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Grand Ronde Newsletter

COVER STORY:

Notes from the Chairman

I wish to report to you the Tribal Council's progress on the Reservation Plan so far. Last month, the BIA requested a draft legislation copy for the BIA in the Central Office in Washington D.C., for their review.

Tribal Council:

Mark Mercier, Chair

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Kathryn Harrison, Sec/Treas

Frank Harrison

Russ Leno

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April 3rd Council members Merle Leno, Kathryn Harrison, and I met with John Rodasta, Mel Chase, and Ed Lewis of BLM to see if a copy of the draft legislation language as suitable for them.

April 11th and 16th the Tribal Council met with local timber and lumber companies, to address their concerns about our proposed Reservation Plan. Some of their concerns are the export issue, and management aspects of the Reservation land. At both these meetings were Will Bowker, Ken Lathrop, and Gary Varner of the BIA. Paul Ehinger Jr. of Cooper's Consultants was present also. These people were very helpful in assisting the Tribal Council in answering the Timber Companies questions concerning the proposed Reservation land base.

In the early part of April, Merle Leno, Kathryn Harrison and I met with the Polk and Yamhill County Commissioners to keep them posted on our progress of the Reservation Plan. As our Restoration Act specified, the Tribal Council must consult with at least 3 affected

Umpqua

Kalapuya

Rogue River

Molalla

Chasta

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