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The KBRA Is Dead... What Is Next for the Klamath Tribes?

In spite of support by the majority of voting Klamath Tribal members and other impacted parties, the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA) expired when Congress failed to pass authorizing legislation by midnight, December 31, 2015.

After waiting five years for legislation in support of the KBRA and the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA) and, more recently, the Upper Klamath Basin Comprehensive Agreement (UKBCA), the Klamath, Karuk and Yurok Tribes filed Dispute Initiation Notices informing other parties to the KBRA, as well as Congressional representatives, that the Tribes would cease to participate in the KBRA if legislation wasn't passed in 2015.

For the second session in a row, Senators Wyden (D-OR), Merkley (D-OR), Boxer (D-CA) and Feinstein (D-CA) introduced legislation to authorize the KBRA, the KHSA and the UKBCA. Once again, Congressman Greg Walden (R-OR) and Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-CA) failed to support legislation despite a valiant effort by the Klamath Basin irrigation community to educate both Congressmen about the benefits the Agreements would have provided to their agricultural and ranching constituencies.

What About the KHSA and UKBCA?

At this time, the KHSA and UKBCA remain in effect, though neither can be fully implemented under current circumstances.

The KHSA, which laid the foundation for removal of the four largest and most environmentally egregious dams on the mainstem of the Klamath River, is in serious trouble. Funds raised by a State of California bond measure approved by California voters, and by charges to PacifiCorp ratepayers, have been set aside for the purpose of removing the Irongate, COPCO 1, COPCO 2 and J.C. Boyle dams. Those funds will be lost if an alternative plan for removal, that does not require Congressional action, is not enacted in a timely manner.

The UKBCA, which affirms the Klamath Tribes time immemorial water right while also providing a plan for irrigators to access water once Specified Instream Flows were met, includes procedures that must be followed in order to end the Agreement. The primary requirement is a determination by the Secretary of Interior via a "Negative Notice" that conditions necessary to the implementation of the Agreement cannot be achieved. On January 12, 2016, Klamath Tribal Chairman Don Gentry signed a letter to Department of Interior Secretary Sally Jewell stating that:

"It is with regret that the Klamath Tribes request that you begin the process of issuing a Negative Notice as specified in subsection



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10.2 of the Upper Klamath Basin Comprehensive Agreement (UKBCA). As you know, federal authorizing legislation was not enacted by the end of 2015, which resulted in the termination of the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA) on December 31, 2015. Because Congressional authorization of the KBRA was essential to the successful implementation of the UKBCA, one or more of the conditions in subsection 10.1 of the UKBCA can no longer be achieved. Therefore, the Klamath Tribes respectfully request that you proceed with the process required to issue the Negative Notice."

The Klamath Tribes Negotiation Team (KTNT) hand-delivered the letter to Department of Interior representative John Bezdek in Sacramento, CA on January 12. We informed other parties to the UKBCA of the letter on January 13. The process leading to the Negative Notice also requires the Klamath Tribes to "meet and confer" with other parties to the UKBCA.

What Next?

On January 21, 2016 the Klamath Tribal Council, at the request of the KTNT, dissolved the Klamath Tribes Negotiation Team. That action was based on a general consensus that there have been instances over the years in which the KTNT has wielded too much power, and the concept of a "lead negotiator" who might have felt empowered to speak for the Klamath Tribes with little tribal consultation set a troublesome precedent.

The dissolution of the KTNT does not, however, absolve the elected Tribal government of the responsibility to protect the Klamath Tribes water rights and Treaty resources. Tribal government has a duty to enforce our tribal water right, to oversee the continuing adjudication of our water right in Klamath County Circuit Court, to ensure that our attorneys protect our water right in litigation beyond adjudication, to "unwind" the UKBCA, to protect our Tribe from legislation that would diminish our water right, to seek alternative KHSA approaches that will achieve the dam removal that our tribal members have consistently and passionately supported, to continue to seek a viable pathway for land return to the Klamath Tribes, and to make recommendations for related matters to Tribal Council and/or General Council as appropriate.

In order to meet these duties, Tribal Council created the Water & Treaty Rights Protection Team (WTRPT). The Tribal Council members who served most recently on the KTNT remain on the WTRPT – Chairman Don Gentry, Vice-Chair Vivian Kimbol and At-Large Tribal Council members Anna Bennett and Kathy Hill. Technical support will continue to be provided by Larry Dunsmoor. Native American Rights Fund attorneys David Gover and Sue Noe will continue to provide legal support.

Almost 30 years ago, on October 10, 1987, the Klamath Tribes General Council voted 63 for, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining for a resolution that recognized that "... negotiated settlements offer an opportunity to address issues and achieve results that are beyond the scope of litigation and beyond the powers of a judge to order."

Struggling to regroup- The loss of recovery of almost 100,000 acres and \$45 million for job training, plus 30,000 acre feet of water into Upper Klamath Lake, etc... are just some of the components the Klamath Tribes fought so hard for, that Congress failed to pass.

