

Update
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The Western Regional Office continues to receive returned mail from the U.S. Postal Service due to insufficient address. It is imperative that applicants keep their address current. Address changes need to be in writing, signed, and **mailed to: Western Shoshone Project, Western Region – BIA, Post Office Box 3838, Phoenix, AZ 85030-3838.**

Several applicants have submitted *Last Will and Testaments* to the Western Regional Office. These *Last Will and Testaments* are being returned as this document is not needed to determine eligibility to share in the distribution. In the event of an applicant's death prior to the distribution of funds and if the applicant is found eligible, an Individual Indian Monies (IIM) Estate Account will be established in the applicants name. The Bureau's Probate Office will initiate the probate process and request the required documents at that time. An Administrative Law Judge will determine the rightful heirs and order the distribution of assets from the estate.

If you receive a request for additional documentation from the Western Shoshone Project Office, please provide the requested documentation as soon as possible. This request for documentation means that your application is currently being reviewed and the requested documentation is needed to make a determination on whether you are eligible or ineligible. Your failure to submit the requested documentation may result in your application being denied due to incomplete application. Any delay in the submission of the requested documentation also slows the progress of the project.

PROGRESS REPORT

Activity	Totals 12/2009	01/2010	02/2010	03/2010	04/2010	Cumulative
Number of applications received	8233	62				8295
Number of outgoing correspondence	5649	701				6350
Incomplete applications identified	164	69				233
Number of decisions on applications	828	306				1134
Number determined eligible	268	182				450
Number determined ineligible	560	124				684
Appeals	23	12				35
Decisions on Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	0