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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.**”

Reminder - 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 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.

Please do not submit direct deposit information at this time.

The Western Regional Office mailed a Progress Report to all applicants on June 9, 2010. If you did not receive this progress report, please provide to your current address to the Western Shoshone Project, Western Region – BIA, P. O. Box 3838, Phoenix, AZ 85030-3838.

For you information – Western Region Website. You may view the Monthly Update Reports on the Bureau’s website (www.indianaffairs.gov) under the Western Region. These update reports are posted after the 15th of each month.