Some of the negotiated "results beyond the scope of litigation and beyond the powers of a judge to order" in the UKBCA included an average annual increase of 30,000 acre feet of water into Upper Klamath Lake, the permanent retirement of up to 18,000 acres of irrigated land in the Upper Basin, permanent riparian management agreements on ap-

proximately 223 miles of Upper Basin rivers and streams, \$45 million for job training and economic development and, related to the KBRA, return to the Klamath Tribes of almost 100,000 acres in the heart of the Klamath Indian Reservation - all of which were supported by the other parties.

The Klamath Tribes and our federal trustees have limited financial and human resources. At this time, we must continue to litigate our water right in Klamath County Circuit Court while concurrently remaining open to the possibility of a water settlement path that would better meet our needs. If and when such an opportunity comes, it will be necessary to bring that information to General Council, and a General Council referendum will be required in order to move forward with any major decisions.

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Statement by Klamath Tribal Council



LtoR: Brandi Hatcher, Chuck Kimbol, Rosemary Treetop, Anna Bennett, Kathy Hill, Don Gentry, Vivian Kimbol, Torina Case, Shawn Jackson, Taylor Tupper.

One thing that won't change, is the Klamath Tribes' determination to achieve our goals

The last hope for Congressional enactment of the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA), the Klamath Hydropower Settlement Agreement (KHSA) and the Upper Klamath Basin Comprehensive Agreement (UKBCA) has evaporated. The Agreements did die at midnight on Thursday, December 31, 2015 because Congress did not pass legislation supporting them.

The Klamath Tribes are deeply disappointed by the inability of Congress to pass legislation for the balanced water agreements that our Tribal members have consistently supported. In 2010, 85% of our voting Tribal members supported the KBRA and KHSA. In 2012, 87% voted to support KBRA and KHSA amendments. In July 2013, Senator Wyden, Senator Merkley, Congressman Walden, and Governor Kitzhaber tasked the Klamath Tribes and Upper Basin irrigators with the negotiation of an Upper Basin Agreement in less than a year's time. With extreme difficulty, we met their challenge. Our tribal members had begun to lose hope and feel frustrated by then, but even then agreement was supported by 57% of the Klamath Tribal voters.

In response, Senators Wyden, Merkley, Boxer and Feinstein introduced supportive legislation in 2014. No action was taken in the House that year, but the four Senators stayed true to their commitment, introducing legislation again on January 8, 2015. The failure of the House to take any action in 2014 was not lost on our Tribal members, who voted to file a "Dispute Initiation Notice" as provided for in the KBRA. That notice informed all parties and our Congressional representatives that tribal participation would end if no legislation was passed by the end of 2015. Nevertheless, no action was taken by the House until the 11th hour of 2015 – December 5 – when Congressman Walden shared "draft" legislation that differed significantly from the negotiated agreements.

We thank Senators Merkley and Wyden for their faithfulness to the Klamath Basin Agreements and the communities that negotiated them. We are convinced that the Senators did everything in their power to craft and enact legislation consistent with the Agreements. We also thank Senator Murkowski, Chair of the Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources, for her even-handed treatment of the legislative effort.

This leaves us in a difficult situation

Despite the Senators' good-faith efforts, however, Congress failed to honor and implement the grass-roots solutions, crafted against all odds by parties who have been litigating water conflicts for four decades. This leaves us in a difficult situation. If Congress, as a whole, won't facilitate the reasonable, viable settlement of water conflicts within the Klamath Basin, what choices are left to us?

Congress's platitudes about the importance of developing local solutions for local problems now seem nothing short of disingenuous. By failing to pass the Klamath Water Agreement legislation, Congress has sent a disappointing message – Don't waste your time trying to develop thoughtful, balanced solutions to water problems; just fight it out to the bitter end. Which, according to our own Elders, is not the way of our people. We was put here by Creator to care for this land and those who abide here.

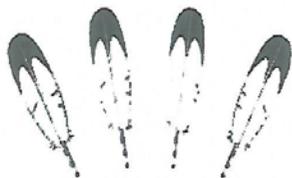
naanok ?ans naat sat'waYa naat ciwapak diceew'a "We help each other; We will live good."

The needs and goals of the Klamath Tribes have not and will not change. We need to repair some of the damage done to the Klamath Tribes and the ecosystems that have supported us since time immemorial. More water needs to flow in our rivers, streams, marshes, and lakes. Water quality needs to be dramatically improved. Fisheries need to be brought back from the brink of extinction, and the salmon fishery that was blocked from us by dam-building that began a century ago needs to be restored. Forest lands need to be rehabilitated to a state that is sustainable in the long-term. Tribal lands that were lost through a Congressional termination policy that President Nixon called "morally and legally unacceptable" need

to be returned. An adequate basis for re-growing the Tribal economy must be established.

We are honorable people

We have honored the Agreements from their inception, but the future of what has been collaboration is unknown. One thing that won't change, however, is the Klamath Tribes' determination to achieve our goals. As the First Peoples of the Basin, we accept our inherent responsibility to protect our homeland, and the resources therein. We will not rest until we have found a path to achieve that goal. We owe it to our ancestors, and we owe it to future generations.

