

PCIRE to conduct public hearings

... It is the policy of this Administration to encourage private involvement, both Indian and non-Indian, in tribal economic development. The federal government's responsibility should not be used to hinder tribes from taking advantage of economic development opportunities.

Ronald Reagan
January 24, 1983

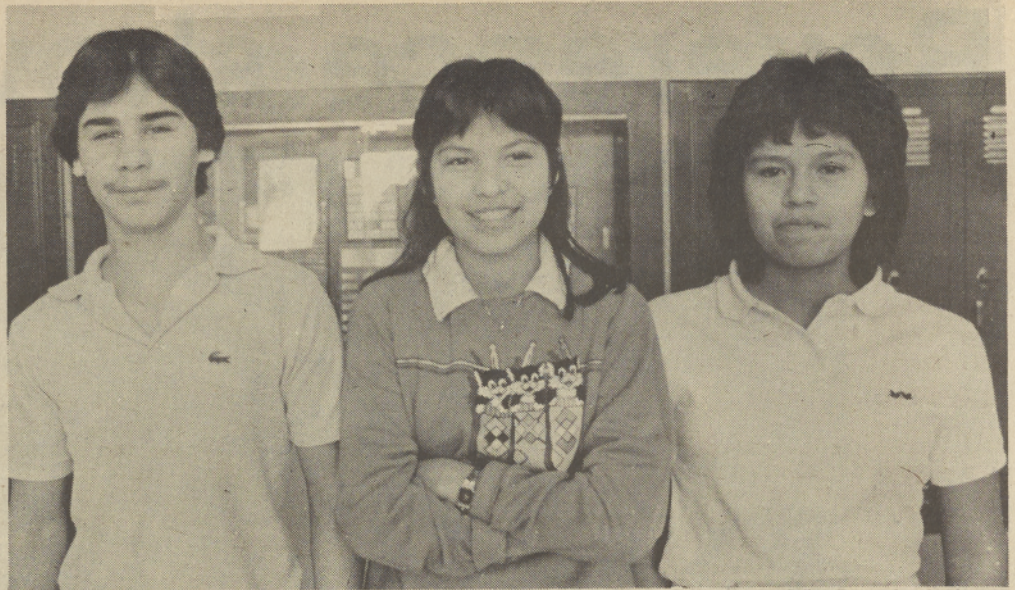
Created by Executive Order 12401, the Presidential Commission on Indian Reservation Economics (PCIRE) is charged with the important responsibility of identifying obstacles to Indian economic development, analyzing their interrelations, evaluating approaches to resolving these obstacles, and making recommendations to the President focused on creating a more positive environment for Indian economic progress.

A Presidential Commission will be in Spokane April 26, 1984 to conduct a public hearing on what financial and technical elements are needed to develop businesses and industries on Indian Reservations.

The Commission has been directed by President Ronald Reagan to advise him of action steps needed to initiate stronger and more viable economies on Indian Reservations. The Commission must also be able to advise the President of what legislative, policy or procedural obstacles currently inhibit the growth of business enterprise on Indian lands. The ultimate goals of the President's Indian policy is to develop a sound private sector on Indian Reservations, lessen tribal dependence on federal funds and programs and to reduce the Federal presence on Reservations in Indian Affairs. The Commission has less than a year to complete its tasks.

A series of public hearings have been scheduled to allow Indian and non-Indian individuals an opportunity to record their suggested solutions to problems facing Indian and Alaska Native economic and business development.

The public hearing scheduled for Spokane is the thirteenth to be conducted by the Commission and will include site visits to the Nez Perce and Coeur D'Alene Reservations.



MJH Athletes of the Month

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk

Chosen as athletes of the month for February and March at Madras Jr. High are: (left to right) Jason Anstett, eighth grade, wrestling; Angie Selam, seventh, intermural basketball; and, Lynn Tanewasha, seventh, basketball.

Cash incentive for energy-wise homes

Salem-Homebuilders and buyers in central Oregon are encouraged to take advantage of cash incentives to build super energy-efficient homes and apartment buildings, according to Lynn Frank, director of the Oregon Department of Energy.

The deadline to apply for incentives to building single-family homes is April 13.

ODOE is also offering incentives to construct 160 multi-family housing units. The application deadline has not been set.

