

Tenth Annual Indian Land Consolidation Symposium set for October 16-19

Rebuilding our Nations

Today there is a growing network of tribal, intertribal, individual landowner, and national efforts working to preserve and restore tribal homelands, and to assure Indian use and control of land resources. The 10th Annual Indian Land Consolidation Conference will provide an overview of the land-related - restoration, regulatory and management - matters being addressed by tribes, individuals and Indian organizations across the country. Conference participants will be provided with comprehensive information on a wide variety of land-related issues, as well as strategies for "REBUILDING OUR NATIONS".

About the Conference Sponsors

The Indian Land Working Group (ILWG) was an outgrowth of the 1st Indian land consolidation conference held 10 years ago in Pendleton, Oregon sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and supported by the Northwest Area Foundation, the Northwest Renewable Resources Center, and the First Nations Development Institute.

The ILWG works to inform Tribes and individual Indian landowners about methods of land recovery and land consolidation - bringing lands within reservation boundaries and allotments into Indian ownership, use, and control. The ILWG is comprised of a 40 person Committee of tribal, individual landowners, and Indian organization representatives working to promote restoration and preservation of tribal homelands, as well as Indian use and control of these lands. Some of the activities of the ILWG are sponsorship of the Indian Land Consolidation Symposiums; the development of educational videos and manuals on the topics of estate planning and probate; land exchange & consolidation; leasing of Indian land; land acquisition & financing; and accessing land data, as well as on-site technical assistance on these matters.

The ILWG has also formulated land reform legislation, H.R. 4325 the "Trust Estate Planning & Land Title Management Improvement Act, over the past several years, based on input from numerous tribes and Indian landowners. Many of the provisions of this Act are contained in S.1586, which is now before Congress.

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation will host the 10th Annual Indian Land Consolidation Symposium. Three Tribes make up the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation: Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla. In 1855, the Tribes and the U.S. Government negotiated a Treaty in which the Tribes "ceded" 6.4 million acres in exchange for a Reservation homeland of 250,000 acres.

As a sovereign government, Tribal affairs are governed by an elected "Board of Trustees". The day-to-day work of the tribal government is carried out by a staff of 509 employees and

includes departments such as administration, health and human services, natural resources, economic and community development, tribal services, education, fire protection, and police. An additional 474 persons are employed by the CTUIR's Wildhorse Casino Resort, making it the 2nd largest employer in Umatilla County. Monday, October 16th - Workshops

Workshops will be conducted at the Red Lion Hotel on Monday, October 16th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and again from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Each of the workshops will be repeated so that participants will be able to attend at least two different sessions. Workshops offered include:

Tribal Land Enterprise Model: Since the 1940's the Rosebud TLE (Tribal Land Enterprise) has been acquiring tribal land and assisting Indian individuals with consolidating fractionated interests. Indian landowners can trace scattered land interests for consolidated tracts for homesites and other uses. This workshop details the TLE structure, activities, and successes.

Fee-To-Trust Regulations: Review of draft rules for 25 CFR Part 151, "Acquisition of Title to Land in Trust"; impact on tribal and individual land purchases; discussion of strategy to impact these rules and facilitate fee to trust conversions.

Forming a Landowners Association: Over the past decade over 15 landowner associations have been formed to educate about, and to make changes to land related violations experienced by Indian landowners. This workshop highlights some of these changes and the benefits of forming an association for land reform.

Developing and Implementing a Tribal Inheritance Code: A step-by-step overview of model codes; how they were developed; how they are impacting land ownership; and how they preserve trust status of land by preventing inheritance of trust land by non-Indians.

Welcoming Reception - 6:30 pm: See SPECIAL EVENTS SECTION

General Sessions will be conducted at the Red Lion Inn on Tuesday through Thursday, October 17 - 19, 2000. The Red Lion is located in Pendleton, Oregon 5 miles from the Umatilla Reservation. Shuttle service will be provided for those conference participants who stay at the CTUIR's Wildhorse Resort and Casino Facilities located on the Umatilla Reservation. Tuesday, October 17th - "Preserving and Restoring Our Homelands"

8:30 am: Flag Procession, Call To Order, Invocation

9:00 - 9:45 am: Welcome by Host Tribe - Antone Minthorn, Chairman, Board of Trustees - Rebuilding Our Tribal Communities - CTUIR New Nation Project: The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation: Historical overview; Changes needed to the Allotment act to prevent

land loss and taxations; highlights of land acquisition efforts; tribal development codes; land use agreements with Umatilla County.

