

Western Shoshone Project
Update
July 13, 2012

We have received several letters from Western Shoshone tribal leaders who on behalf of their membership have requested a second partial payment. Please be advised that we will not be offering a second partial payment due to the short amount of time remaining before the final payment date of September 30, 2012 and the additional processing that would be required before and after a second partial payment. We will instead focus our limited resources on preparing the final judgment roll for the final payment. Preparing a second partial payment would move the final payment back by an estimated two months (November 30, 2012). That estimated date does not include any time delays due to issues that could arise from a second partial payment and could include checks not received due to noncurrent addresses.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who responded to our June 2012 address verification request letter. A number of you have verified or made changes to the type of payment for your final distribution. Due to the delay in mailing out our June 2012 letter, *you may still send in address and payment changes until August 15, 2012*. Those changes have to be in writing, signed and mailed or faxed to:

Western Shoshone Project
Post Office Box 3838
Phoenix, Arizona, 85030

Fax number: (602) 253-4520

Reminder: If a family member has passed away, please be sure to submit the death certificate to this office. Before we can change any information on the applicant we must have the death certificate or the official obituary.

The Western Shoshone Project is currently working on IIM accounts by preparing information to be submitted to the Office of Special Trustee and the Western Regional Probate Office to establish the various IIM accounts for the final payment. The point of contact for IIM accounts is Raylene Swan, Office of Special Trustee at (775) 887-3525; and the points of contact for Probate are the Western Nevada Agency at (775) 887-3500 or the Eastern Nevada Agency at (775) 738-5165. For all other questions contact Sharlot Johnson at (602) 253-0024.

While a great number of appeals have been decided, the Western Shoshone Project (WSP) is working to ensure that all required information is being provided for the appeals to be reviewed by the Assistant Secretary for a final decision. There are three Central Office staff members working on the appeals along with three WSP members in Phoenix dedicated to providing the necessary backup information required for decisions on the appeals.