

Attention tribal members: Casino revenue is coming

■ There will be a distribution of 25% of the casino revenue in December, 1999!

The Tribe's Revenue Allocation Plan has been approved by the Secretary of the Interior and the Tribal Council has declared that a per capita distribution of casino revenues shall be made this year under the plan. This is the official notice of per capita distribution required under the Revenue Allocation Plan.

In order to receive this year's per capita payment, each tribal member or his or her parent, legal guardian or conservator must provide the Tribe's financial officer with a current address.

Under the plan, tribal members may notify the financial officer to mail their payment or hold the payment at the tribal office for the member to pick-up. If signed and notarized by the member, the instructions may authorize the financial officer to release the check to another person. You may use the payment instructions (at right) to notify the financial officer whether you wish to have your check mailed to you or to have it held for pick-up by you or your authorized recipient. The member or authorized recipient shall provide picture identification when he or she picks up the check. The financial officer shall only release the check upon request upon presentation of adequate identification. Checks will be held by the financial officer for pick up for one year. All checks not picked up within one year of the date of the check will be forfeited by the member and deposited into the Tribe's general fund.

■ If a member's payment instructions are not received by the financial officer by 5:00 p.m. on December 10, 1999, that member's check will be mailed to the address on file with the financial officer.

■ Per capita payments from casino revenues are subject to federal, and where applicable, state income taxes. Each tribal member is responsible for may tax due as a result of this payment. The Tribe is not required to withhold tax from this year's payment, and will not make such a withholding.

This notice is being sent to all members at their address on file with the Enrollment office as of November 23, 1999. If you know of any member who has not received this notice, please inform them to contact the tribal offices as soon as possible at 1-800-422-0232 and ask for Valorie Sheker or Amy Justen.

If you have contacted the tribal offices to provide your current address in response to the first per capita notice, and you wish to have your check mailed to you, then you DO NOT need to complete this form.

PER CAPITA PAYMENT INSTRUCTION FORM

Name: _____
Enrollment #: _____ Social Security #: _____
Address: _____

I instruct the financial officer to do the following with my per capita check:

_____ Mail to me
_____ Hold at the tribal offices for me to pick up
_____ Hold at the tribal offices for _____

to pick up on my behalf (if you choose this method, you must sign this instruction below before a Notary Public).

Signature _____
State of _____)
County of _____) ss.

This instrument was acknowledged before me on _____
by _____.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR _____
My Commission Expires: _____

■ This payment instruction form only provides information and instruction for one tribal member. For example, if there is more than one tribal member in a household, each member must provide the financial officer with a separate form with their correct address and any instructions for payment.

■ This instruction form may be mailed or delivered to: Financial Officer, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

Natural Resources to hold tribal community meetings

The purpose of the meetings is to discuss a 10 year integrated Natural Resources Plan and an Environmental Assessment. Natural Resources will provide information about its current management activities on reservation land and solicit comments to be included or excluded in the next Management Plan. Tribal members are encouraged to provide comments to the Tribe to be incorporated into the scope of the Environmental Assessment.

WED., DEC. 1
TIGARD

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Howard Johnson Express Inn
(Pacific Room) 11460 SW Pacific Hwy.
Take I-5 exit 294 (from either direction);
go west on Hwy 99W

THURS., DEC. 2
SPRINGFIELD

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Comfort Suites, 969 Kruse Way
Take I-5 exit 195A; go east

TUES., DEC. 7
GRAND RONDE

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Spirit Mountain Casino
(Kalapuya Room B)
27100 SW Salmon River Hwy

Tribal members who plan to attend any of these meetings are requested to RSVP to 1-800-422-0232, ext. 5522. Individuals who are not able to attend in person may submit written comments to: The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Natural Resources Department, P.O. Box 10, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

Current Natural Resources management practices

■ **HISTORY:** The Grand Ronde Reservation contains 10,052 acres of contiguous forest land. A small portion of the original reservation, which contained 69,000 acres, was restored to the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon on September 9, 1988 by congressional act.