<p>The Klamath Tribes Vivian Kimbol President</p>		<p>Hoopa Valley Tribe Michael Orcutt Treasurer</p>
<p>Karuk Tribe of California Leaf Hillman Secretary</p>		<p>Yurok Tribe Tom Willson, Sr. Vice-President</p>

KLAMATH RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH AND WATER COMMISSION

January 29, 2016

Felicia Marcus, Chair
State Water Resources Control Board
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Dick Pedersen, Director
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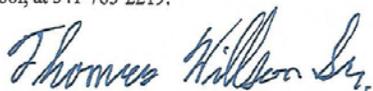
Dear Chair Marcus and Director Pederson:

The Klamath River Inter-Tribal Fish and Water Commission (KRITFWC) is a federal non-profit organization established by the Yurok, Klamath, Hoopa Valley, and Karuk Tribes to address fisheries, water and related natural resources issues affecting the Klamath River Basin. The Commission implements and contributes to salmon restoration and recovery projects throughout the Basin conducted by our member Tribes.

KRITFWC favors removal of the Klamath Hydroelectric Project dams. As the state 401 certification processes for the Klamath Hydroelectric Project proceed, KRITFWC recommends that the Water Board analyze complete facilities removal, and require actions that provide for long-term solutions for the significant and ongoing water quality problems caused by the Project. The KRITFWC supports Statement of 2nd District Congressman Jared Huffman that 'Nothing short of an aggressive approach will do here'. Moreover, our Commission generally seeks the quickest route to removing dams on the Klamath River.

Should you have any questions about this letter, please contact the KRITFWC Chair, Vivian Kimbol, at 541-783-2219.

Sincerely,



Thomas Willson Sr.
KRITFWC Vice Chair

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Breaking News re DAM REMOVAL!

The Klamath Tribes are pleased to announce that PacifiCorp, the states of Oregon and California, and federal government authorities have signed an Agreement in Principle (AIP) committing to "develop and pursue an administrative path at FERC for facilities removal that preserves the benefits of the KHSA..." That path is intended to lead to the removal of the Irongate, COPCO 1, COPCO 2 and J.C. Boyle dams that have deprived the Klamath Tribes of Treaty resources for a century. Primary among those Treaty resources are salmon and steelhead.

In response to the announcement of the AIP, Chairman Don Gentry said, "This is a good day for our people. Many generations have prayed for this day. It is only a beginning, but we will do everything in our power to make dam removal a reality. It is one thing all of our Tribal members – those who supported the KBRA and UKBCA, and those who did not – can agree on. The salmon and steelhead have waited 100 years to come home. It is our responsibility to help them do so."

The link to the Department of Interior's Press Release
<https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/parties-agree-new-path-advance-klamath-agreement>

Undeterred by Congressional Inaction, Parties Move Forward with Dam Removal Plan

Parties Agree to New Path to Advance Klamath Agreement Office of the Secretary

Agreement-in-Principle Explores Process through Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 2/2/2016

Last edited 2/2/2016

Date: February 2, 2016

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Salem, Ore. – Today, the States of Oregon and California, PacifiCorp and the federal government – through the U.S. Departments of the Interior and Commerce – announced an agreement-in-principle to move forward with amending the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA).

Under the agreement-in-principle, the parties to the KHSA will pursue its implementation through the administrative process governed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), using existing funding and on the same timeline. Members of the California and Oregon delegations introduced legislation in the past two Congresses to advance the hard-fought KHSA and two related Klamath agreements; however, the U.S. Congress adjourned last year without acting on legislation to authorize them.

Though the agreement-in-principle focuses primarily on the dam removal portion of the broader pact, it states that the move is an important and necessary first step toward maintaining the broader Klamath settlements. The states and the U.S. are actively working with all Klamath Basin stakeholders – Members of Congress, tribes, farmers and others – on a comprehensive resolution to restore the basin, advance the recovery of its fisheries, uphold trust responsibilities to the Tribes, and sustain the region’s farming and ranching heritage.

The agreement-in-principle states the four parties intend to work with each other and the more than 40 signatories to the KHSA in the coming weeks to develop terms of an amendment to the KHSA to implement its key provisions, including providing for facilities removal. The target date for signing an amended KHSA is February 29.

The KHSA as amended would then be submitted for consideration through FERC’s established processes, which involve public comment. If approved, PacifiCorp would transfer title of the Klamath River dams to a non-federal entity that would assume liability and take the appropriate steps to decommission and remove the dams in 2020. “The Klamath agreements were the culmination of years of hard work and collaboration across a diverse and committed coalition of parties – and we can’t let that local vision go unfulfilled,” said U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell. “This agreement-in-principle is an important initial step as we work toward a comprehensive set of actions to advance the long term progress and sustainability for tribes, fisheries and water users across the Klamath Basin.”

