WASHOE TRIBE OF NEVADA AND CALIFORNIA

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Translation- "Read It Here"

Washoe Tribal Newsletter—Voice of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California November 2015

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Salmon donation well received in Hung-A-Lel-Ti

"This was the 2nd trip I made to Oroville; the 1st trip was 2013," commented Chairman Irvin Jim.

"I was invited up to Enterprise Rancheria by the THPO from there." The Enterprise Rancheria is run by the federally recognized Tribe of the Estom Yumeka Maidu in Oroville, California.

Cassandra Fred, Hung-A-Lel-Ti Wellness Center Recreation Supervisor, Irvin Jim and 2 community volunteers, Angel Rojas and Jose Arcos made the trip October 13, 2015.

The morning of the 14th John Flint and Mike Rojas joined them to clean and gut the fresh salmon.

"I want to thank my helpers and I hope everyone enjoys the fish," said Chairman Jim.

The Dresslerville Senior Center is giving the Salmon out. Chairman Jim and his helpers passed them out to Tribal members in Hung-A-Lel-Ti.

Pictured here is the salmon shipment the Woodfords Community Council received. The pictures show the fresh Salmon being held up by

Chairman Irvin Jim and the large steak sections the salmon was cut into to share with community members.

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Washoe Tribal Council adopts new strategic plan

The Washoe Tribal Council held a strategic planning retreat on October 5, 2015 to set goals for 2016. The retreat included a comprehensive financial analysis of the tribe's finances by Financial Services Advisor John Housman. The analysis provided an in depth view of our finances, strengths and weaknesses, and positive recommendations that will be implemented to improve the overall financial management.

The Tribal Council were also educated on tribal investments and potential opportunities available to the tribe. The day included a powerpoint presentation of key elements of tribal government; sovereignty, self-determination, self-governance, and government to government relationships.

A tribal assessment was presented to test knowledge of tribal history and key elements that affect tribal governments. The Tribal Council members worked in small groups to identify issues and develop ideas that they would like the Tribe to address during this administration. The groups came together at the end of the day and made presentations on their ideas.

The Council discussed and agreed on seven goals that will be finalized and published as the goals of the Tribe. As this Tribal Council nears the end of their first year in office it is important to plan and work together on common goals that will benefit our membership.

November CALENDAR

(all dates subject to change)

Dresslerville Community Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 4, 6:00pm

Woodfords Community Council Meeting
Thursday, November 5, 6:00pm

Carson Colony Community Council
Wednesday, November 10, 6:00pm

Veteran's Day
Wednesday, November11
Tribal Offices Closed

Tribal Council Meeting
Friday, November 13, 6:00pm
Stewart Community

Stewart Community Council
Tuesday, November 17, 6:00 pm

Thanksgiving Day and the following day are observed holidays of the Washoe Tribe
Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27
Tribal Offices Will Be Closed

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Disclaimer: All dates are subject to change. We reserve the right to refuse any submission with final approval by the Tribal Chair or Vice Chair. Absolutely no campaigning for political gain allowed.

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Washoe Mission Statement

To achieve and ensure the integrity of an environment and way of life that is one with nature's elements, community, traditions and values that promote health and wellness for future generations.

Washoe wellness is defined as the complete state of physiological, psychological, biological, spiritual and cultural well-being of our people.

REMINDER: Washoe Tribal Health Center buildings and surrounding areas are designated to be smoke free.

Burial Services Committee

is looking for members.

If interested in submitting your name for consideration please contact Kim Trovato at the Washoe Tribe Administrative Office

775-265-8600, ext. 10103

Or email ktrovato@washoetribe.us

Family Violence

Family violence is defined as all types of violent crime committed by an offender who is related to the victim and can and does include spousal abuse, parental violence against a child, and violence among other family members and family pets. Non-family relationships used for comparison include boyfriends and girlfriends, friends and acquaintances, and strangers. Family violence has accounted for 11% of all reported and unreported violence between 1998 and 2002; about 22% of murders in 2002 were family murders; of the nearly 500,000 men and women in State prisons for a violent crime in 1997, 15% were there for a violent crime against a family member with the highest victim base being that of Native American Women victims.

Barriers for Native American Women in Family Violence situations:

The historical Context of Domestic Violence:

Domestic violence is a relatively new act of abuse in Native American culture. As many tribes responded domestic violence, the community responded by banishing or excluding the abuser.

Societal Oppression:

Several factors have accompanied the increase in domestic violence in Native American communities. These include the removal of tribes from their ancestral lands, suppressed religious and cultural practices, the introduction of alcohol, the introduction of boarding schools, and a disruption of traditional living patterns.

Spirituality:

Native American spirituality can be a source of profound support, comfort, and healing for many battered victims. The connection to Mother Earth and to each other is frequently used by the batterer and other family members as a reason for the victim to remain in a violent relationship.

