

Western Shoshone – January 17, 2013

Western Shoshone Project Office The roll preparation and payout for the Western Shoshone Judgment have been completed for the Western Shoshone Project. We are still receiving calls at (602)-253-0024 regarding the Western Shoshone Project. These calls are being forwarded to Sharlot Johnson, Tribal Operations Officer, Branch of Tribal Operations, Western Region at **(602)-379-6786**. Ms. Johnson will continue to respond to questions regarding Western Shoshone Judgment. If you are calling **for Probate information** please call the Eastern Nevada Probate Office at **(775)-738-0590** and the Western Nevada Probate Office at **(775)-887-3570** for assistance. If you need assistance or information on **Individual Indian Monies Accounts (IIM) or non-receipt of your check** then you need to call the Office of Special Trustee (OST) at Western Nevada Agency at **(775)-887-3525**.

New* Western Shoshone Education Committee – Update The Western Shoshone Educational Trust Fund was created as part of the Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Act to assist the Western Shoshone people with additional educational financial assistance. It is known as the Western Shoshone Educational Trust Fund overseen by the Western Shoshone Education Trust Fund-Administrative Committee with representatives appointed from the four tribes of Western Shoshone, two Western Shoshone Communities and an At Large representative appointed by the Secretary of the Interior.

The combined court dockets of 326-A-1 in 1991 (\$823,752) and 326-A-3 in 1995 (\$29,396) over the years with interest earned resulted in approximately \$1.8 million to form the basic Education Trust. The law dictates that the principle is to be preserved with only the generated interest to be used for education financial assistance. In addition, by law the U. S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs was mandated to create the “Western Shoshone Judgment Roll”. As of 2013, it is the foundational document that identifies the eligible Education Trust Fund participants and consequently, their descendants.

The Western Shoshone Educational Trust Fund-Administrative Committee has started the initial process of establishing the By-laws and will be developing procedures and guidelines for the application process over the next several months. The committee has met with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Indian Education and the Office of the Special Trustee in Carson City, Nevada to review Public Law 108-270 and available funds in the Education Trust Fund. The Committee will be developing an operating and financial assistance budget. Updates will be published on a periodic basis. The procedures and application will eventually be available online, and at tribal offices and the Western and Eastern Nevada-Bureau of Indian Affairs offices.

This is a monumental undertaking that the Western Shoshone Educational Trust Fund Administrative Committee has commenced upon and we look forward to finalizing the administrative procedures so that we can distribute educational financial assistance to our people.

Western Shoshone Education Trust Fund-Administrative Committee:

Ms. Leah Brady, Western Shoshone Te-Moak Tribe	Ms. Virginia Sanchez, Duckwater Shoshone Tribe
Mr. David Smith, Yomba Shoshone Tribe	Ms. Delores Marques, Ely Shoshone Tribe
Ms. Laura Nihoa, Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribes	Ms. Norma Darrough, Representative at Large
Ms. Rozilyn Jones, Western Shoshone Committee Shoshone-Paiute Tribes	

A contact number for the Administrative Committee has not been established at this time, this will be provided at a later date.