Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Attention Klamath Tribal Members!
Mark your Calendars for the Proposed General Council Meetings 2017
*February 11, 2017    *May 20, 2017
*August 19, 2017     *November 18, 2017

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KLAMATH TRIBES OF OREGON NEWS RELEASE
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Klamath Tribes General Council
Approves Motion to Distribute Nez Perce vs. Jewell Funds to Enrolled Members

Important Notice!

Attention All Enrolled Members of the Klamath Tribes
Chiloquin, OR- On December 3, 2016, the General Council of the Klamath Tribes approved a motion to distribute the Nez Perce vs. Jewell Funds (NPJF) to all enrolled Klamath Tribal Members. The NPJF are invested in an account with Morgan Stanley and may take 30-45 days to withdraw without penalty. However, Tribal Council is working as quickly as possible to distribute these funds and intends to have the funds distributed within 60-90 days.

Notice: All Enrolled Klamath Tribal Members, must make certain the Member Benefits Office has your correct mailing address, the deadline to update your address is: January 31, 2017.

Address Update forms can be downloaded from the tribal website www.klamathtribes.org in the Tribal Departments section, or by calling Member Benefits at (541) 783-2219: Mary Gentry ext. 195, Jeannie McNair ext. 203, and Rose Treetop at ext. 150

Attention Klamath Tribal Members!

Important Information regarding the Tribes Water Rights Claims.

In order to see the explanation and Phase 1A Motion Opinion Letter, you will need to go to the Klamath Tribes Website at: www.klamathtribes.org
Please log into the (Department Section- Members Area). Remember this section is password protected and only Enrolled Tribal Members are allowed access.

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UPDATES: AS THE KLAMATH TRIBES OPPOSE THE DOKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE AND LNG PIPELINE/JORDAN COVE ENERGY PROJECT

A TIME OF SOLIDARITY… IT'S A GOOD DAY! FINALLY SOME GOOD NEWS!

AFTER MONTHS OF HARD FOUGHT WATER PROTECTION EFFORTS…THOUSANDS OF VETERANS CAME TO STANDING ROCK, NORTH DAKOTA, THE FIRST WEEKEND OF DECEMBER TO DEFEND THE WATER AND PROTECT THE PEOPLE FROM FURTHER HARM… THEN ON DECEMBER 4TH, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS RELEASED A STATEMENT THAT THEY WILL NOT APPROVE AN EASEMENT FOR THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE TO CROSS UNDER LAKE OAHE.

Photo by: Patricia Gregory

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe’s Statement on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Decision to Not Grant Easement Posted on December 4, 2016. The following statement was released by Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Chairman Dave Archambault II. “Today, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced that it will not be granting the easement to cross Lake Oahe for the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline. Instead, the Corps will be undertaking an environmental impact statement to look at possible alternative routes. We wholeheartedly support the decision of the administration and commend with the utmost gratitude the courage it took on the part of President Obama, the Army Corps, the Department of Justice and the Department of the Interior to take steps to correct the course of history and to do the right thing.

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and all of Indian Country will be forever grateful to the Obama Administration for this historic decision. We want to thank everyone who played a role in advocating for this cause. We thank the tribal youth who initiated this movement. We thank the millions of people around the globe who expressed support for our cause. We thank the thousands of people who came to the camps to support us, and the tens of thousands who donated time, talent, and money to our efforts to stand against this pipeline in the name of protecting our water. We especially thank all of the other tribal nations and jurisdictions who stood in solidarity with us, and we stand ready to stand with you if and when your people are in need.

Throughout this effort I have stressed the importance of acting at all times in a peaceful and prayerful manner – and that is how we will respond to this decision. With this decision we look forward to being able to return home and spend the winter with our families and loved ones, many of whom have sacrificed as well. We look forward to celebrating in wopila, in thanks, in the coming days.

We hope that Kelcey Warren, Governor Dalrymple, and the incoming Trump administration respect this decision and understand the complex process that led us to this point. When it comes to infrastructure development in Indian Country and with respect to treaty lands, we must strive to work together to reach decisions that reflect the multifaceted considerations of tribes.

Treaties are paramount law and must be respected, and we welcome dialogue on how to continue to honor that moving forward. We are not opposed to energy independence, economic development, or national security concerns but we must ensure that these decisions are made with the considerations of our Indigenous peoples.

To our local law enforcement, I hope that we can work together to heal our relationship as we all work to protect the lives and safety of our people. I recognize the extreme stress that the situation caused and look forward to a future that reflects more mutual understanding and respect.