Trust:

Some Native Americans can have a high level of mistrust for many people. This mistrust may keep the battered victim from reaching out for help. When battered Native American victims do reach out, they may be faced with helpers who have a lack of sensitivity towards their culture and lifestyle. (Barriers taken from Montana State University: www.montana.edu)

National Calendar of events:

November is National American Indian Heritage Month
(www.ihs.gov/publicaffairs/heritage/)
National Family Week is November 22-28
(www.nationalfamilyweek.org)

Ribbon & Support, Symbol Causes & Colors pertaining to this month:

"White" – *Child Exploitation Awareness*

"Orange" – *Cultural Diversity Awareness*

ALWAYS CALL 911 IN AN EMERGENCY!!!

Our goal is to insure that all victims of domestic violence and/or their children are treated with compassion, respect, and sensitivity in addressing their needs with the main focus being Safety, Outreach, and Advocacy.

Washoe Tribe Domestic Violence Program
1-775-265-8698
(1-800-769-2746) ext. 1233

Washoe Tribal Police Dept.
1-775-265-7540

Tribal Police Dispatch
1-775-783-7233

National Crisis Hotline 24 Hours
1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
1-800-787-3224 (TDD)

*If you or someone you know needs help, have questions about domestic violence or about this article, or just want to talk, know that there is help and that everything discussed will be kept strictly confidential. Look for future on-going articles in the Tribal Newsletter. "Remember that **YOU** have the **RIGHT** to live a life **FREE** of violence", from the Washoe Tribe Domestic Violence Program.*

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TANF Client Employment Success

One year ago, Kyle Partridge was accepted into the Washoe Native TANF On-The-Job-Training Program (OJT) with BSR Plumbing, Heating, & Air of South Lake Tahoe/ Gardnerville as his employer. The Washoe Native TANF OJT Program is where a client can gain value work experience by working for an employer, while the client learns the skills needed in that trade. The employer is reimbursed for the client's wages by the Washoe Native TANF Program as the client learns the skills in a certain trade. The goal at the end of the program is for the employer to offer the client a position with the company.

Kyle had responsibilities to his family that weren't being met working at Taco Bell so this was an opportunity of a lifetime! He is being paid to work and learn new skills that will work into a lifetime career. Monte Beach of BSR knew he was taking a risk with Kyle, as he does with any employee he hires. It costs BSR money to train employees and he hopes that investment will pay off with a productive employee that is willing to learn the trade. Monte stated that in the beginning, "I wasn't sure Kyle had ever used basic carpentry tools". A year later now Monte says, "With the skills Kyle has learned he could walk down the street and get hired by any one of the half dozen HVAC shops around here". Training new employees isn't new to Monte in his 30 plus years in the business. Some of these successfully trained employees include his 3 sons and all 3 are still active in the trade. For Monte, he will train again if the opportunity comes forward. For Kyle, it was an opportunity of a lifetime.

Pictured above is Monte Beach (left), owner of BSR Plumbing, Heating, & Air and Kyle Partridge (right), client of the Washoe Native TANF Program.

Vision Statement of the Washoe Nation

Preserving, reviving and living the Washoe culture and traditions where…

Respect for one another and tribal values promote our spiritual, physical and environmental wellness;

Educational opportunities are available for all tribal members and descendants;

A solid economic foundation ensures self-sufficiency for tribal success;

Responsive government promotes teamwork, professionalism and accountability

…on safe and secure tribal lands

Cultural Protection and Preservation Training was held for Tribal Monitors

The Washoe Tribe Scholarship Department with the collaboration of the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) program hosted a Tribal Monitor Training for adults. The Cultural Tribal Monitor training was held Monday-Friday September 21-25, 2015, adults from the Washoe Tribe, Reno Sparks Colony, Pyramid Lake, Duckwater, Elko and Owyhee areas were the participants. The weeklong training gave out information on the Historic Preservation law, Osteology Lab, Prehistoric Archaeology, NAGPRA and other information needed in order to become a Tribal Monitor. On the last day of the training the participants had a chance to observe a site in the local area. The Scholarship Department would like to thank Susan McCabe for coordinating the professional teachers that came out to teach and Washoe Elder Dinah Pete for the opening prayer and those Washoe Tribal members that volunteered to say the prayers for the day. If you missed this training and would like to attend one in the future, the Washoe Tribe Scholarship Department will be hosting another Tribal Monitor Training in the near future. Contact Lori Pasqua, Pre-College Advisor, Douglas, Alpine area lpasqua@washoetanf.org or Constance Barnes, Pre-College Advisor, Carson area cbarnes@washoetanf.org .

New WHA construction completed and more planned for Washoe Communities

Jacqueline Steele, Stan Smokey and Deirdre Jones Flood; WHA Board of Commissioners.

