



Utah Division of Indian Affairs

Tribal Leaders Newsletter Report

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This includes:

- General information about Utah's American Indians and tribes
- Presentations to various sectors: public, private, schools
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- Speaker's Bureau
- Web site:
www.indian.utah.gov

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Comments from the Director, Division of Indian Affairs:

This is a happy time of the year for me. I enjoy visiting southwestern Utah this time of the year, come rain...or snow!

When it comes to the recession and budgets, we are not out of the woods yet. According to revenue reports the state of Utah has a deficit of \$100 million for the coming fiscal year. Hopefully, the Utah Legislature will rely on the Rainy Day fund for all or most of this rather than continue to cut our budgets to shreds.

On a happier note, the Division of Indian Affairs is renewing its web site. We hope this new version will be more informative and interesting. Our staff has been working hard on this project. Thanks to some of you administrators who helped us update various sections of the web site.

This edition of our newsletter is devoted to calling special attention to the native language issue affecting Utah tribes. As most of you know, within the next 5-10 years, most of the Utah tribe's languages will become extinct; unless drastic action is taken to restore native language in our communities. Some of the Utah tribes are down to only 10 fluent speakers. Immediate efforts must be undertaken to counteract this serious dilemma. See important language notices on the next page.

As many of you may know, we are losing Palmer DePaulis who will be taking over the Department of Human Services. We are told the transition will take about one month. Our Office has relished the fine support we have received from Palmer. And although he will be greatly missed, we wish him well in this new capacity. At least we know he will continue to work with and support Indian tribes.

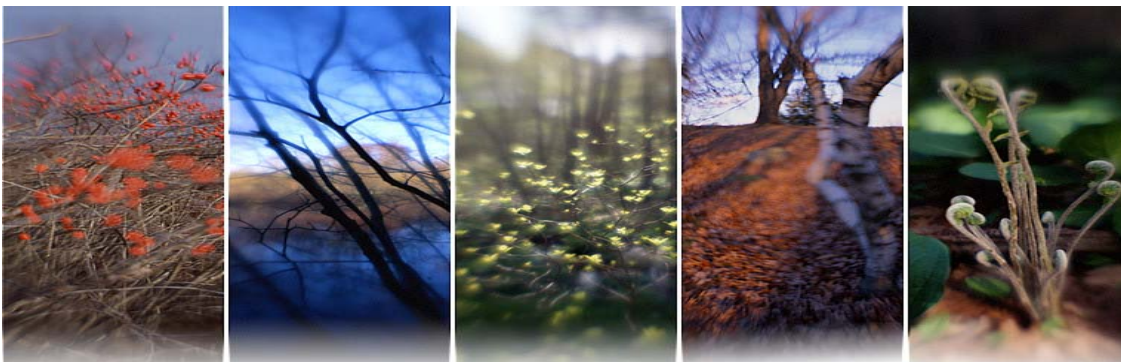
Sincerely,

Dr. Pat Hohepa, Traditional Maori Language Restoration Visitation:

Noted scholar and native language specialist, Pat Hohepa, will be in our area, July 22 to August 5, 2010. His first priority in visiting our area is to meet with Utah's American Indian tribes, especially those committed to native language restoration. He will be meeting with state dignitaries such as the Governor, Lt. Governor, State Superintendent, and other educators.

**Shoshone Language Reunion – June 29 thru July 1, 2010, Fort Duchesne, Utah:**

All Utah tribes are encouraged to attend this year's Shoshone Language Reunion. The Ute Indian Tribe is hosting this year's language reunion. Tribes as far away as the Comanche of Oklahoma will be attending this important event. Ute Language Program personnel have had several planning meetings with Shoshone language representatives from the surrounding states of Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada, and Colorado. The event promises to be filled with many exciting exhibits, demonstrations and cultural events.