Again, we are deeply appreciative that the Obama Administration took the time and effort to genuinely consider the broad spectrum of tribal concerns. In a system that has continuously been stacked against us from every angle, it took tremendous courage to take a new approach to our nation-to-nation relationship, and we will be forever grateful.
BREAKING NEWS: FERC Upholds LNG Pipeline Denial!

FERC upholds their original decision to DENY the Jordan Cove Export Terminal and the Pacific Connector Pipeline!

"The Klamath Tribes are extremely happy about this decision today," said Klamath Tribal Chairman, Don Gentry. He added, "In September of this year, our Tribal Council, on behalf of the Klamath Tribes, voted to oppose the pipeline. The construction of the LNG pipeline from Malin, Oregon to the Pacific Ocean Coast, would take place on lands that are within the traditional territory of the Klamath Tribes, and where there are located many significant cultural resources of historical importance to the Tribes. The route of the LNG pipeline that we examined showed it would go through areas where villages once existed and may unearth human remains since graves with human remains have been found in these areas. The route would also go under the Klamath River and the Rogue River, which since time immemorial have been and continue to be important sources of fish. The Tribes were very concerned with the risks to fish species if the LNG pipeline was to leak or otherwise release contaminants into these two rivers, and how that would adversely affect these important resources and the health of millions of people.

And in closing, I would like to add that our Council and people are dedicated to this effort and the protection of clean water and natural resources now and in the future. This is great news. It's a dic wytas (good day)."

Background:
Back in March, FERC denied the Jordan Cove LNG Export Facility and the Pacific Connector Pipeline because the risks to communities and landowners did not outweigh the benefits.

In this new decision to deny, they said that they have given the pipeline company ample time to demonstrate that there is a significant need for the project, and Pacific Connector has not been able to do that.

We know that it is important we stay vigilant, as Jordan Cove and Pacific Connector Pipeline will likely take this decision to the courts. But for now, let’s celebrate all of the amazing community organizing and work that has been done over the past 10 years to stop this project. When we organize, when we come together to protect our communities, our rivers, our climate, we can win.

For more information: www.NoLNGExports.org

Klamath Tribes and United States Forest Service
Fall Meeting: November 15, 2016

Notes provided by: Roland Giller
Tribal Relations/Partnerships Forest Service
Fremont-Winema National Forest, Chiloquin Ranger District

Attendees: Gail Hatcher (Klamath Tribes), Roland Giller (Fremont-Winema NF), Melissa Schroeder (Rogue River-Siskiyou NF), Judd Lehman (Fremont-Winema NF), Ian Ritchie (Fremont-Winema NF), Penni Borghi (Deschutes and Ochoco NF, and Crooked River NG), Daniel Rife (Deschutes NF), Yolanda Barnett (Fremont-Winema NF), Erin Rentz (Fremont-Winema NF), Jeff Bohler (Umpqua NF), Steve Weiser (Klamath Tribes), Duane Bishop (Willamette NF), Dave Brillenz (Fremont-Winema NF), Dennis Fleming (Klamath Tribes), Heather Berg (Fremont-Winema NF), Mike Lawrence (Fremont-Winema NF), Kathleen Mitchell (Klamath Tribes), Tracy Beck (Willamette NF), Eric Watrud (Fremont-Winema NF), Don Gentry (Klamath Tribes), John Allen (Deschutes NF), Craig Turlock (Rogue River-Siskiyou NF), Waldo Walker (USFS Regional Office), Mei Lin Lantz (Willamette NF), Roberta Frost (Klamath Tribes), Brad Parrish (Klamath Tribes), David Ochoa (Klamath Tribes), David Lilly (Fremont-Winema NF) and Julie Bettles (Klamath Tribes).

Northwest Forest Plan Revision
• Background: The USFS Pacific Northwest (Oregon and Washington) and Pacific Southwest (California and Hawaii) Research Stations are developing a science synthesis to inform the revision of land management plans for 17 national forests within the Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP) area. The NWFP amended land management plans in 1994 to protect threatened and endangered species associated with late-successional and old-growth forest habitats, while still contributing to social and economic sustainability. USFS Region-5 and Region-6 have requested the synthesis to provide a thorough, up-to-date review of the relevant scientific literature pertaining to key resource management topics within the NWFP.
• The draft Northwest Forest Plan science synthesis is now available for review and public input. The draft synthesis is currently undergoing peer review coordinated by the Ecological Society of America. The public can provide input on the science content of the draft synthesis to the group of independent peer reviewers (http://www.fs.fed.us/pnw/research/science-synthesis/)
• Pacific Northwest Regional Forester Jim Peña wants Northwest American Indian tribes to know this information is available for comment.

