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TO: All eligible voting members of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua
Tribe of Indians

On Thursday, May 23, 1991, packets containing forms and information regarding the up-coming Secretarial election on the Tribal Constitution were mailed from the Siletz Agency to all eligible voters over the age of 18 years. The election is scheduled for July 8, 1991, however, to be registered and eligible to vote, your request for both registration and a ballot must be received in the Siletz Agency Office by the close of business on June 13, 1991. All voting will be by absentee ballot --- there will be no voting by proxy, or in person. Signatures on the registration form and the request for an absentee ballot will be checked against the member's signature appearing on the original application for enrollment. This will be closely monitored by the election committee.

It is most important that every eligible tribal member exercise their right to vote in this election to adopt our governing document. FOR THIS REASON, IT IS CRITICAL THAT YOU SIGN AND MAIL BACK THE TWO FORMS THAT WERE MAILED TO YOU BY THE SILETZ AGENCY.

Adoption of the Constitution will insure tribal stability and enable the tribe to move forward.

Bureau officials played an active part in the formation of this constitution from the beginning, including those in the Central Office. The following comment was received from the Central Office:

"We commend the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe for its persistence in meeting the challenges that have faced the tribe since passage of the Cow Creek Band Recognition Act. We share the tribe's hope that this constitution will bring stability and prosperity to the Cow Creek Band."

Attached is a clarification letter from the Acting Agency Supt., Dave Bartels, who is available to answer any questions. He may be reached at (503) 444-2679.

DON'T DELAY - TAKE CARE OF YOUR REGISTRATION TODAY!!



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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DATE : May 28, 1991
FROM : Election Board Chairman
SUBJECT: Constitutional Election
TO : Cow Creek Tribal Members

It has been brought to my attention that there has been some confusion about some matters concerning the upcoming Constitutional Election.

First of all, there is a typographical error in the copy of the Constitution that was mailed to Tribal Members. On Page 8 of the Constitution, Section (i) where it reads "To enact ordinances and laws governing the conduct of all persons or tribally owned land" should read "To enact ordinances and laws governing the conduct of all persons on tribally owned land".

Secondly, Section 81.11(a) of 25 CFR allows those who reach the age of 18 within 150 days of the Election the opportunity to register. It is important to note that such individuals will not be entitled to vote if the Election falls before the individual's 18th birthday. The main purpose for this feature being in the regulations is to allow for elections that are postponed so that registration won't have to be held again.

The third item is the authorization date on the Voter Registration Form. The Election was authorized on May 17, 1991. However, if this item is left blank, your registration will still be accepted.

clarification

Please contact me if you wish ~~classification~~ on the above items or any other matters concerning the Constitutional Election.

David J. Bartels