**Land Conservation and Planning:**

As some of you may be aware, there are efforts by some Utah counties to not only gain greater access to but to turn over more and more federal lands to private use for development. These efforts are hampered by the loss of Senator Bennett's nomination at the recently held Republican Convention. It appears that this effort will move forward regardless, perhaps faster than expected.

Meanwhile, it is believed that the Obama Administration will propose that the Cedar Mesa area be designated for national park status. Utah tribes are urged to become involved in discussions regarding this designation. It may even be advisable for Utah tribes to take a stand on this issue collectively.

The Division continues to work with Round River Conservation Studies to assist Utah tribes to develop their own plans and maps that designate various lands for conservation, archeological and wildlife preservation, and wilderness areas, etc. This is a critical time for tribes to insure that their interests are protected during this very critical time period.

Native American Remains Review Committee (NARRC):

The Division of Indian Affairs responded to the need to hold an informational and consultation meeting in Kanab, Utah, April 20, 2010. All interested parties were invited to the meeting which focused on the care of human remain discoveries at the Jackson Flat Reservoir project site. To date, there have been over 30 individuals recovered. The remains are being identified at the site and kept in a storage container (see below) set up specifically for this purpose. The testing is scheduled to be completed in the next week and then construction of the dam will

begin. Once the identification process is complete, reports regarding the human remains discoveries will be provided to the Division of Indian Affairs and we will send them out to you to begin the repatriation process.



Horses, Horses, Horses – Used for healing troubled youth:

We have learned of several programs in our area that use horses to heal. We are especially interested in one that focuses on working with troubled youth called Youth Edification Equine/ Human Association and Alliance, Aka “Yeehaaa.” Yeehaaa provides a cutting edge equine/ human sensory learning experience for trainings, retreats, seminars and workshops. They provide courses for both adults and youth. Yeehaaa’s web site is: <http://www.yeehaaa.org>

The Division of Indian Affairs strongly urges your tribal administrators to seek out the organization to assist your youth. To view a video that features their program, go to:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bXA5sz1N1U8>



Utah American Indian Business Alliance Committee:

The Business Alliance Committee, chaired by Jane Shock, American Express, has met two times. The Committee welcomes tribal leaders, economic development directors, planners, and in the case of smaller tribes, tribal administrators to their meetings.

NNI Training

Jane Shock reported that NNI would rather provide intense training for two Utah tribes rather than training for a larger statewide group. NNI wants to train in this manner in order to insure effective implementation of the tools and processes provided by trainers.

National Development Council (NDC) Economic Development Training

The Governor's Office of Economic Development is working with American Express to bring NDC's Economic Development 101 training to Utah sometime this fall. NDC is a top national training organization and through the sponsorships we could offer this three day course free of charge to local EDPs, community leaders, Native American Tribal members and other interested parties. The training site could be in Utah Valley to reduce some travel distances for those in the most remote southern locations. I would like to get a preliminary count of potential attendees, so discuss this with others within your jurisdiction and give me a count by April 26th. If you would like to understand more about the National Development Council please visit their website at <http://nationaldevelopmentcouncil.org/index.php/site/training/category/introduction/>

For more information, contact:

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Native American Summit
September 1 & 2
*Ogden Eccles Conference Center
Ogden, Utah*



2010 U.S. Census: We hope that many of your tribal members were included in the final or household tally. We are saddened to say goodbye to our tribal Census people, Linda McCauley and Karen Wilde. Linda signed off June 6 and Karen before then. Here is the link for data for all grant writers, or for whom ever needs data:

2010 Census Data Products: United States (<http://www.census.gov/population/www/cen2010/glance/index.html>)

For news releases, multimedia gallery, minority links, fact sheets:

Census newsroom (<http://www.census.gov/newsroom/>)



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Utah American Indian Housing Council

The feasibility study by Oweesta is moving forward on schedule. Site visits are planned for the week of **June 21st, 2010**. 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 access to. **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. This might mean the creation of a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) or some other means of supporting and supplying economic development and housing.