Education/Internship/Employment
• There is an emphasis within the USFS to use collective hiring practices to fill vacancies through events like the Society of American Foresters national convention (http://www.fs.fed.us/forestmanagement/recruitment_saf/)
• A collective hiring calendar can be viewed at: http://fsweb.asc.fs.fed.us/HRM/employment/National_Collective_20Recruitment/FY17_Event_Calendar.pdf
• The “To Bridge a Gap Conference,” February 21-24, in Tulsa, OK, has an emphasis on American Indian recruitment. Applicants can also apply for these positions through USAJOBS.
• Applicants who are recruited at collective hiring events must have a USAJOBS profile. Focus in hiring is on the potential of the candidate, not on past land management experience.
• Discussion on ways to reduce the Klamath Tribes’ 20 percent match for supplemental project agreements for internships continues. A letter from the Klamath Tribes to Regional Forester Jim Peña would help with this request. A regional forester does have the authority to reduce the 20 percent match.
• Action Item: According to Supervisory Grants Management Specialist Anne Doolin, any discussion to reduce the match should include Chiloquin/Chemult District Ranger Judd Lehman, Fremont-Winema NF Supervisor Barry Imler, Fremont-Winema NF Tribal Relations Specialist Roland Giller and herself. Giller will start the process to move this discussion forward.
• Deschutes NF Supervisor John Allen mentioned the VetsWorks Program, which is administered by the Mt. Adams Institute (http://www.mtadamsinstitute.com/programs/) VetsWork: Environment is an eleven-month career development internship program for Veterans in the natural resources management/public lands/environment sector. VetsWork participants are placed with local/state/federal land management agencies such as the USFS where they provide project support while learning about various career paths. Mt. Adams Institute pays for the internship.
• A number of the five local national forests have Youth Conservation Corps programs. Klamath Tribes Education and Employment Department Director Julie Bettles said transportation is the biggest challenge for Klamath Tribes youth who would like to work on YCC crews.
• USAJOBS workshops continue to be very important to successfully recruit American Indian applicants because the website is not intuitive. Computer access continues to be another challenge.

USFS Hot Topics
• Willamette NF:
  • 2016 was a relatively slow fire season for the Willamette NF
  • The national forest experienced lots of turnover, particularly due to retirements. It is a good time to apply for USFS jobs, particularly if the incumbent is mobile. Lots of opportunities at the GS-09 level and below where bench strength is needed within the workforce.
  • The Willamette NF has lots of non-traditional jobs (lands, survey, and realty specialist). These jobs do not always require science backgrounds and liberal arts degrees can be good preparation.
  • Projects that were mentioned included the Rigdon Dry Forest Restoration Project on the Middle Fork R.D. (http://southwillamette.wixsite.com/swt/ rigdon-1), the Jim’s Creek Savanna Restoration Project (http://data.ecosystemmanagement.org/npaweb/nepa_project_exp.php?project=3922). Klamath Tribes Culture and Heritage Department Director Perry Chocktoot was helpful in understanding the project area and obtaining tribal input.
• Rogue River-Siskiyou NF:
  • 2016 was also a relatively slow fire season for the RR-S
  • Motor Vehicle Use Maps are now available on the national forest (http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/rogue-siskiyou/maps-pubs/?cid=fseprd506081)
  • Public comments being sought regarding a 20-year mineral withdrawal in aid of legislation (http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/rogue-siskiyou/landmanagement/?cid=stelprdb5317405)
  • Action Item: Rogue River-Siskiyou NF Archaeologist Melissa Schroeder is interested in getting agreements in place with the Klamath Tribes in FY’17.
• Deschutes NF
  • Lots of vegetation management work occurring along U.S. Highway 97 from Walker Mountain north to Bend. Oregon Department of Transportation important partner for this work.
  • On recreation side, the city of Bend has increased the transient room tax 30 percent. There is a correlation with increased Central Oregon tourism and increased recreation use on the national forest. Deschutes NF employees are working hard to meet the demands an increase in visitors has brought.
  • Oregon Department of Forestry is working on new smoke management rules. ODF understands the critical need for fuels management work around communities and is working with the Deschutes NF to educate the public about the need for prescribed burning.

