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# PIT RIVER TRIBE

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## 2026 UPDATES

### »»» JANUARY 17 - QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Tribe held its first meeting of the year on January 17, 2026, marking an exciting milestone with the launch of a Zoom option for Tribal meetings. This new format expands access and allows more Tribal members to participate in Tribal governance. More than 100 Tribal members attended in person, with an additional 40 participants joining via Zoom to ask questions, share input, and engage in discussion. We are encouraged by the strong participation and look forward to continued growth in self-governance and community involvement. At this time, participation in Tribal meetings is limited to enrolled Tribal members. We invite members to join us at future meetings, either in person or online.

### »»» JANUARY 23 - LAND USE WORKING GROUP APPOINTMENTS

Tribal Council has appointed five Land Use Working Group members to provide their expertise, experience, and guidance throughout the land use planning process. The working group members are Raymond Alvarez, Russell Eleck, Dawn Garcia-Corona, Raymond LeBeau, and Christopher Orozco. These members will meet in a series of 12 meetings to help shape the Land Use Plan. Community input sessions will be scheduled soon, giving all Tribal members the opportunity to share ideas and feedback.



# GRANT UPDATES

## DOJ FUNDS CTAS GRANT FOR TRIBAL JUSTICE SYSTEM PLAN

This January, the Pit River Tribe secured a two-year U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) grant to develop a justice system-wide strategic plan that addresses the unique needs of our community. This plan will focus on creating a victim-centered, strength-based approach to enhance law enforcement, judicial systems, and community safety. After submitting the plan, the Tribe will receive priority consideration for future CTAS funding to implement their strategic plans in whole, or in part, including Public Safety and Community Policing (COPS), Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Program, and more.

## CALRECYCLE GRANT SUPPORTS CLEANUP & RESTORATION EFFORTS

The Tribe was awarded a \$200,000 Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant for 2026 to address the growing volume and variety of solid and hazardous waste illegally dumped on Tribal lands. This funding will support the cleanup and abatement of environmental hazards that have contributed to water pollution, abandoned vehicles, and other public health and safety concerns. Cleanup efforts will focus on impacted areas including Montgomery Creek, Big Bend, 79 Acres, and XL Ranch, helping to restore and protect the integrity of our Tribal lands for current and future generations.

## GRANT FUNDS THPO FOLLOWING DISASTER DECLARATIONS

The Tribe was recently awarded \$822,102 of Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund (ESHPP) - Capacity Grant for a Pit River Emergency Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) Project to support the recovery of major disaster declarations made in Siskiyou, Shasta and Modoc Counties by restoring the Tribe's capacity to protect and monitor cultural resources that have been destabilized or damaged by severe weather. The funding will directly support post-disaster recovery efforts, ensure tribal compliance with preservation laws, and protect sacred places for future generations.



## TRIBE LAUNCHES WOOD FOR LIFE PROGRAM

Nearly 20 Pit River Tribe Roads Department staff completed a Sawmill Training with the Sierra Institute to strengthen workforce skills and expand the Tribe's internal capacity. Through this hands-on training, the department is now able to conduct work experience projects using sawmill operations and responsibly utilize remaining wood materials for community benefit. As part of this effort, the Roads Department is offering free firewood to Tribal Elders and Tribal Members in need. If you or someone you know could benefit, please contact the Roads Department at 530-335-5421 x2302 for more information.



## AJUMAWI BAND CONDUCTS CULTURAL BURN

On January 23-26, the Tribe partnered with Sierra Institute to host a Cultural Burn Work Experience Project, known as the Hawksprey Cultural Burn, located on the Tribe's newly acquired conservation property located in Fall River Mills, California. This project provided opportunities for Pit River personnel who have acquired Basic 40 certifications to hone their skills in fire preparation and burning. It also provided Pit River Tribal members who have acquired Cultural Monitors training a post fire opportunity to survey the land without its invasive cover. The work was carried out primarily by Pit River Tribal Members. We look forward to providing future opportunities for training and observation.

# 2026 SAVE THE DATES!

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING - APRIL 11

The Tribe will hold its 2026 Quarterly Membership Meetings at 10AM at VFW Hall (37392 CA-299, Burney, CA 96013) on Saturday, April 11, 2026\*, Saturday, July 11, 2026 and Saturday, October 17, 2026. \*Our April Membership meeting was changed from April 18<sup>th</sup> to April 11<sup>th</sup>.