The Washoe Housing Authority had an open house on a newly constructed Low Rent unit for the Stewart Community. This new home is the first new unit constructed in many years and will be the model for additional homes. The Board of Commissioners has established new home construction as the goal for the WHA and are committed to addressing this goal during our tenure as a Board. The idea was initiated by Stewart Board Commissioners Stan Smokey and Jacqueline Steele and supported by the Board. The Board identified and saved funds in the annual budgets to provide adequate funding for this project and a second home is being planned for construction. The home is a 1,620 square foot, three bedroom two car garage and is located on Delahedah Street built with the funds that were set aside. The WHA also received funding in 2015 from the Department of Housing And Urban Development Indian Community Development Block Grant Program to build two Four-Plex Projects one for the Carson Community and one in the Woodfords Community. In addition, the WHA received notice that they were approved for a Low Income Housing Tax Credit Rehabilitation Project in Woodfords from a special set-aside for California Indian Tribes. The WHA is in the process of planning a Low Income Housing Tax Credit project for our Nevada communities. All these projects are to address the housing needs of our tribal membership. The Board of Commissioners, Chad Malone, Anthony Smokey, Lana Hicks, Deirdre Jones Flood, Stan Smokey, Jacqueline Steele, Debra Keats and Willie Smokey are proud of our accomplishments. But we know we have additional work to do and we remain committed to ensuring that WHA continues to be innovative and progressive in our planning and development so we will be able to implement additional needed projects. The WHA is an integral part of the tribal communities. If and when membership has any questions or concerns we welcome and encourage participation in our monthly open meetings.

New Faces Keep the Washoe Tribe Moving Forward

Below are the new faces that the Washoe Tribe hired, transferred or promoted since the last newsletter:

Type	Name	Position/Title	Start Date
New Hire	Luretha, Senyo-Mensah	GED Instructor	09/15/15
New Hire	Tiffany Roberts	WDG Retail Clerk I	09/16/15
New Hire	Melissa Best	Medical Assistant	09/21/15
New Hire	Greg Downes	Pharmacy Tech II	10/5/15
New Hire	Benjamin Johnson	Health Center Director	10/5/15
New Hire	Teena-Marie Simpson	WDG Retail Clerk I	10/9/15

This year, the Education Department staff has signed MOU's from the Douglas County School Districts allowing access to the computer database, PowerSchool. This agreement firms up our partnership and emphasizes the importance of our ongoing collaboration.

In October, several staff members and I attended the 2015 National Indian Education Association Conference in Portland, Oregon. These staff members also became NIEA members. This non-profit advocacy group facilitates policy direction at the national level. There were many informative workshops and speakers. Next year, the NIEA conference will be held in Reno, NV.

Additionally, we have filled both of the two new leadership positions titled "Education Lead" in Douglas/Alpine Counties and Carson County.

The Department recently hired Ms. Roxann Mossholder as the Education Lead for Douglas/Alpine Counties. Roxann brings her valuable knowledge as an education professional with a school counseling degree (PPS credential) to oversee the Douglas/Alpine counties Education Department team. As is the case with Education Department vacancies, attendance at interviews by a representative of the community council impacted by the vacancy is always appreciated. We are fortunate to have her added to our team in the coming weeks.

The Education Department is currently in the planning stages for Summer Enrichment, 2016. This year will be an exciting year with many educational and cultural lessons. Cultural Resource and Education Department staff will be contributing ideas on how to make this year the best one yet.

We are also excited to be holding the 2015 Wa-Pai-Shone at CC Meneley Elementary School. This program covers Washoe, Paiute, and Shoshone cultural activities and lessons to orient Head Start and Elementary aged students to these rich cultures. Through an ongoing partnership with the Douglas County School District, this cultural program will have a long future. Special thanks to the presenters, contractors, District staff and Leadership, and specifically to Lori Pasqua for her organization of this year's event.

New Washoe Princesses Named

The Hung-A-Lel-Ti Community hosted the Little Miss and Miss Teen Washoe Pageant on August 10, 2015 at the Hung-A-Lel-Ti Wellness Center. There were four (4) contestants for Miss Teen Washoe; Dashona Godowa, Damaris Zieroth, Kendall Ornellas, and Sage Tinajero-James. There were five (5) contestants for Little Miss Washoe; Jordyn Wyatt, Adrianne Jim, Unicia Henry, Gianna Duenas-James and Cheylin Kochamp.

The Judges were; Kathleen Simpson of Dresslerville, Katherine Rakow of Hung-A-Lel-Ti, Jacqueline Steele of Stewart, Aleena Rednose of Carson, and Melanie Smokey representing Off-Rez.

The Hung-A-Lel-Ti Council would like to thank all of the judges, contestants, and supporting family members and friends!

The announcement and crowning of the new princesses was held at the annual Washoe Picnic at Paradise Park in Meyers, California.

Jordyn Wyatt was crowned Little Miss Washoe and her runner-up is Gianna Duenas-James.

Sage Tinajero-James was crowned Miss Teen Washoe and her runner-up is Kendall Ornellas.

