

Tribal recycling saves tons of waste

Over the last year and a half, Tribal offices have made great strides in reducing the amount of paper waste thrown away. Employees recycle computer and copy paper, direct mailings, envelopes, and other common office waste. Thanks to the hard work of our Maintenance staff, office paper is currently collected at Public Works and recycled at a rate of 1 cubic yard each month. In addition, cardboard is collected and picked up for recycling at a rate of 2 cubic yards each month.

Employees at Spirit Mountain are also working hard to do their part to reduce the amount of waste leaving the casino. As of August 1996, 33% of the casino's waste is being recycled. Cardboard, office paper, and aluminum cans are just a few of the items collected and recycled through the efforts of casino employees. This practice results in a savings of approximately \$12,130 a year in Tribal disposal costs and helps eliminate approximately 455 tons of garbage per year from local landfills.

These recycling efforts save money and conserve precious landfill and energy resources. Natural Resources' Environmental Protection department and the Tribal Recycling Committee are working to promote and expand these and other recycling programs. Recycling is a vital environmental commitment and can be fun and easy for individuals as well. Here are a few ways that everyone can help cut down on garbage:

Return empty aluminum cans to your local grocery store: Not only is the \$.05 deposit worth the trip, but recycled aluminum cans use only 5% of the energy needed to produce new cans.

Recycle used car oil: Motor oil can contaminate water supplies if it is disposed of improperly. Used oil can be re-filtered and re-used. Just one gallon of used oil can be recycled into the same amount of motor oil that it takes 42 gallons of virgin oil to make.

Create a compost pile: Lawn clippings and some left-over food can be made into compost to help improve garden soils.

Set up recycling at home: Newspapers, tin cans, glass bottles, and plastic milk jugs are easy to recycle at home. Set up separate containers for each type of material. Plastic trash bins, large storage containers, or even brown paper bags will work as recycling containers. Rinse any bottles and remove paper labels from glass or tin cans.

Make two-sided copies whenever possible: This simple practice could cut copier waste in half.

Reuse scrap paper: At home or work, keep a scrap paper box next to your computer printer and use the other side of these for scratch paper or rough drafts.

Call Kathleen Feehan or Katie Higgins-Wheeler at the Natural Resource Division at (503) 879-2395 for further information on the closest recycling drop-off for motor oil and other recyclables. We will also have information on how to get started on that compost pile. **Thanks to everyone who has helped make our Tribal Recycling Program a success!** Your efforts have reduced waste, saved energy, and helped promote responsible use of resources.



Construction is moving so fast on the Health Clinic — here you can really begin to see how the building is going to look when it's done.



Care Closet

Community Clothing Share Center

No cost clothing for men, women, and children.

New location: 352 NE B St. in Willamina

Store hours: Monday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday 1 to 4 p.m.

If you are donating clothing, please drop off during store hours.

Notice of Availability

Environmental Assessment and finding of No Significant Impact for the proposed Spirit Mountain Hotel and Casino Expansion

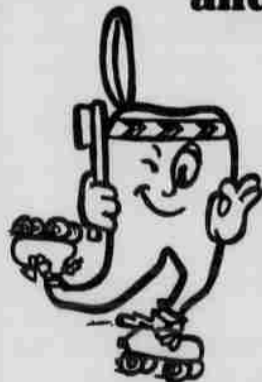
This notice is to advise interested parties that an Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for the proposed Spirit Mountain Hotel and Casino Expansion at Spirit Mountain Casino, 27100 SW Salmon River Highway, Grand Ronde, Oregon. The EA discloses detailed descriptions of the proposed actions, alternatives to the proposed actions and analysis of the likely environmental consequences of the proposed actions and alternatives. This document discusses plans to construct a 100-room Hotel and to expand the existing casino gaming floor to accommodate new types of games.

On February 24, 1997 the EA will be available for public review for 30 days. Requests for copies of the EA and written comments should be addressed to: Kathleen Feehan, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Division of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 70, Willamina, OR 97396 or call (503) 879-2395. **Comments must be received by March 25, 1997** and must include 1) your name address and phone number, 2) title of the EA your comments regard, and 3) specific facts or comments that decision makers should consider.

Tax preparation services

Nathan's Business Service can prepare and file your tax returns electronically. They can help you get the fastest refund possible. Appointments may be made for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Saturday by calling 879-5500 or 879-2476. Their office is located in the Small Business/Education Building at 28840 Salmon River Highway in Grand Ronde. The cost varies for this service and is available to anyone.

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"The Wizard of Ahhs"

Friday, February 21 ~ 1 to 3 p.m.

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For children 6 to 12 years old.

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