“The Agreement in Principle continues the momentum built by those who crafted the original Klamath Agreements,” said Kathryn Sullivan, Ph.D., assistant secretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere and NOAA administrator. “NOAA considers this the first step along a new path to secure the future of irrigated agriculture and tribal communities, and the fishery. We’ll continue to work in close coordination with all the KBRA parties on a comprehensive plan. Too many people have worked too long to let this historical opportunity slip away.”

“Oregon is moving forward in the Klamath Basin. We can’t afford to sit back and wait for another crisis to batter these communities,” said Oregon Governor Kate Brown. “Congressman Walden took a step forward by drafting legislation late last year, and today’s action is part of a broader movement to work with him and others to get the Klamath Basin agreements back on track.”

“This agreement marks an unprecedented coming together of parties to seek solutions to difficult problems,” said California Secretary for Natural Resources John Laird. “California is committed to the implementation of the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement and to continued efforts to achieve a broad settlement of the issues that have plagued the Klamath Basin. This is an important first step toward both of those goals.”

“The certainty and protections provided by the Klamath settlement offer a fair way forward for our customers in Oregon, California and

beyond,” said Stefan Bird, president and CEO of Pacific Power, a division of PacifiCorp. “PacifiCorp is committed to continuing to work with our partners in the coming weeks and months to advance this important agreement.”

The four PacifiCorp dams on the Klamath River are authorized for hydroelectric power generation. Regulations require that the dams need to be retrofitted to provide fish passage for salmon, steelhead and other fish. The Oregon and California public utility commissions found that the original KHSA was a prudent alternative for PacifiCorp’s customers.

NEWS FROM OREGON'S SENATOR
JEFF MERKLEY



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 2, 2016

Merkley Statement on Klamath Dams Announcement

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Oregon’s Senator Jeff Merkley released the following statement after the U.S. Department of the Interior, PacifiCorp and the states of Oregon and California announced an agreement to remove four Klamath River dams, a key component of the Klamath Basin water sharing agreements:

“After years of conflict and division, the Klamath community came together to forge a landmark set of agreements in which everyone gave up a little for the entire region to gain a lot. The vision and plan represented by these agreements is more important than ever to the future of the region, and it’s critical that it keeps moving forward despite gridlock in Washington, D.C. Today’s news is a very positive step in that direction. A path to dam removal is imperative to holding together these historic agreements and delivering their full benefits to the region.

“As the dam removal component moves forward through this new process, I stand committed to provide whatever support I can to ensure its success. And I remain just as committed to seeing through every other part of this comprehensive agreement, including providing economic development opportunities for the Klamath Tribes and locking in the water certainty that is so essential to the future of farming and ranching families in the Klamath community. We must keep working together to make sure that the hard work of local farmers and ranchers, conservationists, Tribes, and irrigators does not go to waste and that their vision of a stronger Klamath Basin becomes a reality.”

Martina McLennan
Deputy Communications Director
U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley
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The Klamath Tribes Tribal Council

“ELECTION YEAR” GENERAL COUNCIL AGENDA

Saturday February 27, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m.
Administration Auditorium – Chiloquin, OR

- 10:00 a.m.**
- I. call to order, quorum count, opening prayer**
 - II. Election Clerk:**
 - 1. Election Process, Timeframe & Election Ordinance – overview
 - 2. Nominations: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and 6 at-large Council members.
 - 3. Nominations for Election Board
 - 4. Vote for Election Board.
 - III. Nominations for 3 Revenue Allocation Plan members**
 - 1. Vote for Revenue Allocation Plan members
 - IV. Time for nominated Tribal Members to accept or decline nomination w/election clerk and verify enrollment with Enrollment department and Enrollment Officer in writing: (on site)**
- NOTE:** per the Election Ordinance, nominations must be accepted in writing prior to the adjournment of this General Council Meeting.
- *Chairman will wait for all those present to have time to decline or accept before he adjourns the meeting.
- V. Adjourn**

*continental breakfast at 10am, healthy lunch delivered at noon.

POSTED: 1/29/2016 by Tribal Secretary Torina Case.

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Don't Forget, the 2016 Klamath Tribal Council Elections- NOMINATIONS are February 27, 2016

Notice: Tribal elections are upon us once again, February 27, 2016, at 10:00am at the Klamath Tribal Administration Building in Chiloquin, Oregon (501 Chiloquin Blvd). This is the date for the nominations to be made for Klamath Tribal Council Positions.

If you wish to be nominated, and accept a position for nomination to on the election ballot, YOU MUST BE PRESENT AT THE FEBRUARY 27TH MEETING TO ACCEPT YOUR NOMINATION IN WRITING- before the adjournment of the meeting on February 27, per the requirement of the Klamath Tribes Election Ordinance.