Klamath Tribes Hot Topics
• Grazing impacts to cultural resources continues to be an ongoing concern for the Klamath Tribes. There is an expectation work will continue to be done by the agency to reduce these impacts.
• There is livestock damage at the Windmill site and assessments were completed. Soil was placed at the site to rehabilitate ground disturbance by livestock.
• SHIPO has been at the Sycan River site where graffiti was discovered.
• Action Item: Judd should follow-up with Klamath Tribes Culture and Heritage Department Director Perry Chocktoot to investigate if SHIPO has expertise to remove the graffiti, without damaging cultural resources.
• Kirk Canyon on the Williamson River
• Rock climbing occurs in the area and some climbers have drilled bolts into canyon walls to facilitate climbing.
• Mike Lawrence said a NEPA decision was made that allows some climbing. Signs directed at climbers are posted in the central part of the cliff area where climbing still occurs. Some closures are in place in some areas. Climbers seem to be respectful of the closures.
• The NEPA decision was adaptive in nature, with incremental increases on access restrictions. Much of the damage to rock stacks occurred in the 1990s and there have not been many impacts since then. Restrictions can be placed that allow climbing by permit only. More restrictions can be put in place if more damage occurs.
• Forest Service employees have removed many climbing bolts from canyon walls.
• Lobert Restoration Project
  • According to Don Gentry, some Klamath Tribes members have concerns about the project, particularly treatments on Saddle Mountain, a Klamath Tribes culturally-significant area.
  • Some Klamath Tribes managers are on the Lobert Restoration Project interdisciplinary team and project alternatives were developed with their input. There are three alternatives; two that include Saddle Mountain treatments and one that does not. Fremont-Winema National Forest Supervisor Barry Imler will be the decision maker for the Lobert Restoration Project.
  • There is concern Saddle Mountain will be the site of a future large fire like the Cowboy Fire. Thinning on Saddle Mountain could reduce fire severity.
  • Don Gentry said he would like to delay treatments until more discussion occurs amongst Klamath Tribes members. Roberta Frost said it is important the Tribal Council reach out to tribal members to hear their concerns.
  • Mike Lawrence said it is challenging to connect with Klamath Tribes members outside the Tribal Council and requested help in hearing their voices. He also said connecting with traditional practitioners is a challenge and found Klamath Tribes Culture and Heritage Department Director Perry Chocktoot to be the best source for the concerns of traditional practitioners.
  • Impacts to big game are also a concern for many Klamath Tribes members, according to Don. Thinning and burning within stands affects hiding and thermal cover. Some Klamath Tribes members view intense thinning like clear-cuts. Some
Klamath Tribes will receive the DEIS for comment before the public does and there is still time for discussion.

- Klamath Tribes Member Steve Weiser expressed concerns about treatments subsequent to the Lone Pine Fire. Many treatments looked like clear-cuts and affected prime elk habitat. He said the USFS also closed roads that kept Klamath Tribes members from exercising tribal rights. He said the Klamath Tribes is not a special interest group and must be involved early in any planning processes.

- Red Rock Biofuels Project in Lakeview (http://www.redrockbio.com/)
  o Red Rock Biofuels is a private venture in Lakeview that seeks to utilize small-diameter trees and wood debris from mills to make biofuels for the Navy and airlines. Project involves Department of Defense funding (http://www.biodysemagazine.com/articles/183799/dod-awards-3-biofuel-contracts-under-defense-production-act).

- Some Klamath Tribes members have concerns this effort could spread across the landscape as Red Rock Biofuels searches for biomass. Congressionals are also looking at Red Rock’s efforts as a demonstration project for similar future efforts.

- Projects tied to Red Rock Biofuels will need NEPA completed.

- Travel access on USFS-managed roads

- Private landowners are putting up fences on Forest Service easements and posting no trespassing signs. This affects access by Klamath Tribes members to former reservation lands.

- Mike Lawrence said the Fremont-Winema N.F. Motor Vehicle Use Map should be consulted. Klamath Tribes members can then notify Fremont-Winema N.F. employees if they see fences or no trespassing signs on land managed by the USFS or in places where there are supposed to be easements.

- Head of the River on the Williamson River

- The location of a buck and pole fence here is important because there is a need to keep cattle out of the area, but also allow wildlife into it. There is a need to have a number of discussions to make the right decisions about the fence.

- Outfitters on the Williamson River

- Klamath Tribes Tribal Council Secretary Roberta Frost expressed concern about tense interactions that have occurred between Klamath Tribes members and outfitters. Klamath District Ranger Heather Berg said some outfitters operating on the Klamath and Chiloquin Ranger Districts are in the process of renewing their permits.

- Issue becomes complicated because there is so much private land along the river and this restricts fishing access. Often, the only way to fish the river is from an outfitter-provided boat.

- Action Item: Heather and Roberta need to have more discussion about the interactions between the outfitters and Klamath Tribes members.

- South Chiloquin Off-Highway Vehicle Project

- Project is located within the Lobert Restoration Project planning area. South Chiloquin OHV Project now on hold because of a lack of capacity on the Fremont-Winema N.F. staff.

- Fremont-Winema N.F. made a commitment to the public to develop designated areas under the 2005 Travel Management Rule because some areas were closed off during this process. There is a need to alleviate OHV pressure on the national forest through designated OHV areas and there are ways to mitigate impacts to resources in designated OHV areas.

