



# Utah Division of Indian Affairs

## Tribal Leaders Newsletter Report

March 25, 2009



The primary service provided by UDIA is **Information and Referral**.

This includes:

- General information about Utah's American Indians and tribes
- Presentations to various sectors: public, private, schools
- Publication and distribution of information
- Speaker's Bureau
- Web site: [www.indian.utah.gov](http://www.indian.utah.gov)

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Powerpoint

### Comments from the Director, Division of Indian Affairs:

Well, the 2010 General Session of the Utah Legislature has ended. And we are still here. The following are a summation of the bills that were passed:

*HJR032—Joint Resolution Approving the Pelt Case Final Settlement Agreement.*

*SB0096—Uintah Basin Revitalization Fund Amendments*

*SB0196—Navajo Revitalization Fund Amendments*

*SB0207S01—Tax Exemption for Cedar Band of Paiute Tribe*

*SB0237—Transition for Repealed Navajo Trust Fund Act Amendments*

On the national health front, the adoption of the Health Care Reform Act by the U.S. Congress is important to native people: 1) PERMANENT REAUTHORIZATION of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act was included in the bill and passed for the first time since 1992; and 2) American Indians are exempt from the provision requiring people to acquire health insurance.

Indigenous Day was attended by over 150 community members and was a wonderful success. (See photos on page 7).

Sincerely,

*Forest A. Cook*



**Annual Indian Caucus Day:**

This year Indian Caucus Day was held Thursday, January 4. Several important meetings were held, first with Lt. Governor Greg Bell and Attorney General Mark Shurtleff, and later with the Governor Gary Hebert.

Palmer DePaulis and I have been following up on the list of items brought to the attention of the Governor. This is one of the first times that superiors have joined in to follow-up on the lists of issue called to our attention by the tribes.





**Utah American Indian Curriculum Development Project – Final Report:**

Elizabeth Player was hired as curriculum coordinator to accomplish three objectives of this project: 1) a binder of lesson plans and teaching materials to be distributed to all Utah schools, 2) a website through which all these materials as well as additional resources would be available, and 3) a program of teacher workshops to familiarize participants with the materials and the most up to date knowledge of American Indian history and pedagogical practices for working with American Indian students.

**Binder:** The Utah Indian Curriculum Project published a binder of teaching materials called the Utah Indian Curriculum Guide. Twenty-four lesson plans, DVD worksheets, tribal histories, and additional materials made up the master binders. Smaller binders featuring either Elementary, Middle School, or High School specific lessons were printed for use with the teacher workshops. Master binders were sent to every school in Utah, public, charter, private, and parochial. Utah Indian Curriculum Guide binders were distributed to Utah's schools for the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year. Reports from the community have been very positive. See attached summary.

**Web Site:** The UtahIndians.com website, which houses both an enhanced version of the Curriculum materials and the Utah American Indian Digital Archive, a DCC-sponsored project created by the American West Center and Marriott Library, also went live for the 2009-2010 school year. In its first 6 months the website has been visited more than 8,000 times by 6,224 different visitors. A daily average of 50 visits and 748 return visitors reflect the usefulness of the site. It has garnered positive reports from as far away as Germany.

**Workshops:** Teacher workshops began on August 21, 2009 and continued through February 3, 2010. Workshop reactions have shown the experience to be very effective at meeting teacher needs. Providing teachers with instruction in the use of the materials has assisted with their immediate integration into the curriculum. Nearly 700 teachers state-wide attended workshops presented throughout 11 districts in 10 counties. Workshops ranged from one hour to eight hours and from 4 participants to over 40. Much effort went into individualizing each workshop for the needs of the different participants. Ms. Player traveled over 3,000 miles throughout Utah to fulfill nearly 50 outreach commitments. A complete outreach schedule is attached.

