# Land Buy-Back Program



# Umatilla Land Buy-Back Program Update:

#### **Background:**

Through a cooperative agreement under the Department of Interior Land Buy Back Program (LBBP), The Board of Trustees Resolutions 12-074 and 13-047 provided guidance of the prioritization of acquisition for 400 out of the +1,300 allotments on the Umatilla Reservation. Mineral rights were, at one time, separated from the surface ownership (land).

The Office of Appraisal Services (OAS) receives reports from DOI, Office of Minerals Evaluation (OEM) to determine any potential market value of mineral rights (basalt, sand, or gravel) in order to determine <u>current</u>, fair market value of <u>Mineral Only</u> allotments.

Priorities areas were categorized by:

- Access to CTUIR's fee property
- Culturally sensitive areas and access to cemeteries
- CTUIR's ownership +50%
- Future development, public utilities or public use
- +20 owners defined as "Highly fractionated"
- +20 non-CTUIR owners
- Willing sellers
- 232 Mineral Only allotments (Minerals rights are <u>below</u> the ground)

In May 2014 the Umatilla Tribal Land Buy Back Program started the implementation of scope of work for conducting the following three (3) components:

- Outreach
- Land Characteristics (Mapping)
- Appraisals

The DOI LBBP will be conducting the  $4^{th}$  component managing offer packages/acquisitions

### **Appraisal Process:**

Umatilla Tribal Land Buy Back Program will be completing the appraisals on the **400 allotments** in three (3) waves. The appraisals will be completed and submitted to Office of Special Trustees Office of Appraisal Services (OAS) for review.

	Wave 1:	Wave 2:	Wave 3:	Total:	
# of Allotments:	150 allotments	150 allotments	100 allotments	400 Allotments	
Status of Appraisals:	Offers Mailed out 9/11/14	Appraisals to OAS on 9/15/14 * Offers mailed out approx. Nov. 2014	Appraisals due 12/31/14	* allotments targeted may be subject to change	
Purchase Offers:	Due & Postmarked by 10/31/14	TBA	TBA		

# Important Tips for Completing Purchase Offer Package:

- Check that your legal name is correctly listed for accuracy
- DO NOT SIGN Deed until you are with a Notary Public to witness your signature
- Return Original Deed, Purchasable Interests Inventory Detail AND Purchasable Interests Inventory Summary (keep a copy for your records)

**See Complete Instructions in Offer Package** 

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#### What happens to my land if I choose to sell?

Selling your land on the Umatilla Indian Reservation will assist CTUIR to develop a stronger land base for Tribal use in: farming, expansion of wildlife or riparian areas, Tribal preservation, access to Tribal fee property, food resources, etc. thereby creating opportunities to make CTUIR lands more productive for the Tribe and the community. Any land interest you sell remains in trust with ownership will be transferred to CTUIR to:

- o Reduce highly fractionated ownership on allotments
- o Increase CTUIR land ownership
- Increase CTUIR sovereignty and self-determination

Willing sellers will be compensated with a **Fair Market Value** for their land based upon their ownership interest in the allotment

Reservation you do not need to do anything. You will have <u>45 days to complete and</u> return notarized paperwork contained in the offer to DOI. The lack of response will indicate that you are not interested in selling.

The CTUIR Inheritance Code approved Board of Trustees Pesclutions 08-028 (4/7/08).

IF you do not want sell your fractionated interests of allotment on the Umatilla Indian

The CTUIR Inheritance Code approved Board of Trustees Resolutions 08-028 (4/7/08); Approved by BIA 5/16/08. The CTUIR declares its intend to exercise its rights to prevent the transfer of trust lands within the Umatilla Indian Reservation to a person named in a will who is not an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes. Please reference CTUIR Inheritance Code at: <a href="http://ctuir.org/InheritanceCode.pdf">http://ctuir.org/InheritanceCode.pdf</a>.