■ **TIMBER HARVEST:** Annual timber production decreased from 6 MMBF (an estimate from the 1983 BLM plan) to 5.70MMBF. This reduction of 300,000 board feet was necessary to provide better protection and improve habitat for many wildlife species and better protect streams on the Reservation. The harvesting program includes regeneration, salvage and commercial thinning practices. Regeneration harvests are permitted when the average stand age is at least 70 years, except in the special emphasis area where the minimum average stand age is 90 years. The current plan requires at least four green trees and two snags per acre left in regeneration harvest areas. Commercial thinning is implemented in stands between 30 and 60 years of age.

■ **ROADS:** The Reservation contains 74.1 miles of forest roads. Funds for road maintenance comes from the forest management deductions fund and the road maintenance account. The roads are maintained through a service agreement with a local contractor. Permanent roads on the Reservation are carefully designed using forest road engineering standards. Most temporary roads are rehabilitated and replanted.

■ **REFORESTATION: Seed Source.** Presently, 85% of the seedlings are grown from seed gathered from trees on the Reservation that are selected for their superior form and vigor. The remaining seedlings are grown from "superior" tree seed from a Weyerhaeuser seed orchard. The Weyerhaeuser seed has demonstrated above average growth rates, and will broaden the genetic pool on the Reservation.

■ **SITE PREPARATION AND PLANTING.** Most of the regeneration harvests are broadcast burned. However, other techniques such as scarification are used to prepare the ground for planting where appropriate. The units are planted with 1+1 seedlings of Douglas-fir and plug+1 seedlings of Western Hemlock, Sitka Spruce and Western Red Cedar. Planting densities depend on management objectives, but the usual density is 436 trees/acre.

■ **TIMBER STAND IMPROVEMENT:** Overstocked stands of Douglas-fir will be pre-commercially thinned between 12 and 15 years of age, and trees in some of the stands will be pruned to a height of 17 feet between 15 and 30 years of age. Commercially thinned stands may be fertilized. These practices will increase the size and quality of the timber in the future.

■ **RESOURCE PROTECTION:** Fire and wind damage have been a minor concern on the Reservation. These events are rare, but historically they have caused catastrophic dam-

age. Insect and disease damage, primarily from laminated root rot and Douglas-fir bark beetle, occurs in isolated pockets. Swiss Needle Cast is a disease of recent concern that is being studied by Oregon State University.

■ **FISH AND WILDLIFE:** The Fish and Wildlife program works on a wide variety of projects. The department has managed culvert replacement projects that have improved fish access to over 18 miles of stream. Other habitat enhancement projects range from improvements for deer and elk to the Nelson's checker-mallow (a plant). The program also monitors a wide range of habitats and species to assess current conditions and to assist future planning. The breadth of species surveyed includes deer and elk, on down to aquatic insects and threatened and endangered species. The extent of enhancement and monitoring projects undertaken will continue to expand.

■ **RIPARIAN AREAS:** Riparian areas are some of the most heavily used areas for wildlife. Protecting riparian acres with buffered leave zones has been a high priority under the current Management Plan. The width of the buffer depends on the classification of each stream as well as the vegetation and topography. Our buffers range from 50 to 250 feet depending on the classification.

■ **RECREATION:** The Reservation provides a variety of recreational opportunities. Hiking trails have been developed along Yoncalla, Burton, and Coast Creeks. An educational day-use park along Agency Creek continues to evolve since its construction in 1996. The trails and day-use park are open to the public. Fishing is being enhanced by improving the habitat for native trout and steelhead. Big game such as deer and elk may be hunted by the public during the regular hunting season.

■ **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION:** The Environmental Resources program assists tribal programs with environmental compliance. This program identifies existing or potential problems on tribal lands and explores solutions that will enhance and protect tribal natural resources. Environmental Resources often writes environmental assessments (EA's) before major tribal projects are started. These EA's consider the potential effects of an action on the environment. The department is also responsible for the Tribe's water quality, wetlands and recycling programs. Stream surveys accessing water quality are currently being conducted.

■ **CULTURAL:** A preliminary cultural resource review of the Reservation was conducted in 1992. There were some sites and items of interest disclosed by the review. The location of these sites and items will be researched during this planning period. Some of the native plants that are culturally important to the Tribe include willows, rushes, cedar, yew and alder. Culturally important plants will be studied and managed during this planning period.