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OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY
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NOTES FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Tribal Members:

The Tribal Council wishes all of you a happy New Year. We thank everyone who worked so hard on the annual Christmas party, held on December 20th, 1986. It was a big success.

I am pleased to announce that the Hunting and Fishing agreement between the Tribe and the State of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission is finalized. On January 12, 1987, in the U.S. District Court, the judge formally signed the Decree, making it official. This is a major step in getting the Grand Ronde reservation established.

In regards to the Reservation Plan, the Tribal Council released a draft agreement to the local timber companies. This agreement was drafted to address the concerns of the timber industry, which include export of logs, management of timber lands, and the tribe competing for public timber on nearby lands. The agreement, if signed, would ban the tribe from exporting and competing for public timber for ten years. In the near future, the Tribal Council will meet with the local timber company representatives to discuss the proposal.

Also, in the near future, the Tribal Council hopes to meet with the 1st District Congressman, Les AuCoin, to get a feel for his concerns of the Reservation Plan.

I wish to ask each and every one of you to write letters of support to your congressional delegation. There is still considerable local opposition to the tribe getting a land base established. The Tribal Council is working very hard for you, but your help is needed!

The letters should be addressed to Mark O. Hatfield, Bob Packwood, Denny Smith and/or Les AuCoin. Please send the letters of support to the Tribal Council, P.O. Box 38, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. The Tribal Council needs copies for their records. The Council will forward the letters to the respective congressman.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Tribal members are needed to serve on the Archeology, Education, Health and Hunting and Fishing committees. Each committee is made up of five members each. The committees assist the Tribal Council in creating policy and activities for tribal programs.

Members should be able to travel and attend meetings regularly. If you are interested, submit a short written statement on why you would like to serve on the committee, and on your knowledge and interest in the field. Drop the statement off at the depot tribal office, or mail it c/o Tribal Council, P.O. Box 38, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.