

Tribal population has diverse housing needs (Continued from page 5)

Table S-2 provides a summary of the various financial need indicators described above. No matter what the measure, Tribal households have significant financial needs. For example, over 55 percent of all Tribal households are considered low or very-low income; 33 percent are very low income. Forty-six percent experience cost burden (that is, they pay more than 30 percent of their household income for housing). Nearly 25 percent are considered to be in poverty according to federal standards.

Housing Needs of Tribal Elders

About 30 percent of the respondents indicated that they had at least one individual over age 55 residing in their household. The housing needs of Tribal elders are summarized below.

*Fourteen percent of the households indicated they would not consider retiring in Grand Ronde. Nearly 48 percent (210 house-

Table S-2. Summary of Financial Needs Indicators

Financial Measure	Households	Percent of Households
Total Survey Households	559	100.0%
Household Income		
Low Income Households	294	55.1%
Very Low Income Households	178	33.3%
Cost Burden		
All Households	191	46.0%
Owner-Occupied Households	61	30.3%
Renter-Occupied Households	120	62.2%
Poverty		
All Households	115	24.7%
Families With Children Under 18	55	22.9%
Families With Children Under 7	50	23.0%
Single Parent Households	24	53.3%
With Children Under 18	23	48.9%
With Children Under 7	15	62.5%
Households With Individuals Over 55	34	26.8%

Source: 1994 Tribal Housing Needs Assessment Survey.

holds) indicated they would require financial assistance if they retired in Grand Ronde, while 38 percent would not require financial assistance.

*The needs of households with elders are not substantially different than those of the overall Tribal population; over 78 percent of the respondents indicated they will need a single family detached dwelling in five years (includes manufactured homes). The one exception is that over nine percent of households with elders indicated they would need an elder housing complex in five years.

*A significant percentage of Tribal elders indicated they have some type of physical limitations. Over one-third of the respondents indicated they need assistance with home repairs. Housework and yardwork are also areas that respondents indicated they need assistance with. About 24 percent of the respondents indicated they need help with yard work, while 17 percent need help with housework.

Jobs in the woods and timber workers make a match

(Tillamook)... Twelve local dislocated timber workers will get a chance to update their forestry skills in year-long ecosystem restoration jobs on federal, state and possibly private lands beginning in April, Lou Minisce of the North Coast Ecosystem Work-Force Initiative announced today.

The North Coast Ecosystem Work-Force Initiative is one of seven demonstration projects under development in Oregon for 1995 linking dislocated timber workers with the ecosystem restoration. The projects are part of "Jobs in the Woods" program created by the Clinton Administration as part of the Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative.

Tillamook County, the demonstration project will put 12 people to work for at least one year. The goal of the project is to help forestry workers diversify their skill based through ecosystem restoration work and paid training while earning enough to support a family, including benefits.

A wide variety of partners are helping to piece the 1995 project

together, hoping to restructure relationships to provide long-term income-earning opportunities to increasing numbers of forestry workers. The partnership includes the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, Management and Training Corporation, the Oregon Department of Forestry, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Tillamook Bay Community College, Tillamook County Economic Development, the Governor's Office, Oregon State University Extension Service, the University of Oregon, the International Woodworker Association and the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon.

In Sweet Home in 1994, 10 forest workers worked for five months on U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management ecosystem restoration projects as "Jobs in the Woods" pilot. The workers spent a day in training for every four days on the job. They earned \$10.32 per hour with full benefits. Sweet Home is planning a second

demonstration project for 1995. Other demonstration projects this year will take place in Roseburg, Waldport, the Rogue, Oakridge and the Deschutes.

The Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative is part of President Clinton's Forest Plan to help timber-dependent communities of the Northwest diversify their economies. Jobs in the Woods is one of four areas where the administration has made additional funds available to support diversification efforts. Funds are also available through the Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative for infrastructure, business and worker retraining projects.

Federal fiscal 1995 awards to date to Lincoln County from Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative funds (no awards to Tillamook County to date in FY95):

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BIA grants \$65,000 for work: Agency Creek restoration to start soon

A \$65,000 grant has been awarded to the tribe by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for habitat restoration work on Agency Creek.

Eric Anderson, wildlife biologist with the tribe's Natural Resources Department, said that the stream restoration work will be done on the reaches of the North Fork and West Force of Agency Creek.

"The work will provide better habitat for fish. We will move logs and boulder to provide a good pond to riffle ratio, and stabilize some of the stream banks," he said.

He said that there are three sites where the stream banks need some work.

Some planting on the project should begin within three weeks.

"We will be working on the job throughout the summer. Much of the work will be done in July and August during low flows by the people hired for summer work," he said.

Anderson said he is awaiting word on another grant that will hire unemployed commercial fishermen for habitat restoration work.

"The grant is for \$175,000 through the National Marine Fisheries Service," he said. "We applied for the grant in a joint effort with the Polk County Natural Resources Conservation Service."

Council nominations notice

Nominations for the Tribal Council will be held at the May 1995 General Council meeting.

Any dually enrolled tribal member who will be 18 years of age or older by the date of the election is qualified to be a candidate.

Any eligible voter may nominate from the floor at the May meeting. However, the candidate must be present to accept or decline the nomination. Current Council member up for reelection are: Andrew Jenness, Kathryn Harrison, and Ed Larsen.