Thank You

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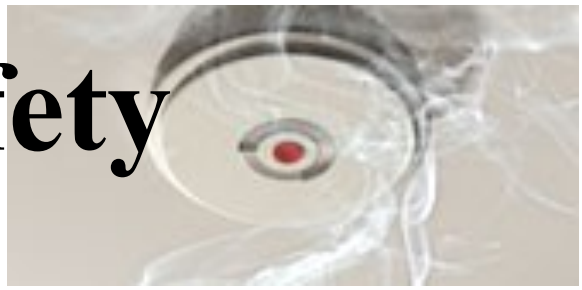
On Saturday October 17th the Cultural Resources Department held its annual fishing trip at Taylor Creek. Everyone brought their own handmade spears, traps and nets. The fearless few that made it up to the lake braved the cold and rain to take advantage of this yearly event and practice their traditional fishing skills. "Baŋaya haʔaš šemuyi"! It was pouring rain during the fishing trip which made things a little more challenging than in years past. Everyone took a turn trying to spear a fish but Joseph McDonald was the only one to spear one in the rain this year. Billy Hawk Enos also brought with him a traditional net that he made by hand, this was easily the most successful method and by working together we were able to corral the fish into the net and get back into our nice dry vehicles.

Be on the lookout for more cultural activities coming this winter! We will continue to post announcements for cultural activities, and if you are ever in the area feel free to stop by the Cultural Resources Department!

Home Fire Safety



About Fire Safety & Prevention

Did you know that if a fire starts in your home, you may have just two minutes to escape? The most effective way to protect yourself and your home from fire is to identify and remove fire hazards. 60 percent of house fire deaths occur in homes with no working smoke alarms. During a home fire, working smoke alarms and a fire escape plan that has been practiced regularly can save lives.

Fire Safety Tips

- If a fire occurs in your home, GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL for help.
- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.
- Test smoke alarms once a month, if they're not working, change the batteries.

Talk with all household members about a fire escape plan and practice the plan twice a year.

Preparing and Preventing a Home Fire - Steps You Can Take Now

- Keep items that can catch on fire at least three feet away from anything that gets hot, such as space heaters, wood stoves, candles, and fireplaces.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Talk to your children regularly about the dangers of fire, matches and lighters and keep them out of reach.

Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room or go to sleep.

Smoke Alarms

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.
- Teach your children what smoke alarms sound like and what to do when they hear one.
- Test smoke alarms once a month, if they're not working, change the batteries.
- Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years. Never disable smoke or carbon monoxide alarms.

Carbon monoxide alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms. Know the difference between the sound of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.

Fire Escape Planning

Ensure that all household members know two ways to escape from every room of your home.

- Make sure everyone knows where to meet outside in case of fire.
- Practice escaping from your home at least twice a year and at different times of the day. Practice waking up to smoke alarms, low crawling and meeting outside. Make sure everyone knows how to call 9-1-1.

Teach household members to STOP, DROP and ROLL if their clothes should catch on fire.

Cooking Safely

- Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Stay in the home while simmering, baking, roasting or boiling food. Check it regularly and use a timer to remind you that food is cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire—like pot holders, towels, plastic and clothing— away from the stove.

Keep pets off cooking surfaces and countertops to prevent them from knocking things onto the burner.

Caution: Carbon Monoxide Kills

- Install carbon monoxide alarms in central locations on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas.
- If the carbon monoxide alarm sounds, move quickly to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door.

Never use a generator, grill, camp stove or other gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal -burning devices inside a home,

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Christmas Craft Faire

December 4th, 5th and 6th

Carson Colony Gym

2900 South Curry, Carson City, NV

For additional information and vendor applications see opposite page or please contact:

Ada Johnson at 775-781-0480 (Evenings)

All Natives and Non-Natives Welcome!

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garage, basement, crawlspace or any partially enclosed area.

Follow Your Escape Plan

During a home fire, remember to GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL 9-1-1 or your local emergency phone number.

- If closed doors or handles are warm, use your second way out. Never open doors that are warm to the touch.
- Crawl low under smoke.
- Go to your outside meeting place and then call for help.

If smoke, heat or flames block your exit routes, stay in the room with doors closed. Place a wet towel under the door and call the fire department or 9-1-1. Open a window and wave a brightly colored cloth or flashlight to signal for help.

Use Caution with Fire Extinguishers

Use a portable fire extinguisher ONLY if you have been trained by the fire department and in the following conditions:

- The fire is confined to a small area, and is not growing.
- The room is not filled with smoke.
- Everyone has exited the building.

The fire department has been called.

Remember the word PASS when using a fire extinguisher:

P – Pull the pin and hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you.
A – Aim low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
S – Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.
S – Sweep the nozzle from side to side.

Immediately After a House Fire

- Have injuries treated by a medical professional. Wash small wounds with soap and water. To help prevent infection of small wounds, use bandages and replace them if they become soiled, damaged or waterlogged.
- Remain calm. Pace yourself. You may find yourself in the position of taking charge of other people. Listen carefully to what people are telling you, and deal patiently with urgent situations first.
- Check with the fire department to make sure your residence is safe to enter.

Anyone entering your damaged home should wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, closed-toed rubber-soled shoes or boots and work gloves, plus dust masks, safety goggles and/or a hard hat when necessary.

Let Your Family Know You're Safe

If your community has experienced a disaster, register on the American Red Cross Safe and Well website to let your family and friends know you are safe. You may also call 1-866-GET-INFO to register yourself and your family.

