

Crooked Creek Activity Report

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General Information:

The Tribal Council has listed the washeteria fuel expense in its application for General Assistance funding from federal government. This means the tribe will receive funding to purchase about 3,000 gallons of fuel oil for heating this year. Last year, the tribe had to close the washeteria because it was using up the tribal office's fuel. RUBA staff had estimated the fuel would run out by January 2000. The council president, with the council's consent, decided to close it until further notice. The president informed RUBA staff that fuel has been ordered and, once it is received, the washeteria will reopen.

Observations and Recommendations:

Finances — It's too bad that the tribe has to rely on federal subsidy to keep the washeteria open. This leaves the finances to whims of politics. If a conservative US President is elected, the washeteria will be in big financial trouble.

Accounting Systems — This is a shoe-string operation and is not difficult to keep up.

Tax Problems — The tribe submits its payroll taxes and reports in a timely manner.

Personnel System — The position of the secretary has people coming and going all the time. I don't know what it is that makes people quit from this position. It averages about \$10 per hour. I will have to look into this sometime.

Organizational Management — The council president's position is a 6 hour a day job which is a fairly busy position for a small community.

Leadership/Governance — Madrona Sakar is still the council president and she brings a steady and even leadership to the tribe and community.

Operation of Utility — . For a community with a population of 140, I suppose it is difficult for a washeteria enterprise to break even.

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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	