



Natural Resource Department News and Events, Spring 2009

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Greetings Tribal Members,

I am writing to inform you of recent awards in funding, job announcements, and an opportunity to change names of features (mountains, water, lake, meadows, and other important sites) on US Geological Survey (USGS) maps using local Tribal names, Paiute or English words.

FUNDING AWARDS

It is with great pleasure to announce the Tribe received notice that three proposals for nationally competitive sources of funding were accepted, including: a Tribal Wildlife Grant proposal submitted to the US Fish and Wildlife Service in September, 2008 for \$197,860; a Bureau of Indian Affairs Noxious Weed proposal for \$11,800; and a Nonpoint Source Pollution grant for \$150,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Enclosed are two job announcements. One is for Noxious Weed Technician, the other is for Noxious Weed Technician – Crew Leader. Please note there are different qualification requirements for these positions.

The minimum qualifications for the Noxious Weed Technician – Crew Leader requires current certification by the Nevada Department of Agriculture as a Nonprimary Principal Commercial Applicator to apply or supervise the application of restricted use pesticides in the category of right of way pest control, valid drivers license, and be insurable by the Tribe's insurance carrier.

Applicants for Noxious Weed Technicians do not need Nevada Department of Agriculture certification or a drivers license, although having a drivers license is preferred.

These jobs are short-term seasonal work, not to exceed 2 or 3 months. Because there is a limited window of time to effectively treat noxious weeds, typically mid-spring to early-summer, specific dates to fill these positions are unknown at this time. If you wish to be considered for tribal member preference your application must be received by the Tribal office no later than 4:00 pm, May 1, 2009. Additionally, more than one slot may be filled for these positions.

If you have any questions, please contact our tribal office in Sparks or email Ron Johnny (Ron.Johnny@summitlaketribe.org) or myself (William.Cowan@summitlaketribe.org).

TRIBAL NAMES

Recently the USGS, the primary agency responsible for producing topographical maps, contacted the Tribe to inform us of an opportunity to recommend name changes of features surrounding the Summit Lake Reservation or our Tribe's aboriginal territory. This could include Paiute names or words to describe Summit Lake, traditional hunting or gathering grounds, tribal compound, springs, meadows, animal bedding grounds, plateaus, mountains, ravines, etc. If you would like to nominate a name of a new feature of tribal significance, or change the name of an existing feature, please send the Tribal office a letter or email me at the address cited above.

Take care,

William Cowan – Natural Resource Department Director