Christmas Craft Faire Vendor Application

Please return this completed application with payment to: Ada Johnson 1670 Memdawee Run, Gardnerville, NV 89460 Ph: 775-781-0480 (Evenings)

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: (___) _____

Email: _____

Booth Fees: $25.00 – Arts & Crafts

No Food Allowed – Jarred Salsa and Baked Goods Acceptable

Bring Your Own Tables - No Refunds

DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 30TH,

Requesting donations for raffle

Please make check or money order payable to: Ada Johnson

Signature: _____

Date: _____

****NOTE****

The Faire Coordinator and the Carson Community are NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST, STOLEN OR DAMAGED PROPERTY!

THIS IS A DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT!

Four HAC Vacancies to be filled by year end

The Health Advisory Committee (HAC) provides recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding operation and management of the Washoe Tribal Health Center (WTHC). At year-end there will be four new vacancies on HAC: Dresslerville, Woodfords, Off Rez & Senior Site Council. In addition, the Non-Native seat has not yet been filled, and both Carson and Stewart have yet to officially fill their vacancies.

To serve on HAC, you must be or have been a patient at WTHC. However, you are not eligible if you are an immediate relative of a WTHC employee (mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter, or spouse). Each new HAC member must get sworn in then pass a brief HIPAA test.

Meetings are scheduled the last Thursday evening of the month at WTHC. HAC members receive a stipend and mileage reimbursement for each meeting.

Interested WTHC clients should send a letter of interest to their respective community councils or reps and/or attend a community council meeting as soon as possible. Non-Natives can submit a letter of interest to Suni Miller at WTHC as soon as possible.

The Washoe Tribal Council formally approves all HAC representatives through resolution. Official Council approval by mid-January will allow new HAC reps sufficient time to complete final steps in order to begin serving on HAC by the first meeting of the new year.

Please refer any questions to Audriana Rodriguez at WTHC.

Free Small Business Start-Up and Growth Training for Tribal Members

Attend the presentation at the **Hung-A-Lel-Ti Wellness Center** on November 7 from **9-11 am**

- Free Breakfast Provided! -

To register please visit: www.idrsinc.org/hungalelti

OR—at the **Stewart Community Building**

November 7 from **4-6 pm**

- Free Snacks Provided! -

To register please visit: www.idrsinc.org/stewart

SMALL BUSINESS TRAINING TO BE HOSTED HERE EARLY NEXT YEAR

At the Kick-Off, you will hear about an exciting opportunity to attend small business training "Indianpreneurship: A Native American Journey Into Business," provides practical business planning concepts, that are easy-to-undertand. You will have a completed business plan when you finish the course.

This training will be provided early next year and is totally free of charge!

Things you will learn in the Indianpreneurship Training:

- Is starting a business right for you?
- What business should you start?
- How to sell your product
- Where do I get money to start my business
- And much more ...

U.S. Small Business Administration
SBA
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Committed to the future of rural communities.

For more info, please contact Mark at IDRS at 916-482-5800 or mark@idrsinc.org

American Indian/Alaska Native Exemption from the Shared Responsibility Payment

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) says that all Americans must have health coverage that meets minimum essential coverage standards. This is known as the health insurance mandate. If someone doesn't have this kind of coverage, they may have to pay a tax penalty called, a "shared responsibility payment." American Indians and Alaska Natives who are qualified to receive services from an Indian Health Service facility, a tribal health clinic, or an urban Indian health organization (I/T/Us) are in a group of people who are exempt from this shared responsibility payment. Anyone who wants to claim an exemption from the shared responsibility payment needs to file Form 8965 (http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8965.pdf) with his or her tax form.

What health care coverage meets minimum essential coverage standards? Medicare Part A, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), grandfathered private insurance policies, and private insurance available through an employer or the Health Insurance Marketplace all qualify as programs that meet minimum essential coverage standards. Note that healthcare from an I/T/U is not health insurance, so you need one of these other programs to meet minimum essential coverage standards.

If I have coverage that meets minimum essential coverage standards, do I have to pay the penalty or claim an exemption? No, you don't have to worry about the penalty or claiming an exemption. No Native person who has minimum essential coverage has to file Form 8965 to avoid the penalty.

I don't have a policy that meets minimum essential coverage standards, but I don't have to file a tax return, so what do I need to do to avoid the penalty? If the law does not require a person to file a tax return, that person, whether or not that person is Native, is exempt from the penalty. If you don't have to file a tax return, you don't need to file Form 8965. It's that easy.

I don't have a policy that meets minimum essential coverage standards, but I do have to file a tax return, so what do I do to avoid the penalty? Some American Indians or Alaska Natives need to file a tax return but don't have minimum essential coverage. When they file a tax return, they need to file Form 8965. If they do not file Form 8965, they will have to pay the penalty.

I have an infant and children without coverage. Are they exempt from the minimum essential coverage standards? There are no age limits. To avoid paying a penalty for your children, you must file Form 8965 on their behalf.