The entire report entitled, "Final Assessment of the Utah Indian Curriculum Project" is available upon request through either the American West Center or Division of Indian Affairs. Please assist us in promoting the proper use of the WE SHALL REMAIN DVDs of the histories of the tribes and utilizing the American Indian curriculum. We urge you to view the materials on line: [www.utahindians.org](http://www.utahindians.org)



# Welcome



## UAIDA:

The Utah American Indian Digital Archive (UAIDA) is a gateway to the best resources regarding Utah's Indian tribes. With articles, books, government documents, tribal documents, oral histories, photographs, and maps pertaining to the Northwestern Shoshone, Goshute, Paiute, Utah Navajo, White Mesa Ute, and Northern Ute Indians.

[Click here to enter the Utah American Indian Digital Archive](#)

## UICP:

The Utah Indian Curriculum Project (UICP) offers teaching guides and lesson plans for teaching the history, culture, and current issues of Utah's American Indian tribes in fourth and seventh grade Utah history classes and high school social studies classes. The UICP was designed to pair with *We Shall Remain: A Native History of Utah*, a five-part documentary focusing on the Ute, Paiute, Northwestern Shoshone, Goshute, and Navajo people.

[Click here to enter the Utah Indian Curriculum Project](#)



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**2010 U.S. Census:**

There are two new American Indian people working with the Census Bureau in our area. I am happy to introduce to you Linda McCauley, Tribal Partnership Specialist (Indian Tribes), Denver Regional Census Center, and Karen Wilde, Tribal Partnership Specialist (Urban Indian Centers). Ms. McCauley will be meeting with the tribes while Ms. Wilde will be meeting with personnel of the Indian Walk-In Center, to ensure greater participation in the upcoming 2010 Census.



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IT'S IN OUR HANDS

**Travel Reimbursements From the Division of Indian Affairs**

Please provide the following information via email to Amanda Rock, [amandarock@utah.gov](mailto:amandarock@utah.gov), for reimbursement:

- Name
- Address
- Phone number
- Destination
- Miles Driven
- Receipt for hotel accommodations

*Requests for reimbursement will need to be approved by Forrest S. Cuch before they are submitted to the Finance Department for processing.*

**Utah American Indian Housing Council**

The feasibility study by Oweesta is moving forward on schedule. We look forward to the results of this study. We are still awaiting payment from some tribes for their share of the cost of the study. Your cooperation with this endeavor is appreciated.

Bill Guevera, from Oweesta First Nations Corporation will be visiting each participating tribe to gather information about the financial resources (or lack of resources) each tribe has. He would like to speak to tribal leaders, councils, and boards to gather this information. Once this information is gathered it will be used to help the Utah Housing Council develop a program to supply services for the financial needs of the tribes.



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## Indigenous Day

*Tomorrow's Hope: Native Children of America*

*November 23, 2009*



**Native American Graves Protection:**

We had a Native American Remains Review Committee meeting on January 26th, 2010 where we discussed the current reports, claims processes, and recent repatriations. Our next Native American Remains Review Committee meeting will be April 26th, 2010.

The Jackson Flat Reservoir Project, located near Kanab, Utah, is in the early stages of environmental analysis and Native American Human Remains have been discovered at a number of testing sites. The Kaibab Paiute and Hope tribe are extremely interested in this project and wish to ensure a respectful process for any human remains recovered.

There are many stakeholders in the project, including Public Lands Coordinating Office, SITLA, Army Corps of Engineers, Kane County Water Conservancy District, Kaibab Paiute, Hopi, Division of Indian Affairs, and the Native American Remains Review Committee.

The Division of Indian Affairs would like to host a meeting in Kanab, the week of April 12th, and would like to encourage anyone interested to attend. Once the meeting is scheduled we will send out the information to the tribal leaders and Cultural Preservation Officers.



**Land Conservation and Planning – U.S. Department of Agriculture:**

The Division has been working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Round River Studies to develop a partnership agreement that will enable Round River Studies to assist Utah tribes in the development of maps that designate various lands for conservation, archeological and wildlife preservation, and wilderness areas, etc.

An agreement is nearing completion that will enable this project to be initiated in the very near future.