- Huckleberry Mountain

- Conflicts arising between Klamath Tribes members and commercial harvesters. There is a decrease in production, but unsure if it is because of too much harvesting or other factors.

- Klamath Tribes Member Steve Weiser said commercial huckleberry harvesting seems to always take precedence over subsistence harvesting.

- Region-6 Tribal Relations Program Manager Waldo Walker said some rangers and forest supervisors on national forests in Washington allow subsistence huckleberry picking to occur before commercial picking. The Yakama Na-
Attention Klamath Tribal Members!

We need your input on the Hazard Mitigation Plan Survey.

Please go to the Klamath Tribes Website: www.klamathtribes.org and take the survey listed on the Home page!

It is LIME green and listed as Hazard Plan Mitigation Survey. You can't miss it.

Thank you for your much needed input.

News Release
The Klamath Tribes
Planning Department
PO Box 436, Chiloquin, OR 97624

For Immediate Release

THE KLAMATH TRIBES TO UPDATE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The Klamath Tribes are embarking on a planning process to prepare for impacts of natural disasters.

Responding to federal mandates in the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390), The Klamath Tribes will update its 2007 Hazard Mitigation Plan and their mitigation strategies that can be applied to the planning area in an effort to enhance resilience on the Reservation.

This planning process is being led by Shayleen Allen, Strategic Planner for The Klamath Tribes with support from Beverly O’Dea of Bridgeview Consulting, LLC, the contracted technical consultant. This project is being funded by a planning grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The planning process will take approximately 12 months to complete.

During this process, Tribal Members and local citizens will be asked to contribute by sharing local knowledge of the area’s vulnerability to hazards based on past occurrences. Public involvement will be solicited via a multi-media campaign that will include public meetings, web-based information, questionnaires and updates on the plan’s progress via a website. This process will be overseen by a Planning Team made up of Tribal staff and other stakeholders from within the planning area. This Team will meet as needed throughout the process. Notice of the date and time of these meetings will be posted on the ‘Tribes’ website. Meetings will typically be held at the Klamath Tribes Administration Building on the Klamath Tribes Reservation, but may occur at other locations as determined by the planning team.

Information regarding the planning process will be available soon on the Klamath Tribes’ website at:

www.klamathtribes.org

This website will serve as the primary means for the public to gain information on the plan and ways that they can participate in the planning process. The public is highly encouraged to provide input on all phases of this plan’s development.

Any questions or comments regarding this process are encouraged and should be directed to Shayleen Allen, Klamath Tribes Strategic Planner, Klamath Tribes Planning Department at (541) 783-2219 x166 or email: shayleen.allen@klamathtribes.com, or Beverly O’Dea, Bridgeview Consulting, LLC at (253) 301-1330 or email: bevodea@bridgeviewconsulting.org

Message from Chief Judge Brave-Heart:

"On August 24, 2015, I wrote to you all about my attendance at the first convening for Tribal and State court judges in Salem. Since then, the Oregon Supreme Court has accepted our recommendations and we now have created a new organization: The Oregon Tribal and State Court Forum. I am honored to report to you—Klamath Tribal members—your Chief Judge is a member of the Forum, and on the planning committee. I immediately offered, on behalf of the Klamath Tribes’ Judiciary, to host the first “official” convening at the Klamath Tribes and on Klamath Tribal lands, on October 7, 2016. The result: A resounding success! Judges from counties across Oregon, both Tribal and State, and other agency attorneys/support staff attended the Convening and learned a great deal about the Klamath Tribes.

What are the “Forum” and the annual “Convening?” It is an ongoing, mission-oriented, Tribal and State judges Forum that will continue into the future, “convening” throughout the year. This will ensure true government-to-government relationships between Tribal and State courts. As I wrote to you all last year, part of the Klamath Tribes’ Judiciary’s mission is to improve and increase services to tribal members while strengthening and upholding Klamath Tribal sovereignty, and to be treated as equals.

So, on October 7, 2016, the Convening was held at the Goos Olgi Gowa Community Center. The day began with a gracious invocation by Chairman Gentry, followed by an informative brief history of the Tribes and a tour of the Administration/Auditorium graciously facilitated by Councilman Perry Chocktoot and Chairman Gentry, and finally a tour of the Klamath Tribal Court. When we returned, all members of the Forum engaged in a full day of focused discussions and presentations covering ICWA, child support issues, and recognition of Tribal Court orders in protection and family court cases, among many other topics. What is the point? Increase successful relationships between Oregon Courts, State Agencies and Tribal Courts.