I have an exemption certification number. Do I have to file Form 8965 to avoid the shared responsibility fee? Yes, everyone who wants an exemption must file Form 8965. Having an exemption certification number means you will file your claim in Part I of the form. If you don't have an exemption certification number, you file in Part III. But to avoid the penalty, every Native American who does not have minimum essential standards coverage must file Form 8965 whether or not they have an exemption certification number.

Washoe Tribe, Hung A Lel Ti, and the Washoe Environmental Protection Department collaborate with the Bureau of Land Management

Victoria Wilkins, the BLM Assistant Field Manager, was at the October Tribal Council meeting in Dresslerville with Ralph Thomas to brief the Council and Tribal members on local BLM projects.

Rachel Crews and Shaina Shippen had an excellent site visit and productive meeting with Hung a Lel Ti Chairman Irvin Jim, Councilman Ellis and Councilman Christensen. They also met with Norm and Michelle of the Washoe Environmental Protection Department regarding opportunities for collaboration on the fire break around the Community and its use as an exercise trail for Community members.

The Tribe and the Hung A Lel Ti Community greatly appreciated the BLM outreach during the Washington Fire and the participation by Tribal Chairman Mortimer and Chairwoman Christensen in the daily briefings at the Incident Command Post.

Following up on the working session conducted with Tribal members in April by Tribal Council, Ralph Thomas, Colleen Sievers, Rachel Crews, Leon, and Jason, and the WEPD and Cultural Department, it was time for a more comprehensive session. The next session would be for Tribal Council, Elders and Members to work with BLM, USFS, BIA, F&W and other Federal and State agencies about the Pine Nuts.

Thanks again to Ralph Thomas. As always, the Tribe and its community members greatly value their strong partnership with the local BLM. They value the positive outreach with Tribal leaders and departments to develop innovative approaches and effective programs.

***FINAL UPDATE*: Tribal leaders met with Secretary Jewell, the Tribe's comments were submitted on the RMP in April, and at Friday's (October 16) Tribal Council meeting, Chairman and Ralph set the comprehensive Pine Nut working session for early 2016.**

Summary review of the April Tribal Council session with BLM local managers on the draft RMP/EIS:

Key Points: Colleen provided a PowerPoint presentation similar to the presentation Ralph and Rachel gave to Tribal Council at February's Council meeting in Hung A Lel Ti.

The following is a *transcription* of the points made by Tribal Elders and members, Tribal Council

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members, BLM managers and Tribal staff during the meeting, as captured on the *flip charts* during the meeting, in the order in which they were discussed.

This listing was a *preliminary work product* and is a resource for use by the Washoe Tribal Council, the Washoe Environmental Protection Department (WEPD), the Washoe Tribal Historical Preservation Officer/Cultural Resource Officer (THPO/CRO) and others in:

(1) development of additional Washoe Tribal comments to BLM on the draft RMP/EIS was submitted by the April 27th deadline,

(2) development of message points for Washoe Tribal Council, WEPD, and THPO/CRO use in their meeting with Interior Secretary Jewell, and

(3) development of an agenda for the more comprehensive Washoe Tribal Council, Elders and members working session held in May with BLM, USFS, BIA, F&W and other Federal and State agencies on the broader topics relating to the Pine Nuts.

Participants:

Washoe Tribal Council members – Tribal Vice Chair Deirdre Jones Flood, Dresslerville Community Chair Lisa Christensen, Carson Community Chair Gary Nevers, Dresslerville Community Vice Chair Rueben Vasquez, and Hung A Lel Ti Community Chair Irvin Jim.

Bureau of Land Management Carson City District managers – Ralph, Colleen, Rachel, Leon, and Jason.

Many Tribal Elders and members/Allotment owners.

Tribal managers and technical specialists – Norman, Jennifer, Annali, Eric, Kristin and Rob.

Thanks to each of the participants and to Chairman Mortimer, Jennifer, Kim, Cole, Lane, Gordon, Lynelle, Jeanine, Shasta, Alyssa, Kenneth, Raymond and the WHA staff and to Ralph and Colleen at BLM for their great work and support on meeting scoping, scheduling, logistics and set-up.

