

COW CREEK BAND OF UMPQUA TRIBE OF INDIANS  
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ON DECEMBER 29, 1983, THE COW CREEK BAND OF UMPQUA TRIBE OF INDIANS WAS RECOGNIZED. In the two years since that date, the Tribe has made considerable progress towards its goals. We take this opportunity to summarize some of the events and achievements of the past two years.

The Tribe has now acquired 29 acres of land immediately north of the City of Canyonville. This property is the future site of our planned tribal center.

The Tribe has established a "Wellness" Clinic in Canyonville. We have a Community Health Project with three staff members. The Director of our Community Health Project has a B.A. in Environmental Health and an R.N. degree. He and the nursing assistant visit tribal elders, do routine physical assessments, well-baby checks, newborn assessments, blood pressure checks, and provide assistance to tribal members in Contract Health Care. The clinic also provides blood pressure checks and other tests to both tribal members and their spouses and to members of the general community of Canyonville as well. Educational films are shown at least once a month. The Women's Care Clinic offers services out of the clinic on a regular basis. A drug and alcohol abuse group will soon begin meeting in the clinic on a monthly basis. A weekly exercise and weight maintenance class is now offered by the Tribe.

We have established Native American Artists and Craftsmen in a small space on the main street of Canyonville. Art and crafts from more than a dozen tribal members and spouses of tribal members are displayed in the shop.

We are operating several other businesses, including a firewood sales project which ships firewood to California, and a mobile home park on the property just purchased by the Tribe. We have HUD funding to begin the expansion of the mobile home park and the conversion of seven motel units into small apartments.

We have an active Housing Improvement Program. The homes of seventeen tribal members have either been brought up to standard or will be brought up to standard condition in the coming months. Sixteen tribal members have received approval from Indian Health Service for new wells or septic systems. Four projects have been completed.

We have just received notification of our second successful application to the Administration for Native Americans for 1985. The Tribe was funded last year for the start-up of the firewood project and crafts shop and for a land acquisition-land utilization plan. The Tribe also received a Status Clarification grant prior to recognition.

The Tribe has successfully negotiated a settlement on their Land Claims Case which has been pending since 1980. A settlement was finally reached which included compensation for all of the land taken without adequate compensation within the Tribe's treaty area and for several hundred thousand acres outside the treaty area as well.

The Tribe serves as a member of the Regional Council of Governments and attempts to work with all local and county governments in every way possible. We believe we have established excellent relationships with these governments and seek to share information and concerns with other tribes in the Northwest as well. We believe that only through the sharing of information and working together on issues that affect all tribes can we reach our goals and the goals which unite all Tribes.