Again, I want to remind the members of the Klamath Tribes that as your Chief Judge, it is one of my priorities to increase cooperation with state and local governments, while at the same time increasing and strengthening the sovereignty of the Klamath Tribes. Forgiving and renewing the relationships around us is an exercise of the Tribes’ self-determination and sovereignty. On behalf of the Klamath Tribes’ Judiciary, I would like to thank the tribal staff who helped make this happen, and the Elders who sacrificed the Elder’s meal on Friday, October 7. Thank you Klamath Tribal members for allowing me to be a part of your community, to be upon your lands, and to serve the Klamath Tribes. It continues to be an honor."

Nyah-weh (Thank you),
For more information contact:
Klamath Tribal Courts at 541-783-3020

Attention College Bound Students!
Grant Application Deadlines are Fast Approaching!

For more information call the Klamath Tribes Education & Employment Department Immediately. They have information regarding Grants and Scholarships such as: UofO: NEXT GEN Doctoral Grant- Deadline Jan. 5th Portland State (GSE)- Deadline Feb 1st UofO Scholarships Numerous!

Call Now: 800-524-9787 or 541-783-2219 Ext. 109 or Ext. 133

www.klamathtribes.org
NEWS to you from Klamath Tribal Health...
PURCHASED/REFERRED CARE (PRC) UPDATE –
(formerly named Contract Health Services)

Purchased/Referred Care (PRC)
Medical/dental care provided at an Indian Health Service (IHS) or tribal health care facility is called Direct Care. The Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) Program at IHS is for medical/dental care provided away from an IHS or tribal health care facility. PRC is not an entitlement program and an IHS medical referral does not imply the care will be paid. If IHS is requested to pay, then a patient must meet the American Indian/Alaska Native tribal affiliation, residency requirements, notification requirements, medical priority, and use of alternate resources (including IHS facility).

Below is a definition of Medical priorities. Currently Klamath Tribal Health and Family Services is operating at a Medical Priority III.

TYPES OF SERVICES.

A. Emergent or Acutely Urgent Care Services. Medical Priority Level I-Emergent or Acutely Urgent Care Services are diagnostic or therapeutic services that are necessary to prevent the immediate death or serious impairment of the health of the individual, and which, because of the threat to the life or health of the individual, necessitate the use of the most accessible health care available and capable of furnishing such services. Diagnosis and treatment of injuries or medical conditions that if left untreated, would result in uncertain but potentially grave outcomes.

B. Preventive Services. Medical Priority Level II-Preventive Services are distinguished from emergency care, sophisticated diagnostic procedures, treatment of acute conditions, and care primarily intended for symptomatic relief or chronic maintenance. Most services listed as Priority Level II are available at IHS direct care facilities. If no direct care capabilities are available at the IHS or Tribal direct care facility, preventative services can be purchased using CHS funds.

C. Primary and Secondary Care Services. Medical Priority Level III-Primary and Secondary Care Services include inpatient and outpatient care services. The inpatient and outpatient services involve the treatment of prevalent illnesses or conditions that have a significant impact on morbidity and mortality. This involves treatment for conditions that may be delayed without progressive loss of function or risk of life, limb, or senses. It also includes services that may not be available at many IHS facilities and/or may require specialty consultation.

D. Chronic Tertiary and Extended Care Services. Medical Priority Level IV - Chronic Tertiary and Extended Care Services are services that (1) are not essential for initial/emergent diagnosis or therapy, (2) have less impact on mortality than morbidity, or (3) are high cost, are elective, and often require tertiary care facilities. These services are not readily available from direct care IHS facilities.

E. Excluded Services. Medical Priority Level V-Excluded Services includes cosmetic procedures and experimental and other procedures excluded from authorization for CHS payment. The list of Medical Priority Level V-Excluded Services is based upon the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid’s (CMS) Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual.

1. Cosmetic Procedures. The Fiscal Intermediary (FI) will not pay a claim for a potentially cosmetic procedure listed in Medical Priority Level V-Excluded Services, unless the Area CMO approval is obtained. This may be granted if one of the listed procedures, normally considered cosmetic, is necessary for proper mechanical function or psychological reasons.

2. Experimental and other Excluded Procedures. Payment for the excluded procedures listed in Medical Priority Level V-Excluded Services will not be paid by the FI, unless a formal exception has been granted by the IHS CMO (See IHS Circular No. 93-03, “Cosmetic and Experimental Procedures Review.”)

3. Payment for Direct Services. Examples of direct care services that cannot be reimbursed with CHS funds are on-call hours, after hours or weekend pay, holiday coverage (e.g., for x-ray, laboratory, pharmacy).