Transcription of flip charts

- OHV (Off-Highway Vehicles)
- Access across Tribal member trust lands to BLM parcels
- Dumping/cleanup
- Photos of violators
- Family areas – Ma's ("Mah-sh")
- Coordination and communication – Leon (BLM) and Norman (WEPD)
- Need for maps for Tribal member trust land owners
- BLM land near Hung A Lel Ti – disposal/use
- Lease
- Lands bill
- Uses by Tribal members – cultural, recreational
- Sage Grouse – Pine Nut trees returning, not "encroaching"
- Wildland fire burn policy—Food, medicine, heat
- BIA Gerry Emm
- Tribal crews—Good forestry practices
- Tribal members—Cultural Lifeways; Burial
- Pine Nut Allotment Association of Washoe Tribal members and descendants
- Best ways for BLM to coordinate with the Tribe and with Tribal members—Well-publicized public meetings
- Fran and Fritz – Tribal Elders who know the land
- BIA as a communications channel with Tribal member Allotment owners
- Ravens – need protection
- Special lands; Water; Animals; Plants
- Balance – Tribal values to be considered
- Knowledgeable Elders BLM can speak with Steven James; Alfred James
- Leon – Pine Nut Land Health Project – BLM interested in Tribal members to accompany them to the Pine Nuts
- Vice Chair Jones Flood – Darrel Cruz and Washoe Cultural Advisory Council (WCRAC) – formal on cultural matters
- Leon – Darrel has provided draft comments on the RMP
- Vice Chair Jones Flood – BLM can coordinate directly with THPO/CRO and with WEPD
- Law Enforcement – lack of respect by some members of the public for Tribal members, land and values
- Limited agency resources for law enforcement
- ROW – transit across trust land v. getting off road and out of vehicles
- Broader working session on the Pine Nut Mountains – Tribal Council, Elders and members with BLM, BIA, USFS, F&W in May
- Ranger for Pine Nuts
- Senator Dean Heller – Notice to all Douglas County residents on Douglas lands bill
- Treaty rights – individual Tribal members to be consulted
- BLM project areas – BLM work-

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ing with cadastral to confirm surveys/boundaries

- Individual Tribal member Allotment owners – proud of their land and opposed to unapproved access – talk with the Allotment owners
- BIA responsibility
- BIA meeting with Allotment owners
- Motor bikes as predators
- Trespassing by public on Allotment owners land
- Allotment lands as family lands, with BIA as caretakers
- Clearcutting of pine nut stands at Sweetwater
- Protection of Washoe lands and lifeways – gathering areas
- Washoe/Paiute/Shoshone
- Leon – RMP = BLM-managed lands – respect for gathering areas on BLM-managed lands
- Vice Chair Jones-Flood – Tribal Council not speaking for Allotment owners – a facilitation role
- Leon – priority to not negatively impact Allotment lands by programs on BLM-managed lands
- Vice Chair Jones-Flood – to meet with Secretary of the Interior Jewell
- Chairman Christensen – coordination with Tribal WEPD, THPO/CRO, Fish and Game Commission and others
- Chairman Jim – Lynda Shoshone as a resource
- Tribal Council will put together a list of Tribal Elders/members to accompany BLM on site visits to BLM project sites
- Endangered Species designation applies to all private and public lands (e.g. sage grouse)
- Roundup of wild horses on Tribal member Allotment lands
- Wild Horse and Burro Act
- Maps and documentation – horses on Washoe baskets 150 years ago
- Concerns of Tribal enrollment
- Posting by BLM of signage on BLM land – Leon will work with WEPD and THPO/CRO on signage to discourage trespass/abuse of access
- BLM and BIA – mineral evaluation of the Pine Nuts?
- Concern – government plans to take over Allotment lands due to fractionation (website)
- Cobell Settlement
- Agreement among shareholders
- Pine Nut Land Health Projects – separate from RMP
- RMP input needed for maps
- Each family gathers 50 to 100 pounds of pine nuts each year
- Cultural gathering areas
- Concerns re: commercial gathering
- Permit to gather commercially
- Tribal members as guides and monitors
- BLM has not issued a commercial permit in over 20 years
- Current commercial gathering may be on USFS lands
- April 27 deadline for comments on draft RMP
- Timeline for completion of RMP/EIS
- Tribe's role as more of a voice for Tribal members on the Pine Nuts
- Need to practice Tribal culture
- Washoe people and their culture as the top priority
- Jason – role of THPO/CRO – Darrel has met with Jason and submitted comments on the draft RMP and maps – Darrel has served as resource on the Bison Fire to protect cultural resources
- Consultation in planning and implementation of BLM projects
- Preservation of confidentiality of sensitive areas
- Pine View Estates – residents trespassing on Allotment lands bordering on BLM lands
- Law enforcement to notify the public of laws to protect Tribal lands and enforce them
- Mutual aid agreements – roles and responsibilities
- Norman
  - Negative effects on Pine Nuts and Washoe culture
  - Planning for long term with BLM
  - Work on solutions
  - Washoe Tribal government and members
  - Communication as the key
- Ways for BLM to communicate with Allotment owners
- Joe B. has contact information for 200 to 400 Washoe, Paiute and Shoshone Allotment owners
- Future meetings – Ralph and BLM managers available for weekend or evening meetings with Tribal Council and members
- Leon – Corey in Governor's office leading multi-agency efforts
- Norman – a 2 step process:
- Secretarial Order
- Colleen – Pine Nut trees in the draft RMP
- Vegetation – starts on page 2-30 (18 pages)
- Forest and Woodland Products – starts on page 2-107 (2 pages)
- Washoe fire crew as an initiative for consideration
- Vice Chair Vasquez – thank you to Tribal members and BLM managers for a productive working session

Presidential Recognition for Donovan Artie Garcia, Jr., Hungry Valley Volunteer Fire Department

Donovan "Dondi" Garcia was a member of the Reno/Sparks Indian Colony, descended from the Washoe Tribe of California and Nevada and Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and was extremely proud to serve as a Native American firefighter. Although he passed away in June of 2014 he is fondly remembered for his brief career as a Reno/Sparks Indian Colony police officer and especially for his lifelong career with the Hungry Valley Volunteer Fire Department.

