

Update

August 2, 2010 is the cut-off date for receiving applications to share in the Western Shoshone judgment fund distribution. As agreed in the March 4, 2010 meeting, the Western Shoshone Tribes have submitted resolutions or letters of support to the August 2, 2010 cut-off date for receiving applications to share in the distribution of Western Shoshone judgment funds. The Notice of the cut-off date has been processed and will be published in the Federal Register shortly.

Applicants are once again reminded to keep their addresses 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.**

Burden of Proof - Regulations governing the compilation of rolls of Indians by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to statutory authority set out in 25 CFR 61.9 provide that the burden of proof rests upon the applicant to establish eligibility to share in a per capita payment. Therefore, if you receive a request for additional documentation from the Western Shoshone Project Office, please provide the requested documentation as your failure to submit the requested documentation may result in your application being denied.

Please do not submit *Last Will and Testaments*. As stated in the update for the period ending January 31, 2010, these documents are being returned to the applicants as they are not needed to determine eligibility to share in the distribution. As previously advised, 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. The time it takes to return these documents could be used to review applications.

PROGRESS REPORT
As of March 31, 2010

Activity	Totals 12/2009	01/2010	02/2010	03/2010	04/2010	Cumulative
Number of applications received	8233	62	33	70		8398
Incomplete applications identified	164	69	79	21		333
Number of decisions on applications	828	306	341	616		2091
Number determined eligible	268	182	260	384		1094
Number determined ineligible	560	124	81	232		997
Appeals	23	12	22	14		71
Successful appeals	0	0	0	0		0
Unsuccessful Appeals	0	0	0	0		0
Decisions on Appeals	0	0	0	0		0