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Distribution Plan Approved

Implementation of the Distribution Plan is underway. Approval of the Plan presented to the Bureau of Indian Affairs has been approved. Staff is in the process of preparing the individual checks. They will be mailed out to adult members of the Tribe on **April 5, 1996**. At that same time the money for those under 18 years of age will be placed in their trust accounts. In the event that you do not receive your check shortly after the mailing date, please check with the tribal office to confirm that your mailing address is current.

Please Note:

The United States Department of the Interior and the Internal Revenue Service require that gaming revenue distributions from a Tribe to its members be reported as ordinary taxable income to the recipient tribal members. In other words, you must pay income tax on any gaming distribution received from the Tribe. The Tribe is also required to report the name of persons to whom gaming revenue distributions are made and the amount of any such distribution. You will receive further information regarding the tax status of gaming distribution dollars when distributions are made.

Out of State Meeting a Success

Last month the Board of Directors continued their policy of holding "Out of State" meetings and held a meeting in Sacramento. This meeting was very well attended. It gave the Board yet another opportunity to visit our extended tribal families, answer their questions and provide them with information regarding the various programs available to them. Lack of information had caused some serious concerns that were raised during the course of the meeting. During general discussion, explanations were given and by the end of the meeting there was much better understanding among all. Since the meeting, there has been a considerable amount of communication which has been welcomed. Since our Tribe is so spread out, it is difficult to keep everyone informed on all of the issues and we feel that various area meetings will be a great help.

Next Area Meeting:

Date: Saturday, April 13, 1996

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: River House, Bend, Oregon
3075 Hwy 97, Three Sisters Room

Located at the north end of town on Third St. (Hwy 97), across the street from the Bend River Mall. 1-800-547-3928.

**ALL MEMBERS WHO CAN ARE URGED
TO ATTEND THE MEETING.**

Expansion Update

Construction is moving forward rapidly on the entire project. As stated in previous newsletters the plans to construct a sewage treatment plant caused some delay, however, that part of the project is underway. The first concrete pour has already taken place. Roofing is almost completed on the hotel, and construction is partially completed on the lobby.

It is anticipated that the hotel will be open the last of June or first week in July. There will be some type of opening event planned for the tribal members. Tribal members will be notified so that they can make plans accordingly as soon as there is a firm date.

TRIBAL PROGRAMS

Housing Assistance

The Cow Creek Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Housing Improvement Program (HIP) is currently accepting applications for housing assistance. This program can assist eligible tribal members who are currently living in the seven county service area 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 this program, please contact Carol Ferguson at the Administrative Office.

Tribal Housing Program

The Tribal Housing Program is set up for Tribal members who do not qualify for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Housing Improvement Program (HIP). For instance, if you live outside of the seven county service area, or do not

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qualify for the BIA/HIP program for any other reason, you may be eligible to receive assistance through this program.

The Tribal Housing Program can be used for down-payment assistance or needed repairs to your primary residence. Grants will be awarded on a case by case basis.

If you would like more information regarding this program, please contact Carol Ferguson, Housing Coordinator at the Tribal Office.

Daycare Assistance

The Cow Creek Child Care Assistance Program is provided through the Child Care and Development Block Grant and can provide assistance for full day care and/or after school care for eligible families.

All applicants must live in the seven county service area and be employed, engaged in an on-the-job training program, or enrolled in school. The children must be under the age of 13.

For more information regarding this program, please contact Carol Ferguson at the Tribal Administrative Office.

Employment Listings

Gaming Center:

Planning for a "Job Fair" at the Gaming Center in May is in the works. More specific details will be posted in upcoming newsletters.

In the meantime, tribal members interested in current or future employment at the Gaming Center are encouraged to complete an application to be kept on file at the Gaming Center. You may choose to send a cover letter and résumé to:

Cow Creek Gaming Center
Attn.: Human Resource Department
146 Miwaleta Lane
Canyonville, Oregon 97417.

O.N.A.B.E.N.

The Oregon Native American Business & Entrepreneurial Network (ONABEN) is in phase one of a project aimed at networking Native American businesses. The *Native American Business Directory* will help connect Native American businesses with one another and assist industries that want to work specifically with the Native American community.

There is no charge for Native American-owned businesses to be included in the directory.

Publication of the directory is set for summer of 1996. If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Crystal Baker, Directory Coordinator: at 1-800-854-8289.

Update your Address

It is the responsibility of each tribal member to keep their address current in the Tribal Office. Several newsletters have been returned for lack of proper address. If you know of any tribal members who have not been receiving correspondence from the Tribal Office, please recommend that they call the toll free number (1-800-929-8229) or write to: Cow Creek Tribal Office, 2400 Stewart Parkway, #300, Roseburg, OR 97470 and update their address.

Notes from the Chair:

With the successes of the Tribe today, we must never forget the struggles of yesterday and the sacrifices that have been made to provide a future for the Tribe. We look ahead to future generations and pray for their strength to continue the protection of our own tribal sovereignty and the rights of all Indian people.

Sue Shaffer