

Committee on Natural Resources
Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States
Legislative Hearing
1324 Longworth House Office Building
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2:00 p.m.

Legislative Hearing on *H.R. 4059, H.R. 4495, H.R. 4888, H.R. 5153*

Questions from Rep. Bishop for Cheryle Kennedy, Chairwoman, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

1. Does it make more sense for the bill to authorize land claims in the tribe's former reservation area as established under its 1853 and 1857 treaties and the 1857 Executive Order, than to authorize land claims in the entire State of Oregon?
2. Is the tribe concerned that H.R. 4888 might create a cloud on the title of private property owners in Oregon?
3. Did any of the historic bands and tribes of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community file claims pursuant to the Indian Claims Commission Act? If so, what were the claims and how were they resolved by the Indian Claims Commission (ICC)?
4. With respect to H.R. 4888, is it the tribe's intention to file claims that could have been filed with the ICC?
5. The Committee archive for H.R. 4709 (103rd Congress) includes a memo sent from a representative of the Grand Ronde Tribe to Committee Democratic Staff prior to the House Subcommittee on Native American Affairs hearing on the bill. The memo clearly indicates the tribe was aware (or should have been aware) that the bill extinguished many other claims besides the Thompson Strip claim. (Of note, the language in section 2 extinguishing all land claims in Oregon was contained in all versions of the bill, from introduction to the final version cleared for the White House and signed into law.) Can

you clarify the tribe's understanding of the history surrounding the land claim extinguishment language contained in that bill?