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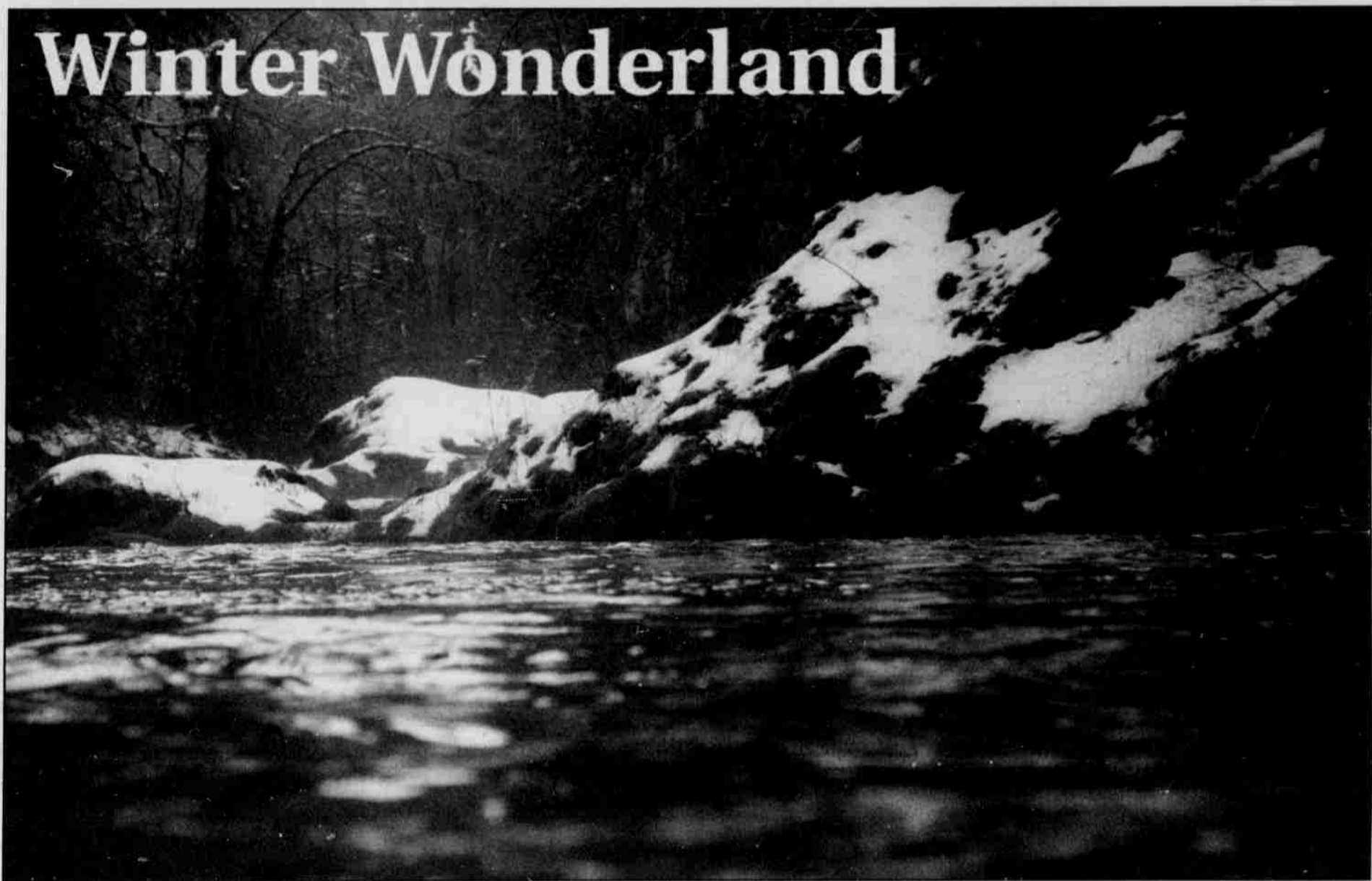


Photo by Toby McClary

First Snow, Then Ice, Then More Snow — The New Year's Day storm gave Tribal employees three-and-a-half days of administrative leave, keeping many homebound for a week or more, but as *Smoke Signal's* photographer Toby McClary discovered in his shot of Agency Creek, it also gave us one more memory of how beautiful nature can be.



Photo by Toby McClary

Sign Of The Times — Snow covers the Tribal Health & Wellness Center following Oregon's worst winter storm in 10 years. A mixture of snow and freezing rain made road conditions dangerous in the Grand Ronde Valley. Experts say the storm cost the state economy over 10 million dollars.

Institute For Tribal Government Serving Across The Country

■ Former Congresswoman Elizabeth Furse extends her record of leadership.

By Ron Karten

One of the great champions of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde also serves Indians across the country with a vital teaching program — the Institute for Tribal Government.

Former Oregon Congresswoman Elizabeth Furse, who

Council Administrative Assistant Lauri Smith, who also attended. "We were very much the first kids on the block," she said.

"It was really informative," said Tribal Council member Jan D. Reibach. "To this day, there are still things that come to mind from those days on legal issues and water is-



"It educated us in many ways. It was very useful."

~Bob Haller, Tribal Council member

was instrumental 20 years ago in the local effort that regained federal recognition for the Tribe, has in recent years devoted her energy to building better Indian governments across the nation.

Nearly a dozen Grand Ronde Tribal leaders attended the pilot session in 2001, according to Tribal

sues." The loose leaf book of information provided for that first outing for the Institute is a library in itself of Tribal treaties, executive orders, U.S. Constitution issues important to Indians, a history of federal Indian policy and that's not even half of it.

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