

Dear Tribal Members:

I regret not making it to the July 28th special General Council meeting on the Reservation Plan. I'm glad to hear that the meeting was a success.

Draft of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (CTGR) is in the process of publication. By the end of next week, the Executive Summary will be available at the Tribal office, for tribal members.

We are approaching the realization of a Reservation for the CTGR. Once the task of informing the general public of our Reservation Plan, has been completed, the draft of the Plan will be sent to the affected agencies to review and comments received, from Washington D.C. Then the draft will be submitted to Congress by the Secretary of the Interior.

Kathryn Harrison, our Public Relations Liaison, will be setting up appointments to the immediate affected parties; 3 County Commissioners, local cities, local mills, along with meetings with Congressman AuCoin and Senator Hatfield. As you can see in the next few weeks, the Council will be busy establishing a Reservation for the CTGR.

Submitted by:

H.D. Petite, Council Chairperson

The Tribal Council wants to thank Pow-Wow Chairman Dean Mercier and Committee Members for the effort put in on the 1st Annual Pow-Wow Celebration. We want to give a "special thanks" to Val Grout and the kitchen committee, for the fine food served in the 2 day event. We would also like to thank Mike Larsen and Elton Butler for umpiring the soft ball tournament, held at Willamina.

Considering this was the Tribes 1st Annual Pow-Wow, the number of people turning out was successful. This was a learning experience for the Tribal Council, and with the continued support of our Pow-Wow Committee's, we will have a more successful Pow-Wow next year.

COW CREEK DESCENDANTS ORGANIZATION (CCDO)

On Thursday Aug. 8th, about 40 people from the Grand Ronde Tribe, represented the Cow Creek Descendants Organization at the Eugene Hilton Hotel, for the Public Hearing regarding use of distribution of the Cow Creek Judgement Funds. 15 people gave oral testimony in our group, in favor of the Secretary's Proposal, which is the Proposal that includes all Cow Creek descendants. The overall hearing went very well, and I would like to thank each individual who got up and spoke. It took courage to do so, and I am proud of each and every one of you. I would especially like to thank our Consultant, Dean Richardson, who had unselfishly put in many hours of preparation for the hearing, and gave an excellent testimony on our behalf.

The deadline for written comments was Aug. 14. We had a good representation for this also. All in all I feel that we will have a very strong voice in Washington D.C. when all of the testimony is transcribed and sent before Congress.

We have learned recently, that Congressman Jim Weaver has introduced a new Bill before Congress, that would make the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua, tribal Committee's Plan for the money (which proposes that all of the money will go directly to the Tribe), federal law. We must work to stop this Legislation. So, our next step is to write to our Congressmen and Senators, in opposition of this Bill. I urge everyone who has supported the CCDO, to please continue in doing so, by joining us in a letter writing campaign, for it is the only way our voice can be heard in Washington. For more information and addresses of our Oregon Delegation, call me at 879-5215.

Sincerely,

Carmen Haug, CCDO Coordinator