PRC FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

Q. Why do I have to apply for Alternate Resources?
A: This is required by 42 CFR 136.61, Payor of last resort. Approval of PRC payment for services is considered after all other Alternate Resources (AR) are applied. Any patient who is potentially eligible is required to apply for the alternate resource.

(b) Accordingly, the Indian Health Service will not be responsible for or authorize payment for contract health services to the extent that:

(1) The Indian is eligible for alternate resources, as defined in paragraph (c) of this section, or

(2) The Indian would be eligible for alternate resources if he or she were to apply for them, or

(3) The Indian would be eligible for alternate resources under State or local law or regulation but for the Indian's eligibility for contract health services, or other health services, from the Indian Health Service or Indian Health Service funded programs.

(c) Alternate resources means health care resources other than those of the Indian Health Service. Such resources include health care providers and institutions, and health care programs for the payment of health services including but not limited to programs under titles XVIII or XIX of the Social Security Act (i.e., Medicare, Medicaid), State or local health care programs, and private insurance.

For more information call: PRC 541-882-1487 ext 234
Do you know about the Klamath Tribes Temporary Labor Pool?

1. **What is the Temp Labor Pool?**
The Temporary Labor Pool is a database held by the Klamath Tribes Education and Employment Department.

2. **What is the purpose of the database?**
The database is used to provide lists of current labor pool applicants to departments or employers seeking to fill temp job positions.

3. **Who can be in the data base?**
Anyone seeking work is eligible to be put in the database through the use of a Temporary Labor Pool Card.

4. **How can a job seeker obtain a Temporary Labor Pool Card?**
a. Contact the Education & Employment Department at 541-783-2219 and request a Temporary Labor Pool Card.
b. The cards can be mailed, emailed or faxed to the job seeker requesting the card or they can pick up a card at the E/E office.
   a. They can also pick up a card from the Eligibility Worker on Wednesdays in Klamath Falls at Work Source Klamath.

5. **What should the job seeker do when they receive the LPC?**
a. Fill out both sides of the LPC and return it to the Education & Employment Department.

6. **What happens then?**
a. Upon the department’s receipt of the card a staff member will call the job seeker and conduct a short interview. The interview is done to ensure all information is complete.
b. The information on the card is then entered into the Temporary Labor Pool database.
c. From that point the information is held in the database for referral to persons requesting lists of labor pool applicants for temp positions.

**NOTE:** it is important that job seekers keep the Education & Employment Department informed of any changes in their phone numbers and if they wish to remain in the database to update at least every 90 days.

Thank you,
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Education & Employment Dept.
The Klamath Tribes
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News from the Klamath Tribes
Culture and Heritage Department

We would like to remind any Klamath Tribal Members who do art, beading, drum making, baskets, etc... to be sure and sign up with the Culture & Heritage Department. Each summer, during Culture Camp, we need volunteers/ individuals to share their crafts or knowledge with the camp children, or to simply help where needed. People who have CPR certification and Lifeguard training are a plus.

If you are interested please contact the Culture and Heritage Department so we can keep you in our file. All people will need to pass an extensive background and other paper work in order to be eligible to assist with the camp.

Thank you,
If you have any questions, please contact the Culture and Heritage Department at (541) 783-2764

Note: The Culture & Heritage Department reserves the decision making process on who is selected as a volunteer or hired (as funds and space is limited). All decisions reflect the safety of the children and integrity of the Tribal Culture and our Department.

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REMINDER!

**Attention: Klamath Tribes & General Council**

There are many deceased Klamath Tribal Members whose families have left outstanding funeral balances at Davenport's Chapel of the Good Shepherd- Funeral Directors.

If you have an outstanding balance for your family's services, or if you are not sure, please contact:
Klamath Tribal Council Treasurer, Brandi Hatcher at: 541-783-2219 ext. 176. She has a list and the amounts still owed for your loved one.

You can also contact:
Davenport's Chapel of the Good Shepherd- Funeral Directors
2680 Memorial Drive, Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601
Ph: 541-883-3458
Email: davenportschapel@hotmail.com
Woven together: Klamath Tribes Social Services

An article by STEPHEN FLOYD H&N Staff Reporter
December, 2016

The winter is traditionally a time to slow down and work on long-awaited projects.

After the frenetic pace of harvesting slows down and daylight comes at a premium, the season can become a time for handicrafts and projects suitable for a slower pace.

For members of the Klamath Tribes, including the Klamath, Modoc and Yahooskin peoples, basket weaving is a time-honored winter tradition, producing storage vessels, cookware, clothes and toys.

Kelli Campagne, a case worker for the Tribes' social services department, said weaving is something she learned from her grandmother, and a skill she is more than happy to share with others. Pictured above with her handmade doll and traditional basket hats.

“I picked it up right away,” she said. “This is my connection back.”