Having served as a wildland firefighter, EMS/EMT he was able to climb to a position of engine boss and engine operator and later was promoted to the rank of Captain and eventually Assistant Chief as a fire volunteer in Hungry Valley. At one time Dondi participated in the shuttle recovery of the Columbia attempting to recover the remains of the seven astronauts and the shuttle spacecraft.

During the Nevada Firefighters' Memorial in October 2014 a plaque bearing Garcia's name (Hungry Valley VFD Assistant Chief Donovan Garcia, Jr.) was added to those of other Nevada firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty.

In October his son Donovan A. Garcia III and his grandmother Sheila Dressler traveled to Washington D.C. where they proudly received an award from President Obama to honor Donovan Junior losing his life in the line of duty while serving his community and his country. His name was added to the firefighters' wall in Washington, D.C.

Donovan Artie Garcia, Jr. was the grandson of former Washoe Tribe Chairman John H. Dressler and Effie Dressler.

USDA Accepts Applications to Fund Alternative Energy and Energy Efficiency Projects

November 2 Deadline for Energy Projects Under $20,000

Agriculture Under Secretary Lisa Mensah is encouraging rural small businesses to apply for loans and grants to support renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.

"Helping rural small businesses save money on energy costs strengthens their bottom line and helps the U.S. become more energy independent," Mensah said last week. "It also reduces our country's carbon footprint, which leads to a cleaner environment and a more secure energy future."

USDA is accepting Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) applications for: 1) loans and grants for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements, and 2) grants for energy audits and renewable energy development assistance.

Eligible agricultural producers and rural small businesses may use REAP funds to purchase and install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements. Eligible renewable energy systems include energy from wind, solar, renewable biomass (including anaerobic digesters), small hydro-electric, geothermal, or hydrogen derived from these renewable resources. Energy audits and renewable energy development assistance grants are available to state, tribal, or local governments; institutions of higher education; rural electric cooperatives and public power entities. The REAP grants can pay up to 25% of the total project cost.

REAP applications are accepted continuously, and the next funding deadline for grants of $20,000 and less is Nov. 2, 2015. To learn more visit the USDA website at www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency or contact Mark Williams, Energy Coordinator for USDA Rural Development Nevada at (775) 887-1222, Ext. 116.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, has an active portfolio of more than $210 billion in loans and loan guarantees. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America.

USDA Official Announces $258,140 in Rural Business Development Grants for Nevada

Indian Dispute Resolution Services Receives $114,487 for "Indian-Preneurship" Training in Tribal Areas

*(Wadsworth, Nev.--Sept. 22, 2015)*USDA today announced that four rural Nevada projects have received $258,140 in Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG) to support emerging business activity. Two of the projects will support Nevada tribal enterprises.

Lisa Mensah, the USDA Under Secretary for Rural Development made the announcement Tuesday in Wadsworth. Meeting with tribal members at the Pyramid Lake Community Center, Mensah applauded the Tribe's economic development efforts, which include participating in the RBDG-funded entrepreneurship training, as well as opening a new transit system in the spring.

"We at USDA Rural Development applaud the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe's vision for its economic future," Mensah said. "Entrepreneurship training supports jobs and tribal sovereignty, and the new transit system connects your communities to nearby metropolitan areas and opportunities."

Mensah announced that Indian Dispute Resolution Service (IDRS) was approved for $114,487 from

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Discover the Treasures of WIC

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the state and national allocation to provide tribal business training. Over the past two years, Pyramid Lake tribal members have participated in the IDRS "Indian-Preneurship" business training program. Tribal members are trained in microenterprise and business plan development, accounting, QuickBooks, financial planning, negotiation, and computer literacy.

In addition, South Fork Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshones will receive $31,600 for a feasibility and market study to build a travel plaza in Spring Creek, Nev. The Healthy Communities Coalition of Lyon, Storey and Mineral Counties will receive $52,719 to help develop a new statewide organic certification program. The Fallon Community Theater received $59,334 to purchase a digital projector to replace out-of-date equipment.

The RBDG is a competitive grant designed to support targeted technical assistance, training and other activities that support the development or expansion of small and emerging private business in rural areas with fewer than 50 employees and less than $1 million in gross revenues.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, has a national portfolio of more than $200 billion. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America.

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Happy 25th Christy Lee LaPena

Love you,
Mom and Dad

"Papa Minion" photo bomb

The Washoe Healing Center has relocated

to the Washoe Tribal Health Center.

The Washoe Tribal Health Center's
Administration and Third Party Billing staff have moved
into the old Healing Center.

The Community Health Department is located *in the blue modular next to the new WTHC Administration/Third Party Billing building.*

Employees have relocated which has created foot traffic.
Please be aware of pedestrians crossing the street.