For more information on the Election Process contact the Tribal Election Clerk, Kathy Rich, at 541-783-2219 ext. 101

January 15, 2016



The Klamath Tribes Tribal Council

Chairperson Charlotte Roderique
Burns Paiute Tribe
4 Radar Rd.
Burns, OR 97720

RE: Letter of Support of the Burns Paiute Tribe

Dear Chairperson Roderique,

The purpose of this letter is to voice The Klamath Tribes' support for the Burns Paiute Tribe in its condemnation of the occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge ("Refuge") by armed protesters. We wholly agree with the Burns Paiute Tribe that this illegal occupation threatens the safety of the surrounding community, and that it poses risks to the cultural artifacts and sacred sites at the Refuge, which have previously been protected through a 25 year partnership with the federal government.

The Burns Paiute and the Klamath Tribes share a similar history, which history is relevant to the issues playing out now. Both the Burns Paiute Tribe and the Klamath Tribes have occupied the lands of Southern and Southeastern Oregon since time-immemorial, and these lands were inappropriately and, in many instances, unlawfully taken from each of our Tribes. The Refuge is located on the Burns Paiute Tribe's ancestral lands, where Tribal ancestors have lived for over 15,000 years. The Refuge was in fact once part of the 1.78 million acre Malheur Indian reservation, created through an 1868 treaty between the Northern Paiutes and the U.S. Government, which was not ratified. The Refuge remains on unceded tribal territory. Therefore, the armed occupiers' claims of ownership of Refuge are completely false and unsubstantiated.

The Burns Paiute Tribe is entitled to peaceful, unfettered access to the Refuge to continue its traditional activities. There are burial sites and petroglyphs on the Refuge. The Tribal elders visit the refuge to practice traditional crafts and tell stories, and the youth program makes tule boats. The importance of continuing these cultural practices at historic sites is integral to the identity of the Paiute people. The presence of the armed occupiers has put a stop to these activities.

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Welcome General Manager- Klamath Tribes



Mr. George B. López, started as the Administration General Manager for the Klamath Tribes on January 11, 2016. He brings extensive professional experience and education to the position. Mr. Lopez earned a BA from the University of California at Berkeley and a Master's Degree from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. While at UC Berkeley he worked his way through school as a substance abuse counsel-

or working in the local high schools providing gang disaffiliation skills to youth working towards recovery.

After graduating from UCB he continued working with youth gangs in the San Francisco/East Bay Area until his return to graduate school at Princeton University. While at Princeton, Mr. Lopez completed his student internship working for U.S. Senator Dodd (D-CT) as his legislative staffer on issues regarding youth gangs and violence and the Children's Defense Fund as a training facilitator encouraging civic and political leaders to coordinate efforts to reduce youth violence in the United States. He also attended the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico in Mexico City for one year and completed a three month research fellowship at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

After graduating from Princeton University and for eight years, he worked as a Research Associate for Children and Family Futures, Inc., providing strategic planning and evaluation services to public child welfare agencies and alcohol and mental services throughout California.

In 2003 Mr. Lopez began working for the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, as the Executive Director of the Washoe Tribal TANF Program; in 2006 he was promoted to Tribal Administrator of the Washoe Tribe which he held until 2012. Afterward, he became the Tribal Administrator for the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians and most recently served as the Executive Director of the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians in Southern California.

George is keenly aware of the need for strengthening and protecting Tribal Nation Sovereignty, and the need to be vigilant of any challenges to the sovereignty of Tribes. He strongly believes in effective policy development and application of the policy for the benefit of Tribal members and for the future generations. His management style is based on objectives and goals with regular review of attainments. George enjoys bike riding, jogging, reading and learning the history of the local area and Tribes, and looks forward to meeting the Tribal Members of the Klamath Tribes.

For more information contact: Mr. Lopez or Tribal Government
at 541-783-2219 or 1-800-524-9787

Medical Supply Donations Needed!

We have a need for donated medical supplies for Community Health Dept.

Insurance and Tribal Health do not cover things like walkers, shower chairs, bedside toilets, etc and we are currently out. Note: If a person gets a mobility device covered by Medicare, they can't get another one later on. Example: If they get a cane, they can never get a wheelchair or walker so we like to keep some on hand that are donated to help folks if they have a temporary need.

So if anyone has medical items in good condition and you'd like to donate them to the Tribal Community Health Nurses please contact us below:

Paula J. Brown, R.N.
Community Health Nursing Dept.
Klamath Tribal Health Wellness Center, 330 Chiloquin Blvd.
541-783-3293 x 332
pjbrown@klm.portland.ihs.gov

**Klamath Tribes Revenue Allocation Plan
Distribution and Investment Board
Request for Proposals for 2016**

2016

REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN: APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

For Tribal Government Operations and Programs, Tribal Economic Development, General Welfare of the Klamath Tribes and its Tribal Members, Donations to Charitable Organizations, and Contributions to State and Local Governmental Agencies.

