

Siletz tribes support casino plan

In a letter addressed to Stanley Speaks of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians have gone on record supporting the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs' proposed resort and casino at Cascade Locks. Speaks is the Regional Director of the Northwest Regional Office of the BIA.

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, in a letter dated January 4, from Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley, "strongly encouraged" the Secretary of the Interior to approve the Warm Springs Tribes' application to take the Cascade Locks land into trust for a resort and casino.

This show of support is the result of government-to-govern-

ment meetings between the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Tribal Council, and representatives of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. During these meetings, Warm Springs representatives presented plans for the Cascade Locks project, and answered questions from the Siletz Tribal Council.

Citing the project's short- and long-term benefits to Warm Springs tribal members, other Oregon tribal members, the community of Cascade Locks, and to all Oregonians, Chairman Pigsley stated in her letter, "we feel that the Warm Springs Tribe's proposed Cascade Locks casino will be good for the state of Oregon and all its people, as well as a tremendous benefit to

the Warm Springs tribe and its members."

In addition to addressing pressing social and government needs on the Warm Springs Reservation, the creation of job opportunities, and the creation of the Warm Springs Tribes/Oregon Benefit Fund, Chairman Pigsley's letter also addressed the environmental and ancestral benefits of the project.

"Through its perpetual protection of pristine lands in the Gorge Scenic Area, its sustainable design and construction elements and its funds for habitat enhancements in the Gorge Scenic Area, the Warm Springs project will result in enormous environmental benefits to all Oregonians," Pigsley wrote.

Excellence award for finance

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in financial Reporting has been awarded to the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation of Oregon by the government Finance Officer's Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR).

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of government accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment rep-

resents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management, said Ray Potter, the tribes' chief financial officer.

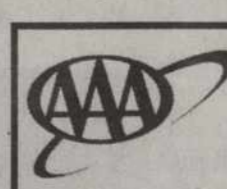
The Award of Financial Reporting was presented to the tribal finance department for its award winning CAFR, said Potter. The CAFR was judged by an independent panel to meet the high standards of the program, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups

to read the CAFR.

"All of the credit belongs to the finance staff," said Potter. "Everyone worked diligently to produce timely, accurate and understandable financial information."

Special recognition should go to Judy Johnson, Mike Collins, Adrian White and Jamie Burleigh who worked many nights and weekends to produce the award winning CAFR. Warm Springs is fortunate to have the most talented finance team in the region, said Potter.

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The Warm Springs reservation has been struck by a contagious disease affecting 20 percent of the equine animals tested so far. The total extent of the disease, known as Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) is not yet known. In other news:
Warm Springs General

Manager Ken Smith is anxiously waiting by the phone for a call from the White House telling him that President Reagan has appointed him Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs. Smith received word from Secretary of the Interior James Watt last week that Watt had chosen him to serve as Assistant Secretary.

McGee & Me Party Feb. 8

There will be a McGee & Me Party at the Community Center on Wednesday, Feb. 8, a no-school day. The activities will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Youth ages 6 and older are welcome.

There will be drawings for prizes, and kids can have fun making their lunches. Call Carol for more information, 553-3243.



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