Homes built under ODOE's Oregon Home Demonstration Program are expected to use about 65 percent less electricity for heating than homes built to Oregon's current building code. Some of the demonstration homes will use sunlight to reduce the need for heat. Tight construction will eliminate uncomfortable air drafts.

"Balanced geographical distribution of these homes will give us better information on cost and energy savings in various climates. All 110 slots reserved for the Willamette Valley are filled," said Frank.

"Fifty-one slots are reserved for central and eastern Oregon residents. About half of these slots are still available," Frank said.

"We think the participation rate from central Oregon would be higher if the housing industry were not in a slump. Housing starts will probably increase as the economy improves," said John Perry, coordinator of the program.

"Builders can use ODOE's demonstration program to get experience in building homes that energy cost-conscious buyers will demand in the future. The cost incentives should also help builders gain an immediate marketing edge," said Perry.

Incentives for builders range from \$3,800 to \$6,900, depending on the size and location of the home.

Home buyers will be paid \$100 for taking part in a one-year energy use monitoring program. They will also benefit

from greatly reduced heating bills.

"ODOE can assist home buyers in finding builders who are interested in the program. Builders without specific buyers in mind are also eligible for incentives," said Perry. Information packets and applications can be obtained by calling ODOE's toll-free number, 1-800-221-8035.

"A list of builders certified to participate in ODOE's program is also available from Energy Extension Agent David McCowen in Bend. McCowen's phone number is 388-6436. McCowen can also be reached through any county energy extension office," Perry said.

"A free training workshop will be held in Salem on April 19-20 for building trade professionals who are interested in learning how to build energy efficient homes. No one who attends the workshop is obligated to build a demonstration home. Builders who want to participate in ODOE's incentive program, however, must attend a workshop and be certified," said Perry.

Program homes will be closely monitored to determine construction costs, indoor air quality, and energy consumption. Data will be compared to a control sample of new homes built to Oregon's current building code.

"If all new homes and apartments were built as efficiently as the demonstration homes, Oregon could save about 265 megawatts of electricity by the year 2,000. That is enough electricity to satisfy the energy needs of about 200,000 all-electric homes," said Perry.

Changes in wilderness permit system announced

Visitor permits will no longer be required for most Wilderness areas in Oregon and Washington. The mandatory permit system will be replaced this year with a voluntary self-registration system for 15 of 18 Wilderness in the Pacific Northwest Region of the USDA Forest Service, according to Regional Forester Jeff M. Sirmon.

Permits will still be required for entry to the Pasayten Wilderness in Washington and the Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness in Oregon and Washington. These permits may be obtained in person or

through the mail from offices of Ranger Districts responsible for management of these areas.

The permit system has been eliminated for the Mt. Hood Wilderness.

All other (15) Wildernesses will utilize a voluntary registration card that visitors may complete at entry points into Wilderness.

Users of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail in Oregon and Washington will no longer be required to obtain permits, according to Sirmon. This includes users of the PCNST in the Pasayten Wilderness in Washington.

During the past six years,

information gathered through the mandatory permit system has been useful to Wilderness managers. Patterns and levels of visitor use have been established, trends developed, and other data summarized.

Voluntary registration will continue to provide the Forest Service with Wilderness use information but will give more personal freedom and independence to hikers and equestrians.

"We are still committed to good management," said Regional Forester Jeff Sirmon. "We want to retain only those regulations that are absolutely necessary. We strongly urge Wilderness visitors to register voluntarily. This information will allow us to gather user information that will help in future management decisions."

There will be increased emphasis on personal contacts with Wilderness users to encourage minimum-impact hiking and camping practices, visitor dispersal and compliance with regulations.

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Its terrible to open the newspaper and find that a nation whose name we can't pronounce is mad at us. YIKES

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There's this couple who have been married so long that when she recently said, "Kiss me good night," he answered, "I'll kiss you good night in the morning." She said, "Why don't you kiss me now?" His answer, "I'm not facing that way." YIKES

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At a marble tournament this boy missed an easy shot and in a loud voice yelled a cuss word. A preacher heard the boy and asked him, "What happens to little boys who swear?" His reply was, "They grow up to be golfers." YIKES

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