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"Greetings from the Tribal Staff"

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Summit Lake Reservation

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TRIBAL CHAIRWOMAN

Hello Tribal Members: It has been a long time since we've published a newsletter. It seems winter, and spring came and went and summer breezed in. The office has undergone some re-staffing, we are almost fully staffed with the exception of one position and that is the Administrative Coordinator. Within the coming months you will no doubt be hearing from the new staff. All possess a great amount of experience and expertise in various types of resource management, including traditional cultural background.

Our focus the past months has been on economic development, preservation and protection of the reservation, housing and

infrastructure development regarding our water and housing systems.

This year's winter was good and July 1st is green at the lake. We know the hot temperatures will soon change that but it is nice compared to last year.

In July our water project with Bureau of Reclamation and USGS will be under way. USGS will start with drilling two possibly three, monitoring wells on the reservation. One site is adjacent to the Tribal Compound (known as the RV park), the second is South of Camp McGarry, just outside of the fence enclosure and west of the cemetery. The

third site is on the road to the lake, at the junction of an old road that turns toward Snow Creek. After testing these wells we will have met the Indian Health Services (IHS) requirement to prove water, the actual designing and development of the water system will then get under way. IHS will complete a Preliminary Engineers Report that will tell us how large our pump should be installed and how much water can be pumped and stored based upon projected community needs. USGS has expressed concern about the Camp McGarry site. **Council will have to designate a new cemetery site for future burials.**

The Council will next have to choose a funding source, whether a USDA loan/grant package or apply for a Community Development Block Grant application next year. The CDBG is a competitive grant and this year we may have failed to meet the low-moderate income level required for the grant as we did last year. As always because Summit Lake does not have a population, it is very difficult to apply for grants because we lack the population and income requirements to compete for those funds. However, it remains important for housing assessment of tribal members get the **surveys returned to our housing department**, as we need to finish the housing assessment. We received less than 30% by the due date **(70% is required)** other information had to be compiled that may have dropped our CDBG application from review.

The water and housing project has been a slow and tedious process. Council began this project by completing the land use plan. We next reviewed development standards and the land assignment ordinance. We are aware people want to know where they can apply for a land assignment, however, due to the septic and water issues for the housing, it was decided that by establishing a community waste and water system we could service the membership and still preserve the reservation. This has been difficult because we understand that housing in a confined area may not be popular for some Summit Lake members. However, please understand that when IHS drilled, they did not find acceptable water for 150 feet on three separate land assignments. As a result IHS had chosen not to drill because there are no full time members living at Summit Lake. Housing has the same requirements so we seem to be chasing our tail. How do we service the needs of our

members and still stay within the goals of our land use policy? Council was guided by the water project, we are confident we have found the water source, everything else will fall into place **but we cannot plan without the housing assessment.**

There are still things that need to be decided and I would like your comments on some issues surrounding this planned development. Again, we are confident that the water source will be proven and that we can stay within the goals of our land use plan by **designating a track of land for housing development.**

The planned area is a triangle shaped area on the road going to Snow Creek and to the Lake, including an old road traveling south to Snow Creek (See Map). What must be decided is how large individual units are and still be maintained by the Community System.

We are in contact with renewable energy sources so this may be included in the housing development standards such as solar energy. This is still in the beginning stages and information needs to be verified but it may be that we are in line for "green tags" from Harney Electric. If so, by developing with Solar energy we may be able to get a rebate as a means of saving energy or contributing to the electric grid. This could mean no new power lines and no electric bills for our housing and community. This community system may also have a biological water treatment system that would allow us to contribute clean water back into the system. Mother earth would be happy and so would the wildlife and fish.

The architecture would enable to blend houses into the landscape, and develop homes that would be self sufficient energy users in summer and winter. This should appeal to you, your neighbor and Summit Lake.

Sounds like a pie in the sky? I thought so when I first heard this talk but I recently had the opportunity to meet some people who do nothing but this for a career.

Hopi tribe has a program that has been in use for over 15 years, they rely totally on Solar energy for their homes. There are funds available now for tribes in the new energy bill for renewable energy.

The White Mountain Apache Tribe currently has their community water supply on photovoltaics (Solar). There are many other tribes who are operating in this fashion.

Summit Lake has many resources and if we are to maintain them we must respect them and protect them.

Council always wants to do what is right so please write or contact our staff; we want to hear your comments and concerns.

With the new staff in place and this new information you can expect to hear from us often, please let us know your thoughts as we cannot progress without you.

Thank you.

Tribal Chairwoman Robyn Burdette

SECRETARY/TREASURER/ENROLLMENT

We now have new enrollment cards. Once our logo is selected, we will use the logo on our cards, for the time being if you are in need of a card, one will be issued without the logo. We need you to request a tribal member card packet to receive your card. Cards will expire two (2) years of the issue date.

In the packet you will be asked to fill out a form (the formal form is pending council approval); submit a 3 X 5 picture of yourself (upper portion); your signature in dark black ink, your name, address, phone number (will not be published) if you want your social security number on card, verification of your social security number (if not on file).

A reminder: Your picture needs to be large enough to scan on the computer unlike our previous enrollment cards. Your picture can be returned or filed in your enrollment file.

TRIBAL ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE

The Enrollment Committee had their first meeting on Friday, May 10, 2002. We have Four (4) positions filled and one (1) vacancy open for an alternate Enrollment Committee Member. The alternate will sit in when another committee member is not available, or in a conflict of interest with enrollment applications, etc... If you wish to become an alternate Enrollment committee Member, please contact the Enrollment Department.

