

Crooked Creek Activity Report

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General Information:

The Tribal Council has reopened the washeteria after it purchased about three thousand gallons of fuel oil to keep it open for the winter. The Tribe used General Assistance funds from the federal government to pay for the fuel. In late September, HDR engineer, under contract with ANTHC, invited RUBA staff to attend a meeting with the Crooked Creek public to discuss a masterplan for the community. The masterplan looks into the feasibility of having a water and sewer utility system in the community.

Observations and Recommendations:

Finances — The use of GA from the federal government, in RUBA staff's opinion, is a short-term solution to keeping the washeteria open. However, this gives the Tribe breathing room to continue to look for other revenue sources to subsidize it. There isn't really any way to have it break even because the population isn't enough to make this enterprise profitable.

Accounting Systems — RUBA staff will recommend to the Tribe to use an accounting software program such as Quicken to keep better track of its finances.

Tax Problems — There are no tax problems to report this quarter.

Personnel System — There are no reports to be made in this area for this quarter.

Organizational Management — The community is very dependent upon one individual to keep things well run. Unfortunately that is often the case with very small communities. Madrona Sakar is that person for Crooked Creek.

Leadership/Governance — President Madrona Sakar of the Crooked Creek Traditional Council has been expressing to the council and others that she is feeling burnt out and may not run for re-election in the fall elections. She has been a stabilizing force for the council for a number of years.

Operation of Utility — If the washeteria operates at a huge loss each year, it may not be financially feasible for the Tribe to operate a water and sewer utility system unless it is heavily subsidized.

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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	