This Application format must be used for all requests for funding from excess net gaming revenues under the Klamath Tribes Revenue Allocation Plan. Please read this application carefully and respond fully. **Complete packet cannot exceed 5 pages (single sided only). Please submit the original application along with 6 copies.**

Name/Title of Organization/Representative: _____
Address/Phone: _____

IRS Tax Exempt Yes No

Authorized Representative Signature _____
(i.e., President, Chair, General Manager)

Title of Proposal: _____

Dollar Amount Requested: _____

Are you willing to accept less? Yes No

Choose one Category from Which Funding is requested:

- Tribal Government Operations and Programs
- Tribal Economic Development
- General Welfare of the Klamath Tribes and its Tribal Members
- Donations to Charitable Organizations
- Contributions to State and Local Governmental Agencies

All proposals shall include the following and be on separate 8½ x 11 sheets in Times New Roman Font at 12pt with 1 inch margins.

- I. Description of organization and its purpose.
- II. Number of paid employees. Number of volunteers.
- III. Narrative description of project for which funds are requested.

The Distribution and Investment Board is currently requesting proposals for 2016, per the Approved revenue Allocation Plan; Klamath Tribal Code Title 7 Chapter 50. The next awards to be distributed during 2016 are dependent upon excess revenue generated by the Tribes gaming economic enterprise during the year 2015 as declared in the annual casino audit.

The Revenue Allocation Plan is adopted pursuant to the authority vested in the Klamath Tribes General Council by virtue of its inherent sovereignty as Indian Tribal government and Article VI of the constitution of the Klamath Tribes that provides that the General Council has the power to expend and recommend expenditure of Tribal Funds and to exercise all other reserved powers.

The Klamath Tribes General Council established the Klamath Tribes Distribution and Investment Board (KTDIB) for the purpose of reviewing proposals for supplemental funding under the Klamath Tribes Revenue Allocation Plan and allocating funds in accordance with the requirements of the Plan.

The purpose of this Revenue Allocation Plan is to establish a fair and equitable process for the Klamath Tribes to distribute excess net revenues derived from its gaming operation KLA-MO-Ya Casino Corporation, consistent with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988.

The Klamath Tribes Distribution and Investment Board is requesting proposals for 2016.

Proposals must be marked "Proposal" and Postmarked before midnight on March 1, 2016, or delivered in person during regular business hours by March 1, 2016 to the Member Benefits Department, PO Box 436, Chiloquin OR 97624, and Attention: Distribution and Investment Board before the deadline to be considered.

The Distribution and Investment board will review the proposals during the month of May per the KTRAP 50.10 c. Proposals must also follow the format of the REVNEUE ALLOCATION FUNDING REQUEST APPLICATION FORM (see attached), IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR GRANT FUNDING.

Application forms and copies of the Revenue Allocation Plan may be obtained outside of the Tribal Treasurer's office, or from the Members Benefit Department at the Tribal Administration Office.

- IV. What are the project's specific objectives? (What will the project accomplish?)
- V. What are your organization's special qualifications to address these objectives?
- VI. List other groups addressing similar objectives and the extent of your coordination with each. List community assets that could be tapped to address this objective or project.
- VII. Project Period: _____ Beginning: _____
- VIII. Describe the natural resource to be benefitted and/or population to be served (include geographic area, client group and numbers to be served as applicable).
- IX. Indicate with a check mark which category(s) the project will serve:
 ___ Youth ___ Individuals ___ Families ___ Community ___ Economic
- X. List other sources of project support being applied for (sources and amount).
- XI. Secure commitments/pledges for this project.
- XII. **Past Fiscal Year Report:** Provide a detailed accounting of the organizations/department's revenues, revenue sources and expenditures.
- XIII. **Following Fiscal Year Projected Budget:** Provide detailed explanation of the organization's/department's projected revenues, revenue sources and anticipated expenditures without supplemental excess net gaming revenue funding.
- XIV. **Budget Request:** Provide a detailed budget for your funding request, along with a brief narrative for each proposed expenditure relating its benefit to the short-term and/or long-term goals of the Klamath Tribes.

Application forms and copies of the Revenue Allocation Plan may be obtained outside of the Tribal Treasurer's office, or from the Members Benefit Department at the Tribal Administration Office- 501 Chiloquin, Blvd, Chiloquin, Oregon.

Proposals must be marked "Proposal" and Postmarked before midnight on March 1, 2016, or delivered in person during regular business hours by March 1, 2016 to the Member Benefits Department, PO Box 436, Chiloquin OR 97624, and Attention: Distribution and Investment Board before the deadline to be considered.

Or for more information contact Tribal Treasurer Brandi Hatcher at 541-783-2219 ext. 176 or Board Chair Jared Hall at 541-783-2219 ext. 182.

The Klamath Tribes Housing Departments

Two New Programs

1. The Klamath Tribes Housing Departments **"First Time Homebuyers Down-Payment Assistance Program"**.

The purpose of this program is to provide eligible low-income Native American families with affordable homeownership financing opportunities to help improve their quality of life. This program will provide a loan on favorable terms to eligible homebuyers for down-payment assistance in the amount of \$30,000 for the purchase of a single family home in standard condition. This program will serve Tribal members in the State of Oregon.