TRIBAL LOGO CONTEST: We have extended the deadline to August 25, 2002 for the logo contest. Logo's may be done in any Media, Picture, color, etc... We encouraged all tribal members, spouses, and children to submit a drawing. If you may need help with shipping the logo (do to size, etc...) please contact us. Your art will be displayed at the Administration office (we want to show off our artist).

The Tribal Council has been very busy Re-contracting our Tribal Grants and Contracts for CY- 2002.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: All Tribal Council meeting minutes are up to date. If you wish to be included in the list of tribal members who receive copies, please contact Lorraine Watson.

Currently, we receive interest in our tribal sweep account which some of the funds goes into our Tribal General Fund Budget. Interest rates are down and we are looking at fewer dollars earned. At the General Meeting May 18, 2002 at Summit Lake, we will be reviewing our General Fund Budget.

ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURE MANUAL:

The Tribal Council amended the Tribal Administration Procedure Manual of the Summit Lake Paiute Council, effective April 1, 2001 by resolution SL-05-2002, If you would like final amended copy, please contact the office.

Thank you tribal members that check up with the office. We are always pleased to hear your comments, suggestions, and how Uh's! Your wish for more information reported, please contact us. Enjoy your spring time and we look forward to hearing from all tribal members.

**Lorraine Watson
Secretary/Treasurer
Enrollment**

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Welcome to this edition of the Newsletter! I hope peace is your companion and there is joy in your heart.

Educational or training opportunities remain a high priority for the Tribe, especially for the Tribal Council. There

is a great sense of support and urgency regarding their desire to open doors for all Members. Anytime, as long as it is now, is a good time to take advantage of the opportunities available, walk through the open doors.

Member Congratulations!!!

Two Tribal Members have chosen to walk through the open doors and have begun a very successful journey. On behalf of the Council we would like to congratulate them on a great decision and a fine performance regarding the choice to enhance their lives through education/training.

Nola Stearns entered an occupational education program several months ago to train for a position in insurance. She has a grade point average of B+ and has been named to the Honor Roll. Her commitment to self improvement is quite impressive. We all are extremely proud of her - **CONGRATULATIONS NOLA!**



Gary Sam

Tribal Member Completes Training Program. Mr Gary Sam graduates from the BIA Police Academy!

Gary was one of only forty – five students who successfully completed an intense training program; receiving his diploma during graduation ceremonies in early June. Gary entered the BIA Police Academy Program several months ago, he has done quite well, maintained a high B average. He made some personal sacrifices in order to do this but in the end these sacrifices will only be a memory. We are proud of his commitment as well. **On behalf of the Tribe and Tribal Council CONGRATULATIONS GARY on a job well done!!!**

**If you know of a member who is involved in education or training programs that we have failed to congratulate please let me know.

THE COUNCIL CAN HELP – IF YOU HAVE A DESIRE TO ENTER AN EDUCATIONAL/TRAINING PROGRAM PLEASE CONTACT TONY WIGGINS FOR AN APPLICATION.

We would be very interested in hearing any news about our younger members and how they are doing in school. Success is often just a step ahead of all of us. But with the right support and maybe a "little" push in the right direction, any of us are capable of catching up.

If we can be of assistance with your K-12 school issues, or if we can provide that little push please do not hesitate to contact me.

I would appreciate a chance to meet more Tribal Members, even if it is over the telephone. Give me a call, share your ideas and hopes. Together, we can make a positive difference.

**Best of Luck
Education Director, Tony Wiggins**

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

GREETING! From the Social Services Department.

Again its another New Year to look forward to for FY-2002. This year it's going to be a little difficult due to decrease in budgets for the Tribal Social Services Program.

This year 2002 the Tribal Social Services had many plans to upgrade the program's service by creating an educational material for our younger generation to relate too for reference in their native tradition, tribal history, (language, arts, stories, pictures of elderly or families). Please inform the department if you have any ideas to benefit tribal members. Now is the time to protect our future generation through lecture by preserving our culture, which will be history someday for our children whom will be our future leaders. Please provide the department with pictures or your favorite Indian stories to help your Tribe. Tribal Members, and department. Social Services would like to hear good news from you folks out there.

The Social Service Program is really working hard with our Tribal Youth (children) under the Indian Child Welfare Act Program (ICWA). Thanks again for giving me an opportunity to work with Tribal Members and hope to pass your path someday with a smile. Have a Great Day:

Social Services Technician, Delora Snapp

NEW TO SUMMIT LAKE

Introduction are in order for many new staff members here at the summit lake Paiute tribe's office. As you may have noticed many vacant positions have been filled.

Jothan Merz is now our Fisheries Director. Andrew Windy Boy was hired as the Fisheries Biologist and then title to his position has been changed to Resource Technician. Michael Lopushinsky is the new Environmental Director. Karen Crutcher was hired as the Secretary/Receptionist and Julie Crutcher is the Executive Secretary.

ENVIRONMENTAL (Demographic)

On June 4, 2002, Mr. Michael Lopushinsky began employment with the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe in the newly created position of Environmental Director. Mike earned a BS degree in Environmental Science/Biology from Union College and has completed graduate coursework at State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNYESF). Prior to coming to Summit Lake,

Mike was the environmental planner for Delaware County, NY. In addition to this experience, Mike worked for a non-profit river conservation group and an environmental consulting firm.



Andrew Windy Boy and Son at the Summit Lake Reservation.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (Demographic)

On April 15, 2002, Ms. Julie A. Crutcher began employment with the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe as the Executive Secretary. Prior to coming to Summit Lake she was employed with the Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe for a number of years as the Indian Child Welfare Act Advocate. Julie enjoys her work here with the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe.