeastern Washington down through Idaho and into Western Montana for seasonal sustenance, the Kalispel people's land was reduced to an area on the Pend Oreille river near the town of Usk, WA in the early 1900s.

The original Reservation was approximately 7 square miles in size and located in Pend Oreille County on the east bank of the Pend Oreille River and close to the towns of Usk and Cusick. Since that time almost four square miles of Tribal Trust land has been added to the Reservation, including a half square mile in the City of Airway Heights, where the Tribe has constructed a resort hotel and casino, a gas station and convenience store, and other economic opportunities.

Today, the Kalispel Tribal lands include 55 miles north of Spokane, Washington along 10 miles of the Pend Oreille River, 252 acres of trust land and 40 acres of reservation trust land in Airway Heights.

The Kalispel Tribal homelands extended from present day Plains, Montana down the Clark Fork River, all of Priest and Pend Oreille Lakes, down the Pend Oreille River into Canada encompassing 3.5 million acres.

The Spokane area was a customary spot for seasonal rounds, for gathering fish at the falls, collecting roots and berries, and the coming together of neighboring tribes including the Spokane, Colville, Coeur d'Alene, Bitterroot Salish, and Kootenai Tribes to celebrate and honor culture.



1963
ADJUDICATED LANDS
(2.4 MILLION ACRES)

RESERVATION
(4,500 ACRES)

SANDPOINT

NEWPORT

TRUST
(292 ACRES)

SPOKANE

1800S
ABORIGINAL LANDS
(3.5 MILLION ACRES)

MONTANA

DEFINITIONS

ADJUDICATED land used exclusively by the Kalispel Tribe.

ABORIGINAL land used by the Kalispel Tribe predominately but not exclusively.

FLOODPLAINS area of low lying ground adjacent to a river or stream, formed mainly of river sediment and subject to regular flooding.