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# PIT RIVER TRIBE

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## 2025 EVENT UPDATES

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### MEDICINE LAKE GATHERING

On July 18–20, Pit River Tribal members and guests gathered at Medicine Lake, spending time with family, friends, and elders while sharing stories, traditions, and language. This year's gathering held special meaning as the Tribe celebrated the recent designation of Sáttítla as a National Monument, a recognition that honors a 30-year effort to protect its cultural and spiritual importance for our people.

### ANCESTRAL RUN <<<

From July 30–August 3, Tribal members came together for the annual Ancestral Run, continuing a tradition that offers a positive and cultural outlet for young people to connect with our heritage. Along the route, runners ran from mountain to mountain honoring our ancestors and the lands that protect us. A special thank you to the volunteers who organized the event, cooked, drove, and led cultural activities.



# SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING EVENTS

## ➤➤➤ SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 - ANNUAL TRIBAL ELECTIONS

The Pit River Tribe will hold its Annual Tribal Elections on August 16th. Doors open at 8AM outside the Pit River Casino (20265 Tamarack Ave, Burney, CA). Voting begins at 10AM.

Members of each of the 11 Bands will elect their council representatives, alternate representatives, cultural representatives, and alternate cultural representatives. All Tribal members will vote for Tribal Officers including Tribal Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Tribal Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Sergeant at Arms. Voting will also include seats for Pit River Health Service Board and Pit River Housing Board. Sign up sheets will be available for interested Tribal members for the Education Committee, ICWA Committee, Enrollment Committee, Election Committee, Medicine Lake Committee, and Four Corners Committee. Must be present in-person to vote. We encourage all members to participate.



## ➤➤➤ SATURDAY, AUGUST 30 - LANGUAGE CAMP

The Tribe invites you on August 30th, 2025, to join the Yeetíicana O'tiíśí Tíípsááyí Lassen Language Camp at Lassen Park. This enriching program is designed for Pit River Tribal youth ages 5 to 17 to immerse themselves in our cultural and linguistic heritage, fostering a deeper connection to traditional practices.

Registration is open to the first 50 youth who complete their application. Applications and photo release forms are available by contacting 530-335-5421 x2041 or [cio@pitrivertribe.gov](mailto:cio@pitrivertribe.gov). All applications must be submitted by August 15, 2025. A parent or guardian must be present with their children during the camp.

## ➤➤➤ FALL 2025 - FOUR CORNERS OCCUPATION COMMEMORATION

The Pit River Tribe will gather in the Fall of 2025 at the historic Four Corners site, where Highway 299 East meets Highway 89 in Burney, CA, to honor the Four Corners Occupation. This event brings together generations of Pit River Tribal members to remember our ancestors, inspire pride, and exercise tribal sovereignty.

The day will include prayers, song, dancing, and speakers. Attendees will hear the history of the occupation directly from its members, preserving our legacy for generations to come.

## ➤➤➤ DECEMBER - QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Pit River Tribe will hold its quarterly membership meeting in December 2025 at the VFW Hall, located at 37392 CA-299, Burney, CA 96013. Tribal members are invited to join for updates on tribal governance, programs, and community events. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions, share their thoughts, and engage in open discussion. We encourage all Tribal members to participate and make their voices heard. Please note you must be present in person to attend.



# GRANT UPDATES

## ➤➤➤ TRIBE HONORED WITH AWARD FOR LAND USE ASSESSMENT

Governor Newsom and the California Jobs First Council recently announced \$15 million in grants awarded to 14 California Native American Tribes, Tribal coalitions, and Tribally led organizations. We are proud to share that the Pit River Tribe is among these select recipients. The Pit River Tribe was awarded \$954,972.10 to develop a comprehensive Land Use Assessment, which includes traffic and environmental studies to guide future economic development. This plan will explore opportunities in recreation, tourism, agriculture, and more to benefit both the Tribe and the surrounding community.

## ➤➤➤ TRIBE ACCEPTS BID FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

This August, the Pit River Tribe accepted a bid of \$1,434,055 from Allen Gill Construction to design and build a new Emergency Operations Center in Alturas, CA. This project is funded by the California Department of Housing and Community Development through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The project is scheduled to begin in September and is expected to be completed by December 2025. The Emergency Operations Center will enhance the Tribe's capacity to respond to emergencies and support community safety and resilience.

## ➤➤➤ ITBC FUNDS THE TRIBE'S BUFFALO PROGRAM

The Pit River Tribe was awarded two grants from the Intertribal Buffalo Council (ITBC) to support the growth and sustainability of the Tribe's buffalo herd. The Tribe received \$33,711.17 through the Herd Development Grant and an additional \$155,000 through the ITBC Climate Smart Grant. Currently, the Tribe's herd consists of 26 buffalo located in Alturas, California. These grants will help manage the herd and improve land use for sustainable grazing. This effort includes infrastructure development, range management, cultural enrichment activities, and providing a healthy meat product for youth and families, aligning with the Tribe's goals of resilience and self-sufficiency.





# SHARE YOUR VOICE!

## ➤➤➤ 2025 COMMUNITY SURVEY

We are gathering input from Tribal members and their families to better understand the needs of our community. Your responses guide our priorities and ensure programs and services reflect the voices and experiences of our people. All responses are voluntary and confidential.



## ➤➤➤ ENERGY PLAN SURVEY

The Tribe is conducting an Energy Plan to help us build a sustainable future and bring renewable energy to our community. By taking our Energy Survey, you'll be entered for a chance to win a \$50 gift card. Winners can choose from Amazon, Target, or Walmart gift cards.



## ➤➤➤ LAND USE COMMITTEE INTEREST FORM

The Tribe is seeking a 5-member working group for a two-year Land Use Assessment to support economic development. Please fill out the following form if you are interested in being considered for this group!