10:00 am - 12:00 noon: Keynote by Chair of the ILWG - Delmar Poncho Bigby - Restoration/Preservation; Tribal Land Consolidation Models: "Land Consolidation" is bringing lands within treaty boundaries and other areas where tribes retain aboriginal interests - under Indian ownership, use, and control. A panel discussion following the keynote address, will highlight acquisition methods and opportunities used by the CTUIR; Tohono O'odham Nation; Couer d'Alene, and Rosebud Tribes; as well as land restoration initiatives by the Trust for Public Land's - Native Lands Initiative.

Luncheon: Sponsored by Fredrick, Pylcygar, Hester & White Guest Speaker: Dan Hester

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm: **Fee-To-Trust Issues:** The Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 (IRA) is the principal instrument by which the U.S. government has taken land into trust for tribes and individuals during the last half Century. Several years ago, beginning with an Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals decision in Oacoma (No.94-2344), the authority for the U.S. government to take lands into trust, has been steadily eroded. The current draft rules for CFR Part 151 continue the erosion. This session examines strategies and action being taken by tribes to preserve the authority by which land is taken into trust for tribes and Indian individuals. Featured: successful efforts by the California Indian Land Office to restore trust status for fee lands held by Tribes in California; update on publishing of final rules for CFR Part 151 (expected date of publication Oct 1st); IBIA (Interior Board of Indian Appeal) decisions impacting fee to trust; re-filing of the Lower Brule Case.

3:15 pm - 4:30 pm: **Public Lands: Exchanges & Transfers:** The BLM (Bureau of Land Management) is considering large-scale transfers of lands to local governments - evidenced by the introduction of H.R. 2032 "A bill to transfer the lands administered by the Bureau of land management to the state in which the land is located". This session will discuss strategies to promote federal land transfers to tribes.

Reception: 6:30 - Wildhorse Resort & Casino Wednesday October 18th - "Regulating Our Lands"

8:30 - 9:00 am: **The Emergence of Tribal Governments - Honorable Ernie Stensgar, Chairman, Couer d'Alene Tribe; President, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI).**

9:00 - 9:30 am: **Highlights of Regulatory efforts by ATNI Tribes: Implementation of the Boldt decision upholding treaty fishing rights; Easements on Non-Indian Fee Lands, Both on and off the reservation; Environmental Assessments for fee to trust;**

10:30 - 11:30 am: **Cobell v. Babbitt Update: Eloise Cobell, Intertribal**

Monitoring Association; Native American Rights Fund; Ft. Hall Landowners Association; Idaho Legal Services: Update on the system reforms which are being made by the Department of the Interior in response to the IIM lawsuit, Cobell v. Babbitt. The panel will examine the impact that centralization of trust records has had on the ability of tribes and landowners to access trust account and land ownership information.

10:15 am - 11:15 am: **Impact of Legal Decisions (Supreme Court and U.S. District Court) on Land Restoration, Taxation, Jurisdiction: Native American Rights Fund.** This session traces court decisions over the past decade and the ir impact on the ability of tribes to exercise sovereign powers within reservation borders.

11:30 - 12:00 Update on S.1586, the "Indian Land Consolidation Act Amendments of 2000": ILWG - Sally Willett and CTUIR Lobbyist - Mark Phillips: overview of the provisions of S. 1586, will be covered during this session. Although this legislation contains certain provisions which remain unacceptable to the ILWG, many favorable provisions are contained in S. 1586 which work towards the goal of retaining trust status of reservation lands and enabling Indian individuals to use and control allotted lands. These provisions will be examined in detail.

