



Land Acknowledgement Resources

We'd like to thank Carina, James, and Meredith for their consciousness and contributions getting this conversation started regarding ways of improving our honoring/libation/acknowledgment of Indigenous Peoples presence, sacrifice and victory in these Americas.

Included in the following narrative are links to a "Honor Native Land Guide" a call to action and another powerful guide "For our Future" an advocates guide and toolkit for supporting Indigenous People's Day.

"Happy Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Today, across Turtle Island, Indigenous Peoples and their allies called for a commitment to truth-telling and healing through the observance of this day. The power of reclaiming today is potent and the victories hard-fought by many members of the Indigenous community. Today is not simply the replacement of one holiday for another. Today, we reject the sanitization of a history that has failed to acknowledge the loss of culture and life of Native Peoples across the world suffered at the hand of colonization. And our collective work toward healing and transformation continues.

In 2017, the U.S. Department of Arts and Culture released the Honor Native Land Guide - a call to action against the attempted erasure of Indigenous history and existence. Since its creation, the Guide has been downloaded nearly 10,000 times. We are energized and committed to continuing our work to support the truth-telling and reconciliation efforts with the many Native nations as they fight for their communities - and for ours.

We are humbled that Jaclyn Roessel recently joined the USDAC team as the Director of Decolonized Futures & Radical Dreams, to support us in continuing this collective work - from Indigenous Land Acknowledgement to Action. But she, and we, cannot do it alone. We need you to help us imagine what's next. We want to hear your dreams, curiosities, and inspirations.

We also invite you to seek truth and understanding about the Indigenous people of this land today, and every other day. We're fans of this powerful guide released by Illuminatives.

The USDAC lifts up the work and defends the wisdom of the many Indigenous collaborators, friends, and community members who have helped us realize the collective vision of our organization.

We will continue to dream possibilities with you and to work toward action and change, because we believe that Indigenous ways of knowing will continue to provide us answers for the radical futures our communities and world needs and deserves!"

How might we honor, include, acknowledge, and incorporate the history of Indigenous Peoples presence in America?

- *Who is your audience, what do they know?*
- *What are the nation(s) people doing today?*
- *How has the **Indian Removal Act** impacted people and the land?*
- *How can we support the nation's work?*

Suggestions/resources:

The Puget Sound Region Can be referred to as the Coastal Salish or speakers of the Lushootseed language.

[An Indigenous People's History of the United States](#) by Roxanne Dunbar Ortiz

(just released a version for young people)

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/567131/an-indigenous-peoples-history-of-the-united-states-for-young-people-by-roxanne-dunbar-ortiz-adapted-by-jean-mendoza-and-debbie-reese/9780807049396/>

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<https://www.realrentduwamish.org>

Muckleshoot Indian Tribe Website:

<http://www.muckleshoot.nsn.us/>

Native American Sign Point Elliot @Mukilteo:

<https://www.historylink.org/File/5402>

App detailing territories and history of native peoples:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/native-land/id1194356597?mt=8>