For more information and eligibility requirements call Shari Brown, Rental Assistance Coordinator (541) 783-2219 Ext. 144
 shari.brown@klamathtribes.com

2. The Klamath Tribes Housing Department **"Emergency Housing Assistance Program"**.

The Emergency Housing Assistance Program is to provide grant assistance to help Klamath Tribal members facing eviction for non-payment of rent, assist with security deposit payment or help those who are facing foreclosure due to delinquent mortgage payments. This program will serve Tribal members in the State of Oregon.

For more information and eligibility requirements call Jackie Jackson, Low Rent Coordinator.
 (541) 783-2219 Ext. 193
 jackie.jackson@klamathtribes.com

Oregon State Human Services Meeting with the Klamath Tribes



Photo by: Taylor R. Tupper- Klamath Tribes News Dept.
Left to Right Front Row: Klamath Tribes Social Services Director- Marvin Garcia, Tribal Administration General Manager- George Lopez, Klamath Tribes TANF Program Manager- Faye Brattain, Tribal Council Member- Kathy Hill. Back Row Left to Right: Dr. Reginald Richardson- Director Oregon Dept. of Human Services, Klamath Tribal Chairman- Don Gentry, Karol Dixon- Oregon Health Authority Director, and Nadja Jones- Oregon State Tribal Liaison.
*Not pictured but present at the meeting: Brandi Hatcher- Klamath Tribal Council Treasurer and Torina Case- Klamath Tribal Council Secretary.

Chiloquin, OR- On Monday, January 25, 2016, representatives from the Oregon Department of Human Services and Oregon Health Authority visited the Klamath Tribes in Chiloquin, Oregon.

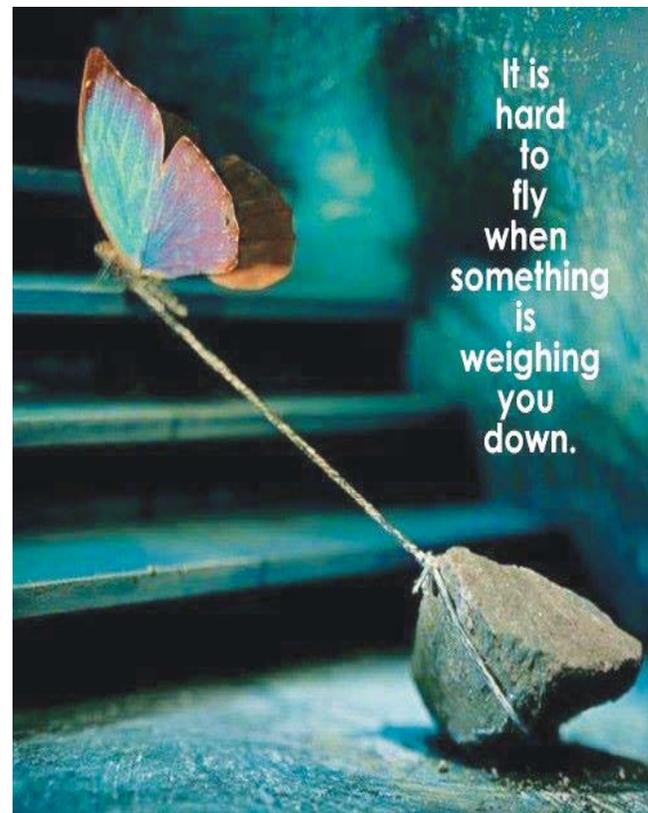
Discussions centered around TANF Tribal Government Consultation, Federal and State program language process, and current funding issues. Future meetings and correspondence will continue with the State, the Klamath Tribes Social Services Department, and Tribal Government in order to continue to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the families and children of the Klamath Tribes.

For more information regarding TANF or Social Services:
TANF Program Manager, Faye Brattain
Phone: (541) 783-2219 Ext. 131 or
Social Services Director, Marvin Garcia at Ext. 125
Domestic Violence Hotline: (541) 783-3682

Join Us!
Women Support Groups
Every Wednesday
2 pm to 3pm at the Tribal Admin
501 Chiloquin Blvd
Chiloquin, Oregon

For information please call Ginny Weems at
541-783-2219 ext 173

(Please arrange your own childcare)



Did You Know?

Did you know in between the quarterly tribal newsletter you can stay connected and get tribal updates, emails, E-News, E-Blasts, and much more!

1. Klamath Tribal Member Emails
Send your email, name and roll# to:
taylor.tupper@klamathtribes.com
*Information emails almost daily!

2. Facebook:

Become our Friend at: www.klamathtribes.org
"click" the facebook link on the web or find us at:
"The Official Klamath Tribes Page"

3. What's Happening Link on Web

Visit the Website: www.klamathtribes.org
Click : "What's Happening"
Dwaa Nee Pqa on the homepage.

Klamath Tribes and U.S. Forest Service—Biannual Meeting



Klamath Tribal Representatives and U.S. Forest Service personnel from 5 National Forests. Photo and information by: Taylor R. Tupper- Klamath Tribes News Dept.