Guided by the seasons

Campagne said the traditional methods for basket weaving still hold true today, from the need to start harvesting materials in the spring to the types of fiber utilized.

She said, given how important and lengthy the process is to cure weaving materials, it is not uncommon for harvesting to begin in April to be ready for weaving by the winter. She said materials like cattails (pópas), willow (yaas), tule (may), cedar (wolwans) and pine (gos) are collected for making baskets and other items. If they do not dry for a long enough time, said Campagne, then the finished product may become warped and full of holes.

“The better you prepare your materials, the better your baskets are going to be,” she said.

Once collected and cured, weavers start to turn their raw materials into threads, twisting them by hand as their ancestors would have done for time immemorial. Once creating a spider-like base of sturdy threads, weavers start shaping baskets for fishing, storing medicine, carrying children, wearing as hats and other uses the weaver sees fit to serve.

And though useful tools, traditional baskets are not without their aesthetic charm. Campagne said patterns can be created using materials with natural variants in shade, while substances like cedar darken the longer they soak in water.

Unique Klamath weave

Campagne said Klamath baskets also have a unique weave because of the way artisans twist the thread. She said she can tell if an ancient basket was made by a Klamath weaver by how the threads interlock, and said she is aware of only one other native American group in Alaska with a similar style.

While oral traditions have kept basket weaving alive for thousands of years, it has found use in less conventional ways as a therapy tool for those who have endured trauma. In her role as a case worker, Campagne said she uses weaving to help assess the mental and spiritual condition of a client and can observe their progress through their craftsmanship.

Campagne said the act of weaving itself can be soothing and empowering, and helped her personally turn away from two decades of substance abuse, from which she has remained sober for 23 years.

“I truly believe if we take us back to our roots it will make our women stronger,” said Campagne.

Finding their talents

And basket weaving is not strictly reserved for women any more than hunting, fishing or dancing belong to specific genders. Taylor Tupper, Public Relations Manager for the tribes, said they encourage tribal members to find what they are good at and what stimulates them without regard for presumed gender roles.

She said young people especially are encouraged to try their hands at traditional arts and the tribes are bolstering their youth initiative program to include skills like weaving.

“The kids always have talents, culture and heritage, it is in their blood,” said Tupper.

Campagne said those interested in learning how to weave only need to ask as community members regularly come to her for help. She said they also host potlucks where weavers get together and gather materials, craft baskets and enjoy each other's fellowship.

For more information you can contact Kelli at the Klamath Tribes Social Services Domestic Violence Program: 541-783-2219 ext.196

Other programs within Social Services include:
TANF - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
GA- General Assistance
Burial Assistance
Children & Family Services (ICWA)
Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program

For more information call: Klamath Tribes Social Services at 541-783-2219
On December 15, over 100 Tribal Elders gathered at the new Tribal Community Center on Hwy 62 in Chiloquin. Thank you to everyone who assisted and the Tribes Community Services Department and Elders program. Beautiful Time!

Congratulations goes to the Education/Employment Department for creating a magical day for the children for the Holiday Event at Hanscam’s Bowling on December 17th. The event was well attended by more than 150 children and families. The raffle of presents and other items was magnificent. The children were so excited to win their prizes and super happy. Merry Christmas everyone.

Klamath Tribes Veterans Day Parade Float in Klamath Falls, Oregon, November 11, 2016. Special "thank you" goes to JB Logging for their continued support to the tribes float projects! Thank you to the Veterans (Pictured right) Zack Ostiguy (lil son, Urtzi), Mike Parazoo, Willa Powless and Leland Parazoo. We was honored by your presence.

Our Tribal Veteran Float was named, "On the Wings of an Eagle." All Branch flags were represented along with the American, and Oregon flag. The back deck represented the Iwo Jima Flag Raisers of World War II.

After years of dedication and planning, by too many people to mention, the Klamath Tribes officially opened their new child development/day care center on November 1, 2016, in Chiloquin, Oregon. People gathered for the ceremony and honor song by the Horse Thieves drum, and enjoyed food, cake, and a full tour of the beautiful facility that provides care and education to children 12 weeks thru 12 years of age. The event was hosted by the Klamath Tribes Education and Employment Department and everyone is encouraged to come see the awesome place that was built for our future leaders, you will be impressed. For more information please contact Dalene McNair at 541-783-0804. The new facility is located at 318 Chiloquin Blvd.
Stay Connected! We Need You!

Did you know in-between the quarterly tribal newsletter you can stay connected by getting electronic tribal updates. With this fast paced world of electronic Email, Facebook, and the World Wide Web, it is easier than ever to know the latest information about the Klamath Tribes:

How do I stay connected?

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