

Western Shoshone Project
Update
September 18, 2012

Date: September 30, 2012 is still our target date. Should there be a change in the date it will be immediately placed on this website. At this time we are not expecting any changes. There are 5310 approved applications, 3899 denied applications and 899 appeals that were filed. It is planned that all appeals will have a final decision by September 21, 2012.

Important! We are experiencing a great deal of returned mail and “Non Active” or “Invalid” banking accounts. Due to the impending September 30, 2012 deadline, and if we are unable to contact the applicants for correct information those applicants’ final per capita payment will be placed into an IIM Where-Abouts-Unknown (WAU) account. This means that all designated WAU final payments will be distributed by the Office of the Special Trustee (OST) after the final payment has been made and WAU applicants have been located. Those WAU applicants will have to contact the OST, Western Nevada Agency for instructions on how to obtain their funds.

Remember, if you do not receive your check, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Office of the Special Trustee cannot reissue your check until it is returned to the Department of the Treasury. This may take anywhere from two weeks to a year before a check can be reissued. It is important that you make sure your address/bank information is correct. *It is recommended that you provide the Post Office and/or mail carrier with the list of names of those who receive mail at your address. You should be able to provide a listing to the Post Office and place the names on your home mail box. By doing this you may be able to prevent your family members’ checks from being returned to the Department of Treasury.*

Thanks to those of you who responded to the requested verification of addresses. As of Friday September 14, 2012, the Western Shoshone Project is not accepting any more changes.

The IIM accounts have been established for minors, estates, incarcerated and Where-Abouts-Unknown. Once the payment is made the point of contact for IIM accounts is Raylene Swan, Office of Special Trustee at (775) 887-3525; and the points of contact for Probate are the Western Nevada Agency at (775) 887-3500 or the Eastern Nevada Agency at (775) 738-5165. For all other questions contact the Western Shoshone Project Office at (602) 253-0024.