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. **These meetings are now offered via Zoom! (Meeting ID: 868 0197 6513 Passcode: 642714)**

## EARTH DAY - APRIL 24

Join us for our Earth Day Celebration on Friday, April 24, a day dedicated to honoring and caring for our land while coming together as a community. The event will feature local vendors, informational booths, and activities for all ages, highlighting sustainability, environmental stewardship, and cultural connections to the land. Vendor applications are now being accepted. Interested vendors are encouraged to reach out to [lands@pitrivertribe.gov](mailto:lands@pitrivertribe.gov) for more information.

## VETERANS EVENT - MAY 20

The Pit River Tribe will host a Veterans Resource & Appreciation Event on May 20 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the VFW Hall in partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and its associated departments. This event is open to all community members who have served in the military and provides an opportunity to connect directly with VA representatives, access available benefits and services, and learn more about all Tribal programs and resources.

## FOUR CORNERS - OCTOBER 10

This year the Four Corners Occupation Event will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2026. The event will place special focus on the 583.79 acres of Four Corners land scheduled to be placed into Trust this year. Plan to join us as we honor this historic milestone, celebrate our land, and come together as a community. Sponsorship opportunities will soon be open to businesses, organizations and community members. Please spread the word or learn more by contacting [lands@pitrivertribe.gov](mailto:lands@pitrivertribe.gov) and [grants@pitrivertribe.gov](mailto:grants@pitrivertribe.gov).

# WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITIES



On February 11, the Pit River Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) hosted a Workforce Development Day in partnership with the SMART Workforce Center and the Shasta College Community Learning Center. The event brought together numerous Tribal program booths along with local and regional employers, creating a strong space for connection, opportunity, and career exploration. Community members attended to learn about available positions, training pathways, and supportive services, alongside multiple workforce and agency partners committed to expanding employment opportunities in our region.

TERO ensures employers engaged in business on reservation lands give preference to qualified Native Americans and Alaska Natives in all aspects of employment, contracting, and other business or economic development activities. In addition to employment rights advocacy, TERO supports professional development, advanced training opportunities, and certification to help build long-term career pathways for Tribal members.

TERO is currently accepting Skills Bank applications at [pitrivertribe.gov/TERO](http://pitrivertribe.gov/TERO), and the Tribe is actively hiring for multiple positions. Current openings can be found at [pitrivertribe.gov/tribal-employment](http://pitrivertribe.gov/tribal-employment):

- Chief Financial Officer
- Daycare Aide
- HR Director
- ICWA Coordinator
- Social Services Benefits Advocate
- Social Services Caseworker

Please help spread the word and encourage qualified applicants to apply at [HR@pitrivertribe.gov](mailto:HR@pitrivertribe.gov).

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# PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (MMIP)

In 2025, the Pit River Tribe launched its first Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Department in response to the alarming rates of MMIP cases impacting Pit River Tribal members and Native communities across our region. The MMIP Department serves Pit River families across our ancestral lands spanning Shasta, Modoc, Siskiyou, and Lassen Counties. This program provides training for search and rescue teams, supports Feather Alert activation, and coordinates closely with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. The MMIP Department also works to raise awareness, strengthen Tribal and community engagement, and implement proactive prevention efforts—while continuing to advocate for justice, healing, and long-term support for affected families.

The MMIP Department is family-centered and works to ensure families are supported, informed, and never left to navigate complex systems alone. Through this program, the Tribe provides direct assistance to Tribal members impacted by missing and murdered loved ones, including travel assistance for legal services and court appearances, support for organizing and conducting search efforts, access to legal services, coverage of substance use disorder treatment costs, and funding for second autopsies when needed. The Tribe also operates an MMIP Tip Line and encourages community members to report any information related to missing persons cases. Tips can be shared confidentially, and community members are encouraged to report even small details. **If you see something or hear something, please report it.**

## INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT (ICWA)

The Pit River Tribe's ICWA Department works to ensure the rights and welfare of Native children are protected in family law matters, including foster care, adoption, and guardianship proceedings. Through ICWA, the Tribe advocates for Native children to remain connected to their culture by prioritizing placement with extended family members or within Tribal communities whenever possible. The Tribe offers a range of supportive services for ICWA-involved families, including assistance with extracurricular activities, family travel to participate in cultural events and strengthen family connections, and support to help stabilize and maintain placements, among other services. The Tribe is currently seeking Tribal Placement Homes. For those interested, please call ICWA at 530-335-5421 x2051. The Tribe is also hiring an ICWA Coordinator to support this critical work and strengthen advocacy for Tribal families. Please apply at [pitrivertribe.gov/tribal-employment](http://pitrivertribe.gov/tribal-employment) if interested.



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