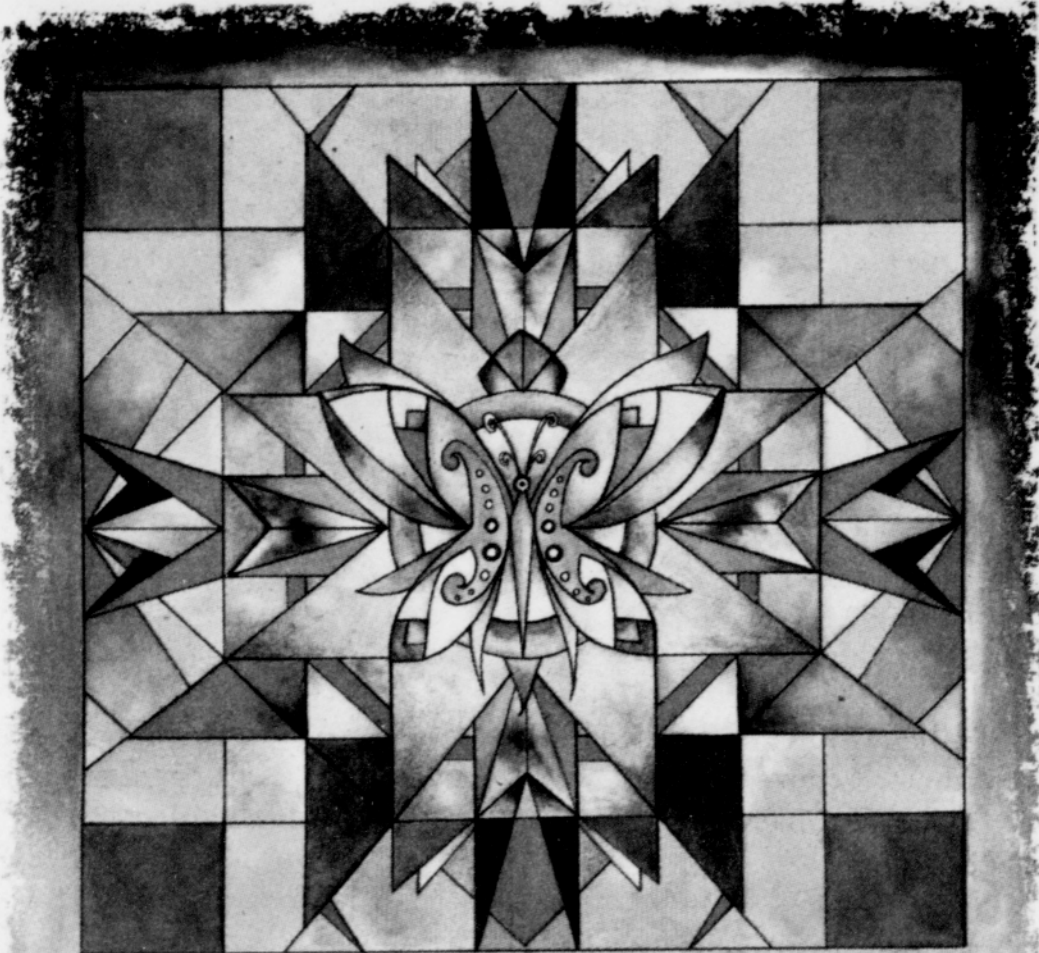


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Living Waters Traditional Powwow

JULY 31, 2010

"A Community Gathering
to Restore Strong Families
in a Broken World"

Aldersgate Conference Center
& Campground
7790 Marion Road, PO Box 16
Turner, OR 97392

Head Man Dancer: Greg LaPointe (Lakota) Head Lady Dancer: Fern Cloud (Dakota) Arena Director: Frank Summers (Klamath/Lakota)
MCs: Bryan Brightcloud (Chiricahua Apache) Vincent Yellow Old Woman (Siksika) Host Drum: Four Directions

Grand Entries: 1:30 pm and 7 pm. All Dancers and Drums Welcome! Dinner is at 5 pm. Specials and entertainment TBA.
For more information contact the Wicowad office at 540-846-1067 or email: office@wicowad.com

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Dear Tribal members:

I just learned of our loss of Tribal Elder and veteran Eddie Collins. His passing is one that saddens my heart as he was an inspiration to me and well-respected by many. He always had kind words for me, even as his health was failing.

His passing also made me think about the age of my own father, as they are both World War Two veterans.

John L. Roe Sr.

