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TRUST FUND MISMANAGEMENT UPDATE -

NCAI IN SPOKANE RESULTS IN HEATED DIALOGUE WITH DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR SECRETARY NORTON

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT'S INTERNET WILL GRADUALLY BE RESTORED. JUDGE CALLS DEPARTMENT'S SECURITY A "...DISGRACE TO U.S."

From November 25-30, 2001, the 58th Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians was held in Spokane, Washington. The focus of this year's session was the action of Secretary of Interior Gale Norton and Assistant Secretary Neil McCaleb.

Last month, Secretary Norton approved a plan for the formation of a new agency within the Department of Interior. The new agency, the Bureau of Indian Trusts Management, would oversee the accounting of \$500 million a year in historically mismanaged royalties from Indian land. Money intended for Indian beneficiaries was lost, misappropriated, stolen, or never collected. In addition to an accounting function, the new agency would manage the Indian Trust Fund.

Individual Indian Trust Accounts were created in 1887 for the royalties received from oil, gas, timber, and mining activities on 54 million acres of lands that were held in trust by the U.S. Government for Tribes and Individual Indians.

Secretary Norton's decision is the result of a long battle by Indians to force the Departments of Interior and the Treasury to take responsibility for the Bureau of Indian Affairs' gross mismanagement of Indian Trust accounts for over 100 years.

Elouise Cobell, a member of the Blackfeet Tribe, and four other plaintiffs began a class-action litigation suit in 1996 that calls for the mismanaged funds to be properly accounted for and paid to rightful individuals. The attorneys for the plaintiffs claim the U.S. Government owes 300,000 Indians more than \$10 billion. Since the complaint was filed, however, countless documents and evidence of the mismanagement have been destroyed.

Although one of the goals of this litigation has been to remove trust fund management from the Department of the Interior, Tribal leaders criticized both Norton and McCaleb's action of creating a new agency without consulting any of the Tribes.

At NCAI in Spokane, Tribal leaders, along with representatives of NCAI and the Native American Rights Fund, engaged in a spirited debate with McCaleb regarding the issue of consultation with the Tribes prior to action being taken. Assistant Secretary McCaleb promised that

before the plan to create the new agency is finalized, "...consultation with the tribes *[will]* begins here and now." McCaleb stated the new agency was, at this point, only a proposal. Since former Dept. of Interior Assistant Secretary Ross Swimmer has already been hired to head the new agency, Tribal leaders scoffed at McCaleb's statement.

The decision to create the Bureau of Indian Trusts management has no direct impact on Cow Creek. However, the new agency will not be receiving Congressional funding and it's feared that severe cuts in the BIA budget could occur in order to fund the new agency. BIA budget cutbacks and the possibility that the land-into-trust process, a process vital to the economic future of small landless tribes, are concerns to Cow Creek.

In addition to the ongoing inquiry about trust fund mismanagement, U.S. Judge Royce Lamberth had ordered the Interior Department to terminate all of its Internet access in an effort to protect the trust fund. Last month, a report by court-appointed Special Master, Alan Balaran, found the department's security could be breached by a hacker of rudimentary ability.

Judge Lamberth recently decided, because the shutdown had caused delay with payments to Indians, that once Balaran determines the trust fund is safe, that parts of Internet access will be restored. The security failure is among the issues in a court hearing to determine if Interior Secretary Norton should be held in contempt of court.

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Holiday Stress Busters

by Louise Cenatiempo, Ph. D.

The Holidays are here once again. To enjoy them fully, we should be mindful of stressors that, like the Grinch, could steal our enjoyment. Amid the food, festivities, and Holiday cheer, there are increased demands on our time and finances. Parents especially feel pressured to go into debt for the purpose of gift giving. It's important to keep in mind that too many goodies may actually be harmful to children because they could foster unrealistic expectations and focus on materialism.

Children want to be accepted by their peers and they want what other kids think is "cool." At the same time, they have no experience with how long one must work in order to buy things. It's impossible for them (and us) not to notice that some kids have more toys or live in bigger houses. If you, as a parent, are questioned by your child/children about another family's different style of celebrating the Holidays, you might counter by saying something like, "Every family is different. Our family tries to spend money on things we all enjoy." Another way to say it might be, "Our family celebrates the Holidays in traditional ways."

Here are a few suggestions that parents have found helpful in teaching values and the limits of family budget:

- 1.) Place focus for the Holidays on family traditions and activities, such as reading Christmas stories, going to Christmas lighting displays, participating in caroling, baking cookies, making gifts, etc.
- 2.) Marketing is everywhere and much of it is targeted at children. When children's catalogs arrive in the mail, throw them out. Remember to convey appropriate limits and expectations in a caring way. For example, "We can't afford that but we will always try to get you something special."
- 3.) If you want to purchase an expensive toy, consider pooling your resources with a relative or neighbor. Or, perhaps you want to have children share a toy. Agree ahead of time with the relative or neighbor who will purchase the toy with you how you intend to rotate use of the toy from household to household.
- 4.) Give the gift of spending time with you. For example, you might make up gift certificates for a touch football game or a monthly movie night.
- 5.) Model for your children the importance of giving by including them in volunteer work to help the needy. This will also give them perspective on the financial circumstances of others who are less fortunate.

Making one or two small changes in your Holiday routine may make a big difference in reducing stress. So relax, spend time with your family, and have a joyous Holiday Season.

There's Housing Help "Out There" For Repairs and Purchases

There are many ways for Tribal Members to receive assistance on the maintenance of a home, as well as a program that can provide help with down payments.

Tribal Housing Program

The Tribal Housing Program can assist Tribal members with down payment assistance or home repair assistance. This program is not restricted to the seven county service area. However, applicants for the Tribal Housing Program must be ineligible for the BIA, HIP Program.

BIA Housing Improvement Program

The BIA's Housing Improvement Program (HIP) is accepting applications of housing assistance. HIP is a Bureau

of Indian Affairs (BIA) federally funded program contracted and administered by the Tribe. The program can assist eligible Tribal Members living within the seven county service area with housing needs such as repairs, rehabilitation (roof repairs, weatherization, window installations, door installations, structural repairs, electrical needs, plumbing repairs, etc.) or replacement housing. Priority is given to families with the greatest need as determined by income, family, size, age, and other factors.

For more information on any of the programs described above, contact Carol Ferguson, Housing Director, at the Tribal Government Offices. She can be reached at 1.800.929.8229 or 672.9405.

Higher Education News Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jessica Bochart! Jessica was named on Oregon State University's honor roll for the fall of 2001. She is majoring in anthropology.

Financial Aid & College Information Forum

Students and Parents - this is the workshop that will help you understand financial aid opportunities.

On Tues, Jan. 22, 2002, from 6 to 8 p.m., representatives from Oregon State University, Southern Oregon University, Linn-Benton Community College, University of Oregon, and the Oregon State Scholarship Commission will be at the Cow Creek Government Office Board Room for a Financial Aid and College Information Forum.

Admission information and Native American services for each college will be available. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to the Education Director, Kelly Strickler, at 1.800.929.8229 or 672.9405 no later than January 17, 2002.

JOM (Johnson O'Malley) News - Storytelling

On Sat., Jan. 12, from 2 to 4 p.m., Brent Florendo, a member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will be at the Cow Creek Government Office Board Room for storytelling. Brent, an oral tradition storyteller and fancy dancer, has a bachelor's degree in theatre arts from SOU in Ashland. Brent has also performed with the Anchorage Civic Opera, Festival of Music Theatre of Eugene, Oregon Dance Theatre, Rogue Valley Musical Theatre, and Oregon Cabaret Theatre.

JOM Sophomores, Juniors, & Seniors

On Saturday, Jan. 19, Oregon State University is once again hosting Kaleidoscope for Colleges and Cultures. Students are invited to attend this academic and cultural experience. If you're interested in attending, please call the Education Director, Kelly Strickler, at 1.800.929.8229 or 672.9405 no later than January 11, 2002.

Cow Creek Contract Health Guidelines

The guidelines for Contract Health are listed below.

ELIGIBILITY: In order to be eligible for Contract Health Care, you must:

- 1.) Be an enrolled member of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians.
- 2.) You must reside in Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Deschutes, Coos, or Klamath County.
- 3.) Pre-authorize all non-emergent services. Emergencies must be called in within 72 hours of services.
- 4.) All alternate resources must be utilized first, such as OMAP, Medicare and/or private insurance. CHS pays as a last resort.

PRE-AUTHORIZATION: All services provided must be pre-authorized by calling the Tribal Health Office Toll Free Number, 1.800.935.2649 (local number is 672.8533). Have the following information ready when you call:

- 1.) The name and address of the medical provider.
- 2.) The date of the appointment.
- 3.) The medical problem you are being seen for.
- 4.) Any support services that may be required (x-rays, blood work, etc.).

You will be given a number for each appointment. Please write this number down and refer to it when inquiring

about billing. Please remember, if the date of the appointment changes, you must call the Health Office and have the date changed or the bill may not be paid. If you are seen at an urgent care facility on a weekend, you need to call in the information below on Monday morning:

- 1.) Ineligible for Contract Health (see eligibility).
- 2.) Failure to obtain pre-authorization for non-emergency services.
- 3.) Failure to obtain approval for an emergency service within the service for which you requested payment by CHS is not within medical priority.
- 4.) Failure to use alternate resources.
- 5.) The service for which you requested payment by CHS is not within medical priority.

APPEALS: If a person is denied payment for care, a denial letter is issued by the Health Director. The letter of denial states the reasons for the denial and explains the rights of appeal. The person has 30 days from receipt of the letter to appeal in writing to the Tribal CEO for reconsideration. The letter must contain additional information not previously submitted. If the appeal is upheld by the CEO, an additional appeal may be made to the Tribal Board of Directors, who will make the final determination.