12:00 noon: **Luncheon: Speaker Chief William Burke with the Elders "Message to America".**

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm: **Update on S.1586 continued.**

2:00 - 3:30 pm: **Report on BIA Trust Regulations: CFR Sections 162 - Surface Leasing, 166 Grazing Permits, 115 Trust Funds Management; and 15 Probate: Intertribal Monitoring Association; National Congress of American Indians; Intertribal Agriculture Council.**

Land-related organizations will detail the impact that these regulations will have on their respective constituents - both Indian Tribes and Indian individuals; update on strategies being implemented by these organizations to support or change the regulations.

3:30 - 4:30 pm: **Implementation of Tribal Ordinances to Preserve Trust Status.** Discussion of tribal ordinances which slow foreclosure and provide priority right of purchase for tribes on all lands within treaty boundaries.

Thursday, October 19th - "Managing Our Resources"

8:30 - 9:30 am: **Highlights of ATNI Management Initiatives: Fisheries Management; Habitat Conservation; Incorporating Cultural Resource Protections into Land Transactions on and off the Reservation.**

9:30 - 10:15 am: **Presentation by Special Trustee For American Indians - Honorable Tom Slonaker: Management of Indian Trust Resources.**

10:30 - 11:00 am: **resource Management: David Lester, Coalition of Energy Resource Tribes. Discussion of elements of wise resource management; linking development of resources with**

environmental equity, capacity building, and the creation of a strong economic base.

11:00 - 12:00 Noon **Land Data Systems: Update on TAAMS (Trust Asset Accounting And Management System): Use of Tribal Land Data Systems for Land Management - Intertribal GIS**

This panel presentation will cover recent developments in TAAMS (Trust Asset and Accounting Management System); the parallel development of tribal land data systems; and efforts by the Intertribal GIS Council to assist tribes in using the GIS (Geographic Information System) to manage land resources.

Luncheon: 12:00 NOON - Honoring Luncheon for those who are educating our youth and young adults with land-related curriculum in our tribal educational institutions

1:00 - 2:30 pm: **Issues and efforts impacting land management within allotments:** It has been 3 years since the U.S. Supreme Court in the Babbitt v. Youpee, 117 S.Ct. 727 (1997) decision, mandated the return of 2% interests to legal Indian heirs. This panel will discuss: agencies and tribes that are moving ahead in spite of the bureaucratic stall in correcting title documents to reflect this supreme court decision; how the Colville and Rosebud Tribes have assisted 100's of individuals to consolidate their fractionated interests; the impact of uncorrected title records on real estate transactions; an update on the three sites selected for the Department of Interior's "Indian Land Consolidation Pilot Program", i.e., amount of \$'s spent; who decides what interests are purchased; shortcomings; and recommendations for change.

2:45 - 4:30 pm: **Conference Brainstorming session: Presentation/discussion of draft Resource Management policy statement for adoption by tribes; and subsequent presentation to the current and next administrations.** This Policy statement will support and enforce restoration and preservation of the treaty land base, and advocate for use and control of these lands by tribal governments and their members.

Symposium Location: Workshops and General Sessions will take place at the Red Lion Hotel, located in Pendleton, Oregon, 5 miles from the Umatilla Indian reservation.

Hotel Reservations: A block of rooms will be held until October 1 at both the Red Lion Inn (541-276-6111) and the Wildhorse Resort and Casino (541-276-0355) which is owned and operated by the CTUIR. Room rates range from \$50 - \$65 depending on number of persons and bedsize. State that you are with the Indian Land Consolidation Conference to receive conference rates.

Exhibits: A limited number of exhibit spaces will be available for craft and educational vendors. A 4' x 6' space is \$100 for the entire conference, October 16 - 20th. Please contact Buffy

Hines at 541-276-3873 to reserve a space.

Conference Travel Agent: Top Hatt Travel: (800) 654-2816. Call for reasonable rates!!! Flights to Portland, Oregon; Pendleton, Oregon; and Pasco, Washington.