# Indian Education Scholarship Fund: → Toll Free 1-(800) 776-3863

 For each land sale, a percentage of the proceeds (up to \$60 Million) to the Indian Education Scholarship Fund for American Indian and Alaska Native students. Funds <u>do</u> <u>not</u> come from your land sale proceeds. American Indian College Funds will administer. Indian Education Scholarship Holding Fund. Please refer to <a href="http://www.collegefund.org">http://www.collegefund.org</a>

## Office of Special Trustee (OST) → Toll Free 1-(888) 678-6836:

- Quarterly Statements of Individual Indian Monies (IIM). The statement will include the
  quarterly income as well as a list of your Real Property Assets, an inventory report of
  your holdings.
- If you need assistance on reading the quarterly statement contact the Umatilla Office Of Special Trustee at the Umatilla Bureau of Indian Affairs Agency 541-278-3786 or TBBC

# Trust Beneficiary Call Center (TBBC) → Toll Free 1-(888) 678-6836:

- If you own property on other reservations, you will need to discuss your options for selling those interests by contacting the Trust Beneficiary Call Center or the Tribal Land Department where the land is located.
- Make sure your contact information is up-to-date by calling the TBBC or your local OST office @ 541|278-3786.

### Umatilla Tribal Land Buy-Back Program → Toll Free 1-(855) 359-7434:

- Contact Center: Mon-Thurs 10:00-6:00pm|Sat 10:00-4:00 (PST) (855) 359-7434
- Andrea Hall, Umatilla Tribal Land Buy Back Program Coordinator: (541) 429-7490
- Leslie LeCornu, Acquisition & Disposal|Conveyance: (541) 276-3792





Wave 1 Offers: Postmarked by October 31, 2014							
537	1121	C69	C230-F	UM115	WW91		
553	1122	C80	C257	UM122	WW92-A		
555	1128	C100	C299	UM124	WW92B		
612	1129	C105	C304	UM126	WW96		
627	1131	C113-A	C307	UM131	WW124		
676	1135	C114-B	C312	UM141	WW128		
677-B	1140	C116	C315	UM143	WW131-A		
678-A	1152	C133	C330	UM156	WW147		
678-B	1264	C134-A	C343	UM161	WW148		
679	1269	C139B	C344	UM172	WW151		
681	1275	C165	C369	UM202	WW162		
730	1287	C166	C371	UM206	WW168		
747	1318	C167	C372	UM207	WW168-A		
825	1339	C168	C373	WW21-B	WW168-B		
866	C3	C169	C396	WW26B	WW173		
867	C15	C177	UM8	WW37	WW178		
894	C25	C178	UM15-A	WW44C	WW455		
984	C41	C179	UM15-C	WW46	WW456		
1015	C42	C184	UM19	WW48	WW457		
1050	C44	C194	UM23	WW52	WW459		
1052	C45	C195	UM29	WW53	WW460-A		
1055	C51	C208	UM43	WW56-D	WW472		
1057-В	C58	C210	UM72	WW85	WW479		
1066	C60	C211	UM81	WW86	WW481		
1070	C68-B	C213	UM98	WW89	WW483		

Note: 9 Allotments denoted above have been removed from consideration. For more information, please contact the Office of Special Trustee at 541|278-3786.

# Important Notice:

The CUJ inadvertently omitted 65 parcels that were listed on Wave 1 totaling 150 allotments. The September edition only listed the first 85. Our apologies for the confusion this may have caused. Thank you for your patience with this matter.



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You are being provided with a replacement Land Buy Back Program Purchase Offer Package **for Wave 1** because your original Package contained incorrect maps. Nothing else has changed in the package and the return date remains the same.

If you have already completed and returned your original documents, <u>you do not need to do anything else. Do not return a second set of documents</u>; your original documents will be processed.

Please call the Trust Beneficiary Call Center at 1-888-678-6836 if you have any questions