Tobacco Cessation Classes

Many of us will make a New Year's resolution to quit smoking. All Tribal members, their families, and Seven Feathers' employees are eligible to enroll in the Tobacco Cessation Classes that begin with Preparation Night on Thursday, December 27 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Instruction classes will be held on Jan. 2, 3, 4 as well as Jan. 8, 9, and 10. All classes will be held at the Seven Feathers Convention Center and run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Interested persons should attend the Preparation Night Class. For information, call Mike Nolta or Andrea Davis at 672.8533.

Tele-CAN: Telephone Education Opportunity

The Cow Creek Tribe is participating in a telephone cancer education program, called Tele-CAN, for the next six months. Tele-CAN calls are always scheduled from 7 to 8 p.m.

On Tuesday, November 27, 2001, the first call's topic was "What is Cancer?" Different cancers were described. Participants on the call were also taught how to recognize cancer symptoms. Treatment options for different types of cancer were discussed.

On Wednesday, December 18, 2001, colon and rectal cancer was the topic of the Tele-CAN call. Known risk factors as well as prevention for colon and rectal cancers were discussed. Treatment options were covered on the call. Upcoming dates and topics for 2002 Tele-CAN calls are:

- 1.) January 29, 2002 — Leukemia and Lymphoma
- 2.) February 22, 2002 — Breast and Cervical Cancer
- 3.) March 22, 2002 — Prostate Cancer
- 4.) April 25, 2002 — Skin Cancer

People interested in being participants on Tele-CAN should call Andrea Davis at 672.8533 or 1.800.935.2649.

There is a Cost to Alcohol & Drug Abuse

by Mike Nolta, Alcohol and Drug Program Counselor

Barbara Cimaglio, Director of Oregon Alcohol, Drug Abuse Programs, writes "... last year, each person in the U.S. spent over \$1000 on the consequences of alcohol and drug abuse." Cimaglio continues, writing that research shows the total untreated drug and alcohol problem cost the U.S. more than \$276 billion last year. However, the cost of services needed to effectively treat this illness would be \$45 per U.S. citizen per year. A considerable difference!

The impact of the disease of drug and alcohol abuse can be measured in dollars and cents but, more tragically, it's measurable in damage to lives. Its effect can ravage a family, a community, or a tribe.

Drug and alcohol addiction is a treatable illness. Treatment can lead to recovery. Recovery can restore the individual, the community, or the tribe.

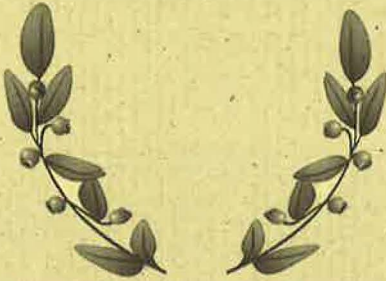
The Cow Creek Tribe has a full range of alcohol and drug treatment services for you, your family, or Affiliated Native Americans, within our service area. We recently acquired a State Alcohol and Drug Letter of Approval for Outpatient A/D Treatment - Native American specific services. If you need information, call Mike Nolta, Alcohol and Drug Program Counselor, at 1.800.935.2649 or 672.8533.

Your calls are always **CONFIDENTIAL**.

Keep Your Address Current!

Tribal members are encouraged to maintain a current address at the Tribal Government Offices. Tribal members who have minor children who are not living in their household also should make sure their children's updated addresses are on file with the Tribal Government Offices.

If you know of any Tribal members who have not been receiving correspondence from the Tribal Government Offices, please recommend that they call the toll free number (1.800.929.8229) or write to the Cow Creek Tribal Office, 2371 NE Stephens Street, Suite 100, Roseburg, OR 97470.



Tribal Identification Cards

Tribal Identification Cards are available to all Tribal members upon request. To obtain an I.D. card, contact Carol Ferguson at the Cow Creek Government Offices at 1.800.929.8229. You will be sent an application with an I.D. card. Fill out the application, sign the I.D. card, enclose an appropriately sized photo, and mail the material back to the Tribal Government Offices for processing.

PLEASE DON'T FILL IN ANYTHING ON THE I.D. CARD EXCEPT YOUR SIGNATURE.

Properly filled out applications and signed I.D. cards will be processed with the Tribal Chairman's signature, laminated, and mailed back to you.

Tribal Jobs Line

Tribal members interested in employment opportunities at any of the following Tribal businesses can call the Tribal Jobs Line at 1.800.676.0854 to hear a pre-recorded listing of openings.

Seven Feathers Hotel & Casino Resort
Seven Feathers Truck & Travel Center
Umpqua Indian Foods
Valley View Motel
Riverside Lodge
Canyon Cubbyholes

K-Bar Ranches
Cow Creek Gaming Commission
Cow Creek Tribal Government Offices
Cow Creek Health and Wellness Center
Nesika Health Group

**The Tribal Jobs Line is updated on a weekly basis and provides instructions as to where and how to apply.*

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