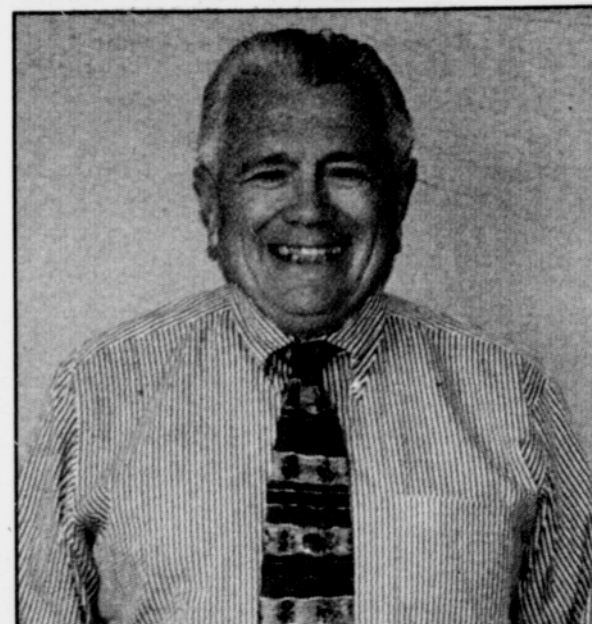
Dear Dad: Your 85th birthday will be here on the 19th of July. I doubt I will be able to see you, but I want you to know I love you with all that I am. I am proud to be your namesake.

I know many Tribal members know and respect you, not only as an Elder, a veteran, but also for your work for the Tribe as our chief Tribal judge before your retirement.

I wish you many more years in as good of health as can be.

I love you, Dad.

John L. Roe Jr.



John L. Roe Sr.

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Klamath Restoration Begins for Tribes, Fish and Farm Communities

Federal agencies initiate environmental review of plan to restore rivers, farms and communities

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Federal and state officials coordinating the environmental review of the pending Klamath Restoration Agreements announced in June the notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Report and notice of public scoping meetings. This signals the beginning of the scientific and legal reviews mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Quality Act.

For the past several decades, a crippling cycle of crisis has gripped the Klamath Basin. A series of fish kills, irrigation shut-offs and bans on commercial salmon has resulted in a rotating crisis for Basin communities that has often led to finger pointing between neighbors.

In recent years, however, a large number of affected parties successfully negotiated a pair of settlement agreements aimed at resolving many Klamath River conflicts. The Klamath Agreements were signed Feb. 18, 2010, by Governors Arnold Schwarzenegger of California and Ted Kulongoski of Oregon; Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar; leaders of the Karuk, Yurok and Klamath Tribes; and a host of local irrigation districts, governments and conservation organizations.

The agreements lay out a process for removing Klamath dams and other restoration measures aimed at recovering the Klamath salmon fishery and they also address the water and power needs of agricultural communities as well. Heralded as the "Fish and Chips Agreement" (potatoes are a popular crop in the Upper Basin), the plan offers tangible benefits for both fish and farm-based communities.

The first step in implementing the agreements is for Salazar to determine if the agreements are in the public interest and will benefit fisheries. This decision constitutes a "federal action" and is therefore subject to the terms of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NEPA requires a thorough review of the economic and environmental impacts of the proposed action as well as public input.

Since California funds also must be applied to dam removal, the process also must meet the requirements of California law. Thus, the environmental review process also must meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Supporters of the settlement agreements are confident that a fair and objective consideration of the issues will lead Salazar to conclude what many other basin

leaders already have – that the Klamath agreements are the best hope for ending the Klamath's rotating crisis.

"We've studied the problem to death," says Leaf Hillman, Natural Resources director for the Karuk Tribe. "We believe that when viewed through the lens of objective science, only one conclusion can be reached and that's to implement these agreements. Otherwise, none of the communities and economies on the Klamath River can survive."

The NEPA process is not the only hurdle to implementing the agreements. Congressional authorizing legislation must be passed and funding from cash-strapped California must be approved. For proponents of the agreements, however, confronting political obstacles is nothing new.

"Getting to this point was a monumental effort," said Hillman. "Now that Tribal, fishing and agricultural communities have formed a partnership with a common purpose, we don't think anything can stop us."

The Department of Interior and California Department of Fish and Game will

hold six public information and scoping meetings according to the dates and locations listed below.

Oral and written comments will be accepted at the public meetings:

- July 7, 2010, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Copco Community Center, 27803 Copco Road, Montague, CA 96064
- July 7, 2010, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Yreka Community Center, 810 N Oregon St., Yreka, CA 96097
- July 8, 2010, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Klamath County Fairgrounds, 3531 S Sixth St., Klamath Falls, OR 97603
- July 9, 2010, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Chiloquin Community Center, 140 First St., Chiloquin, OR 97624
- July 13, 2010, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Chetco Activities Center, 550 Chetco Way, Brookings, OR 97415
- July 14, 2010, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Arcata Community Center, 321 Community Park Way, Arcata, CA 95521
- July 15, 2010, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Karuk Tribe Community Room, 39051 Highway 96, Orleans, CA 95556