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New Tribal Court

The Tribe has created a Tribal Court and will soon be looking to hire several judges. The new Tribal Court is composed of the general Tribal Court and a civil commercial division. The civil commercial division will hear civil cases where the matter in dispute exceeds \$50,000. Its judges must be attorneys licensed in states in the Ninth or Tenth Federal Judicial Circuits. The general civil division will hear all other cases. Its judges need not be attorneys but should be persons with a legal, business or professional background. There is a Tribal member preference provision applicable in the hiring of Tribal Court judges.

The Tribe does not anticipate a substantial case load for the Tribal Court in the short term, and judges will likely be hired on a per case plus expenses basis until such time as full-time salaried judges are required to handle the caseload. Training may be available for Tribal judges.

In the next few months the Tribe needs to hire a chief judge and two associate judges for the general Tribal Court, as well as a chief judge and an alternate for the civil commercial division. None of the judges may have grandparents in common (in order to avoid more than one judge being disqualified from sitting in a specific case).

Interested Tribal members or others should send resumes or bios to Tribal General Counsel Wayne Shammel, at the Tribal Administrative Offices with a cover letter explaining their interest in the position. Questions or requests for further information should also be directed to Mr. Shammel.

Timber Bids

The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians will sell, by selected bid, approximately 14,500 board feet of conifer timber. The timber is located on the Cow Creek Reservation in Canyonville, Oregon. Sale prospectus may be picked up at the Tribal Offices, located at 2400 Stewart Parkway, #300, Roseburg, Oregon, during business hours. Bids will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. January 15, 1995.

TRIBAL PROGRAMS

Housing Assistance

The Housing Improvement Program (HIP) is currently accepting applications for housing assistance. This program can assist eligible Tribal Members with housing needs such as: rehabilitation (roof, weatherization, windows, doors, structural repairs, etc.) and down payment assistance. Priority is given to families with the greatest need in relation to income, family size, etc.

If you would like to apply for Housing Assistance, please contact Carol Ferguson at the Administrative Office.

First Aid Class

If you are interested in taking a First Aid, CPR, or Child Infant CPR class, please call Rhonda at the Tribal Administrative Office.