Special Events Monday - October 16th:

Welcome Reception: 6:30 pm; as the CTUIR's Tamastlikt Cultural Center

Tuesday - October 17th: luncheon: 12:00 noon - Red Lion Inn

Reception: 6:30 pm - Wildhorse Casino

Wednesday - October 18th: Luncheon: 12 noon - Red Lion Inn

Auction:

A fundraising auction for the Indian Land Working Group will take place during THE SYMPOSIUM; - time and place to be announced. All items to be auctioned have been donated and will be on display in the exhibit area in the Red Lion Inn. If you would like to donate an item please call Del LeCompte at (701) 854-7448.

Flag Procession: We request that represented Tribes bring their Tribal flags to be utilized during the opening day procession and posted throughout the symposium.

Symposium Registration Information

Early Registration - \$150.00;

Must be postmarked by October 9, 2000.

Late Registration - \$200.00 (after October 9th) Early and late registration fee includes all SPECIAL EVENTS and CONFERENCE RESOURCE PACKET. One (1) day Registration - \$50.00 (does not include special events).

To pre-register use the form (or a copy of the form) on the last page of this brochure.

Make Check Payable to: CTUIR

Land Conference and Send to: Teresa Crane c/o CTUIR P.O. Box 638 Pendleton, OR 97801

Symposium on-site Registration Schedule: Monday, 9/16/00 in the lobby of the Red Lion Inn from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Tuesday, 9/17/00 in the lobby of the Red Lion Inn from 7:00 - 5:00 pm.

For additional registration information contact: Teresa Crane at 541-276-3165 or Ada May Patrick at 541-276-3873.

For agenda content contact: Theresa Carmody, ILWG Sec./Treas. - (505) 668-9013 or Dave Tovey, Exec. Dir. CTUIR at 541-276-3165.

The ILWG is now a link on the following website:

www.nativeamericanonline.com

A list of confirmed speakers and dates of presentation can be faxed upon request on October 1st. Request by calling Teresa Crane, 541-276-3165 or Teresa Carmody, 505-668-9013.

Title IX Indian Education Planning Survey for Jefferson County School District

Each year the ideas of parents, students, and teachers are sought by the Title IX Parent Advisory Committee in planning special services to be offered for meeting the needs of Indian students. This important program currently provides a teacher assistant and a counselor at Warm Springs Elementary, a teacher assistant and a community liaison at the Jefferson County Middle School, and a community liaison at the high school.

Please give a few moments of your time to help the Committee and School District plan a successful program for next year.

1. I am a: PARENT/GUARDIAN STUDENT TEACHER

2. I have _____ students in school in grades _____

3. My opinion of the activities offered by the Title IX Program for the last year are as follows:

1999-00 Program Activities (✓)	VERY HELPFUL	SOMEWHAT HELPFUL	NOT HELPFUL	NO OPINION
A. Warm Springs Elementary Counseling to improve student's attendance and grades.				
B. Cultural Leadership Activities for secondary Indian students.				
C. Jefferson County Middle School Community Liaison and Teacher Assistant team to improve student's attendance and grades.				
D. Madras High School Community Liaison to improve student's attendance.				

4. My top Indian Education priority is: _____

5. Please rate the importance of the special needs of the 1122 Indian students in the School District by checking the columns that best reflect your opinions:

SPECIAL NEEDS OF INDIAN STUDENTS (✓) This need is:	EXTREMELY IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
A. Improve basic skills--reading, writing, and mathematics				
B. Improve grades				
C. Improve attendance--stay in school				
D. Improve self-confidence				
E. Learn more about Tribal government, community, citizenship, jobs and cultural protocol				
F. Learn more about college and careers				
G. Learn Indian language(s)				
H. Improve teacher understanding of Indian students				
I. Learn to become leaders and problem solvers				
J. Participate more in extracurricular activities				
K. Attend and participate in classroom activities				
L. Learn to deal with drug and alcohol problems				
M. Become aware of sexual issues, such as teen pregnancy and sexual abuse				
N. Get along better with others				
O. Involve their parents more in school				
P. Increase Summer School opportunities for:				
	K-4			
	5-8			
	9-12			
Q. Alternative Education				

Title IX meetings are open to all members of the public. The Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Warm Springs Elementary Library. The Parent Advisory Committee thanks you for taking the time to help improve the services Title IX provides to our students. Please return your completed survey to the school or to Georgia Sosa at the District Office by October 27, 2000.