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Simnasho Meeting Draws A Crowd

The first in a series of Simnasho Community meetings was held February 7 at the Simnasho Longhouse where over 60 people discussed the development alternatives and goals for the community. The Land Use Planning Committee and Planning Department presented numerous planning ideas and concepts for discussion purposes.

Renewed interest in future Simnasho area development has undoubtedly been sparked by the development of a domestic water system there. Prior to the construction of the rural water system, many felt that talk of Simnasho development was purely rhetoric and wondered if it would really ever happen.

At Tuesday night's meeting, Simnasho residents expressed their appreciation for the plan-

ning committee and staff interest in Simnasho. The consensus of opinion expressed during the nearly five-hour meeting indicated the following:

— The rural character of the community should be maintained. Urban uses and facilities should be restricted.

— Subdivisions for family housing should be developed at low densities. Homes should not be crowded together.

— Employment opportunities may be considered within the community only if the rural character is preserved.

— Services should be restricted to rural community needs including fire and police protection, Post Office, a possible store and gas station, and a well designed school.

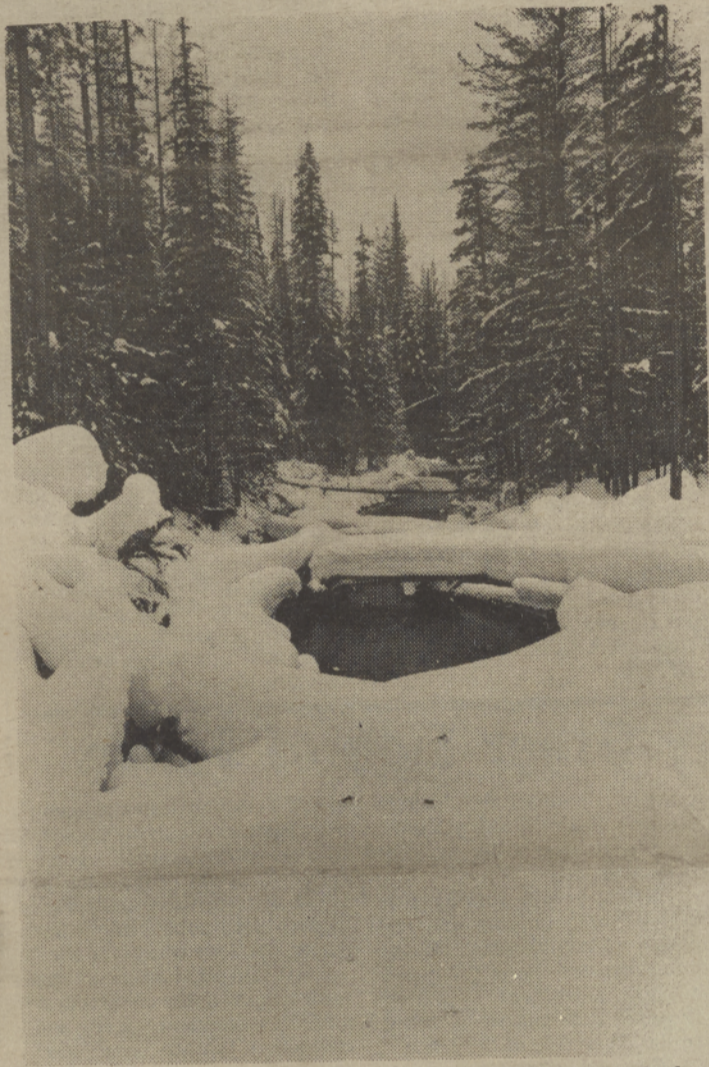
— The cultural activities and facilities should be maintained and improved.

Certain problem areas were also discussed including the housing shortage, overcrowding, Longhouse needs and school facilities.

Considerable discussion centered around the pros and cons of rental housing, as some felt it would be contrary to rural living while others felt rentals might be needed for those who could afford home construction.

In a lighter vein, several people chuckled when noticing a racetrack on one of the concept plans. One lady responded, "We're anxious to ride your race horse!"

Further meetings of this sort will be held in the process of updating the Warm Springs Reservation Comprehensive Plan. There is also the possibility of a Citizens Planning Advisory Committee being formed in the near future.



The serenity of such winter scenes in the woods is often broken by the rumbling of machinery and the voices of men at work. For the story see pages 6 & 7. Sandy Rangila Photo

From Pacific Northwest Bell

It's late at night, you are walking down a dark street and notice that someone is following you. You slip into a coin booth and fumble in your pocket for a dime to call the police — you don't have a dime.

