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Tulalip Tribes Expand Environmental Leadership with Key Land Purchase for Pilchuck River Restoration

Tulalip, WA: In a move to further their commitment to environmental restoration and cultural preservation, the Tulalip Tribes have acquired 19.3 acres of land along the Pilchuck River from the Holy Cross Catholic Church. This strategic purchase significantly contributes to the expansive Pilchuck River dam restoration project, which aims to revitalize local ecosystems and reinforce the natural habitat.

The newly acquired land will play a crucial role in the larger scope of the restoration efforts, providing more room for the river to reclaim its historic floodplain, enhancing salmon recovery, and improving water quality. It is a critical natural buffer, safeguarding the river's purity and biodiversity.

Chairwoman Teri Gobin expressed the deep connection the Tribes have with the Pilchuck River, "This land, adjacent to the Pilchuck River, is where our people have fished, gathered, and thrived since time immemorial. By expanding on the dam restoration project, we are restoring the environment and renewing the bond between our people and the river. It's an important step towards healing the land that has sustained us."

The Tulalip Tribes acknowledge the Holy Cross Catholic Church's sensitivity to the ecological and cultural values represented by this land. This acquisition sets a precedent for how environmental stewardship and respect for indigenous heritage can align in meaningful partnerships.

The Tulalip Tribes have recently acquired several properties and are interested in purchasing additional properties for environmental and cultural restoration. If you are interested in conserving and selling your property, please contact Joe Sambataro, Conservation Advisor, The Tulalip Tribes (360) 716-4619.

For more information regarding the future restoration efforts at this site and the Pilchuck River dam restoration project please contact Brett Shattuck, Restoration, Acquisition and Stewardship Senior Scientist, The Tulalip Tribes (360) 716-4618.

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The Tulalip (pronounced Tuh'-lay-lup) Tribes, direct descendants of and the successors in interest to the Snohomish, Snoqualmie, Skykomish, and other allied bands signatory to the 1855 Treaty of Point Elliott.

Note: The Tulalip Tribes welcome media members to discuss the broader impacts of this acquisition. Interviews with tribal leaders and experts on the Pilchuck River restoration projects can be arranged through the contact information provided. High-quality visuals are available for publication.