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Update

Deadline Date - On May 20, 2010, a Notice was published in the Federal Register establishing the deadline by which applications must be received for participation in the Judgment fund distribution awarded by the Indian Claims Commission to the Western Shoshone Identifiable Group of Indians in Docket No. 326-K. The Notice establishes that "**Applications must be received by close of business (5 p.m. Mountain Time) August 2, 2010."** For your information, enclosed is a copy of the Federal Register publication.

Reminder - 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.

Reminder - 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.

Reminder - 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.

The Bureau has scheduled Public Meetings to update the Western Shoshone Identifiable Group on the status of the judgment fund distribution at the following locations:

When: June 19, 2010

Where: Elko Colony Gymnasium

2250 Indian View Heights Elko, Nevada 89801

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

When: June 20, 2010

Where: Reno-Sparks Indian Community

Recreation Facility 34 Reservation Rd. Reno, Nevada 89502

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

PROGRESS REPORT As of April 30, 2010

Activity	Totals 12/2009	01/2010	02/2010	03/2010	04/2010	Cumulative
Number of applications received	8233	62	33	70	27	8425
Incomplete applications identified	164	69	79	21	6	339
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Number of decisions on applications	828	306	341	616	558	2649
Number determined eligible	268	182	260	384	414	1508
Number determined ineligible	560	124	81	232	144	1141
Appeals	23	12	22	14	9	80
Successful appeals	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsuccessful Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	0
Decisions on Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	0