You witness an automobile accident. You race to a coin telephone nearby to call the ambulance. You discover you have a five-dollar bill and no change.

Starting February 22 coin telephone customers in Warm Springs will be able to reach the operator to place emergency calls without depositing a dime. The equipment conversion called Dial Tone First, will enable customers without the proper change to lift the receiver and immediately reach an operator.

According to PNB Manager Glenn Kennedy, the conversion is part of PNB's ongoing pro-

gram to provide service improvements to telephone customers. Fifteen coin phones in Warm Springs will be changed to Dial Tone First, he said.

Kennedy advised coin customers to read the instruction card posted in the booths for a detailed explanation of how to use the converted phones for any type of call.

For more information contact: Glenn Kennedy, 382-5050.

Warm Springs Testimony Heard In Portland

With the entire Tribal Council, Tribal Attorney, and BIA Superintendent there, the Warm Springs Reservation was well represented at the formal hearings conducted by the BIA Reorganization Task Force in Portland February 2.

Tribes from Alaska, Washington, Oregon and Idaho attended as well as representatives from NTCA and NCAI (National Tribal Chairman's Association and National Congress of American Indians).

Most of the Northwest Tribes were pretty well unified in their opposition to the elimination of area offices, a message conveyed in the Warm Springs presentation by Tribal Council

chairman Gene Greene.

Regarding the Portland Area office's ability and willingness to provide technical services and their responsiveness to special needs, Greene said, "We seriously doubt that such services could be supplied as effectively from the central office in Washington, D.C. and strongly favor retaining the area offices as providers of technical assistance to Indian tribes."

Greene said that the major problems of the Bureau lie not in organizational structure but in "...lack of continuity in direction, long-range planning, and (a need for) clearly expressed policies."

In conclusion, Greene said,

"We are more concerned that the functioning of the Bureau be improved rather than (seeing) that the structure of the Bureau be changed. We believe that the function of the central office should be to formulate policies and programs to carry out the purposes of the Bureau. Delivery of services to tribes should be accomplished by the agency and area offices."

In other areas of discussion, there was a pitch from Seattle area Indians for funding urban Indians the way reservation Indians are, and an Alaska group brought up fishery concerns.

But the main topic was Indian education. Questions arose as to how to handle the education of Indian children. Is it a state responsibility or a BIA responsibility?

Portland was one location in a series of five throughout the country in which the eleven-member task force is conducting hearings.

Appointed December 6, they are charged with the responsibility of studying the BIA and recommending ways of making it a more responsive organization through improved management, organization and practices of the Bureau.

The task force will study the suggestions and incorporate input gained from the hearings for their presentation of recommendations to the secretary of the Interior this April.

Among the areas to be studied by the task force regarding

the performance of the BIA are: planning, advocacy, trust protection services, human resource development, natural resource development, social service delivery, personnel and administrative services, and consultation.

New Attendance Policy Written Excuses Needed

To Parents:

In order to improve school attendance and more easily determine excused and unexcused absences, we are beginning the following policy at Warm Springs Elementary:

Written excuses will be required each time your child is absent, tardy or dismissed for funerals, trips or vacations.

In dealing with unexcused absences, ORS 339.065 will be followed. Eight unexcused one-half day absences in any four week period during which school is in session shall be considered irregular attendance and shall be referred to the court.

The first 4 tardies in this time period will result in a conference with the parent. The second 4 tardies will result in referral to the court. (Tardies

will be included in the time period between 8:45 and 10:00 a.m.)

WEATHER

	High	Low	Precip.
January 28	40	32	.06
January 29	46	32	
January 30	34	29	.05
January 31	46	32	
February 1	46	30	.03
February 2	47	33	.10
February 3	59	38	.05
February 4	46	34	
February 5	45	37	
February 6	43	31	.20
February 7	52	34	.22

Powwow Starts Tonight

Barring foul weather, visitors from Canada, Montana and the northwestern states will be gathering in Simnasho this weekend for the third annual Lincoln's Birthday Powwow.

Dance contests for all ages will begin tonight, February 10, and continue through Saturday and Sunday. Special events will be daily auctions and raffle drawings and a Robert Suppah

Memorial Straight Dance and give-away on Sunday.

Raffle tickets for the daily drawings and the big drawing on Sunday can still be purchased from the Powwow Hostesses, who are Carmel Squiemphen, Colleen Seelatsee, Trudee Clements and Lila Telakish.

The annual powwow is sponsored and planned by the Simnasho Longhouse Elders.