

\*\*\*Update\*\*\*

March 25, 2010

The Western Regional Office continues to receive returned mail from the U.S. Postal Service due to insufficient address. It is imperative that applicants keep their addresses current. Address changes need to be in writing, signed, and **mailed to: Western Shoshone Project, Western Region – BIA, Post Office Box 3838, Phoenix, AZ 85030-3838.**

**Burden of Proof** - Regulations governing the compilation of rolls of Indians by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to statutory authority set out in 25 CFR 61.9 provide that the burden of proof rests upon the applicant to establish eligibility to share in a per capita payment. Therefore, if you receive a request for additional documentation from the Western Shoshone Project Office, please provide the requested documentation as your failure to submit the requested documentation may result in your application being denied.

On March 4, 2010, the Western Regional Office met with Western Shoshone Tribal Leaders, the Co-Chairs of the Western Shoshone Steering Committee, and Counsel, Senate Indian Affairs representing Senator Harry Reid, to discuss the progress of the Western Shoshone Project. After careful consideration and review of the Act, the implementing regulations and the current status of the project, those in attendance at the meeting agreed to set the cut-off date for receiving applications to share in the distribution of the judgment funds as August 1, 2010. Because August 1, 2010 falls on a Sunday, August 2, 2010, is established as the cut-off date. Notice of the cut-off date will be published in the Federal Register once resolutions or letters of support are received from each of the Tribes. It was further agreed applications received prior to October 5, 2007, and applications submitted by the elderly starting at the age of 100 and working down to 65 will be given priority.

PROGRESS REPORT  
As of February 28, 2010

Activity	Totals 12/2009	01/2010	02/2010	03/2010	04/2010	Cumulative
Number of applications received	8233	62	33			8328
Incomplete applications identified	164	69	79			312
Number of decisions on applications	828	306	341			1475
Number determined eligible	268	182	260			710
Number determined ineligible	560	124	81			765
Appeals	23	12	22			57
Successful appeals	0	0	0			0
Unsuccessful Appeals	0	0	0			0
Decisions on Appeals	0	0	0			0