

Crooked Creek Activity Report

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General Information:

The Native Village of Crooked Creek has raised the rates for sale of tokens from \$0.50 a token to \$0.75 a token to help offset the cost of operating and maintaining the washeteria. Last year, the tribe was operating the washeteria at a huge loss and even had to close it a couple of times. Kuskokwim Native Association (KNA) now pays the plant operator half of the wages while the tribe pays the rest. The tribal council's biggest concern now is to build a better road to the washeteria. The current road washes out every Spring, causing most of the customers not to use washeteria until after water level goes down. One of the council members has asked Leroy Seppilu, RUBA staff, to seek assistance with this problem.

Observations and Recommendations:

Finances — The tribe is in a slightly better financial position as it has raised the token rates and half of the plant operator's pay is paid by KNA. RUBA staff still feel that this is not a permanent solution and the tribe should seek ways to be more financially independent.

Accounting Systems — Leroy has recommend that the tribe use Quicken as a basic accounting software program. The tribe has fairly new computers and the personnel are fairly competent with using them.

Tax Problems — No tax problems to report this quarter.

Personnel System — No reports to be made this quarter.

Organizational Management — New president, new council, new directions. The council seeks assistance for road improvements to the washeteria so that all community members can use it all the time.

Leadership/Governance — The new president of Native Village of Crooked Creek is Johnny John, Jr. Leroy will stay in contact with him and the council and may make at least one trip to provide assistance.

Operation of Utility — The washeteria is doing a little better with a couple of subsidies to keep it open. The tribal council feels strongly that it should be kept open and would like RUBA to assist them in recommending ways to keep it open. By itself, the washeteria earns at least \$9,000 in revenues. However, operation costs are at least \$22,000 annually.

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Ranking

1 = Inadequate

4 = Adequate to meet minimum requirements

7 = Exceeds requirements

Category	1	4	7
Finances		X	
Accounting Systems		X	
Tax Problems			X
Personnel System		X	
Organizational Management		X	
Leadership/Governance			X
Operation of Utility			X