Chiloquin, OR-

On Thursday, January 21, 2016, at the Chiloquin, Oregon Ranger Station, the Klamath Tribes met with U.S. Forest Service managers from the Umpqua, Rogue River-Siskiyou, Willamette, Deschutes and Fremont-Winema National Forests, for their Biannual Government-to-Government consultation/meeting. Attendees for the Klamath Tribes included: Ad-

ministration General Manager-George Lopez, Education and Employment Department Director- Julie Bettles, Culture and Heritage Department Director- Perry Chocktoot, Klamath Tribal Chairman- Don Gentry, Natural Resource Department Director, Will Hatcher, and Public Relations Manager-Taylor Tupper.

Introductions and topics began promptly at 9:00am and moved thru a full agenda which included: Forest Plan Revisions (Region 6 Northwest Forest Planning area); Education, Internship, and Employment Opportunities; Master Participating Agreement & Master Stewardship Agreement (Status of projects and future), Restoration Projects; and other items regarding Treaty Resource Protection. Following the meeting the agencies shared a potluck style lunch and some traditional tribal foods.

For more information contact below:

Forest Service Shield
Roland Giller
Tribal Relations/Partnerships
Forest Service
Fremont-Winema National Forest, Chiloquin Ranger District
p: 541-783-4069
c: 541-274-1667
rgiller@fs.fed.us
38500 Highway 97 North
Chiloquin, OR 97624
www.fs.fed.us
or
Ms. Taylor R. Tupper
Klamath Tribes Public Information/News Dept.
Tribal Administration Office
501 Chiloquin Blvd, Chiloquin, Oregon 97624
email: taylor.tupper@klamathtribes.com
Phone: 541-783-2219 ext. 147
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CONCERNED ABOUT UNDERAGE DRINKING IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

ADULTS SUPPLYING ALCOHOL TO MINORS?

CHILOQUIN FIRST COALITION

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND INFORMATIVE DINNER ON THE

STICKER SHOCK CAMPAIGN

Engaging youth, business owners, parents, community members, and agencies to raise awareness on this important issue

Youth Poetry Contest Guest Speakers Dinner



THINK TWICE!!

Buying alcohol for minors is **ILLEGAL!**
Underage drinking can be **DANGEROUS!**
Class A misdemeanor with up to 364 days in jail
and \$6250 in fines



Be the influence they NEED!

This warning brought to you by Chiloquin First Coalition

CHILOQUIN COMMUNITY CENTER

Thursday, February 11th, 2016 5pm-7pm

Information: Monica Yellowowl @ 541-884-1841

Stephanie Machado @541-882-8846

Chiloquin First Coalition is a partnership between Klamath County Public Health and Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services Youth & Family Guidance Centers Prevention Program.

Department Approval Admin Approval Finance Approval



Healing Winds Gathering Group Schedule for 2016

Healing through coming together and gathering Roots, Friends and Traditions

Remember we are the First Teachers of our Children

We need to gather and share our knowledge with each other so that we can pass on what keeps us connected and whole

KLAMATH TRIBES HEALING WINDS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION PROGRAM

501 Chiloquin Blvd
Chiloquin OR 97624
for information please contact
Kelli 541-783-2219 ext. 196
or Ginny at 541-783-2219 ext. 173

Chiloquin: Group Dates and Locations

Chiloquin- Admin. Building- Saddle Mountain Rm.

Every other Friday 1:30 - 4:00 beginning on February 5th, 2016

Group Dates:

February: 5th, and 19th

March Dates: 4th & 18th

April Dates: 1st, 15th & 29th

May Dates: 13th, & 27th

June: 10th & 24th

Klamath Falls Group Dates and Locations

Crisis Center 707 High Street Klamath Falls, OR

Every other Friday 1:30 - 4:00 beginning on February 12th, 2016

Group Dates:

February: 12th & 26

March: 25th

April: 8th & 22nd

May 6th and 20

June 3rd and 17th

Chi-Town Powwow Jam Nights

When: Every Friday Night

Time: 6pm-8pm

Where: Chiloquin Elementary School Gym

Who: Everyone is invited!

Come join us each Friday evening for community dance/drum practice. This is a great way to practice your dance moves for the upcoming powwow season, and get some healthy exercise at the same time. All ages and levels of experience are welcome! All drum groups are also encouraged to attend.

Parent supervision is required for young children.



This is a completely Alcohol & Drug Free environment!!!

For more info or questions contact Will Hess or Lena Schonchin

SAVE THE DATE

Potawatomi Surveillance Symposium- August 30th & 31st, 2016

Sponsored by Forest County Potawatomi Gaming Commission

Internet Gaming Symposium- September 1st, 2016

Sponsored by Forest County Potawatomi Gaming Commission & the NTGCR

LOCATION

Potawatomi Hotel & Casino
1721 West Canal Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233

CONTACT

Ann Howard
Gaming Coordinator
Forest County Potawatomi Gaming Commission
Email: AHoward@paysbig.com



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