

>>> NEWSLETTER <<<

PIT RIVER TRIBE

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2026 UPDATES

>>> **MAY 20 - VETERANS RESOURCE & APPRECIATION EVENT**

On May 20, 2026, the Tribe hosted its first Veterans Resource & Appreciation Event at VFW Hall in Burney where veterans and their families were able to access services with Veterans Affairs Office of Tribal Government Relations, Veterans Benefits Administration, Veterans Health Administration, Chico Vet Center, CalVet, Shasta County Veterans Services Office, National Holistic Institute, Pit River Health Services, and many more!

>>> **JULY 16 - MEDICINE LAKE GATHERING**

On July 16-19, Pit River Tribal members and guests gathered at Medicine Lake, spending time with family, friends and elders while sharing stories, traditions and language.

>>> **AUGUST 1 - UPRIVER & ANCESTRAL RUN**

On July 29-August 1, Tribal members came together for the annual Upriver Run and Ancestral Run, continuing a tradition that offers a positive and cultural outlet for young people to connect with our heritage. Runners ran our ancestral lands, honoring our ancestors and lands. Thank you to all who volunteered in organizing the events.



UPDATES CONTINUED



HUMISOIL PRODUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

The Tribe's Humisoil Production Project is nearing completion after being selected as one of 23 projects awarded Catalyst funding through the Governor's California Jobs First initiative. The Tribe has officially produced its first batch of Humisoil using invasive juniper and other organic materials. After a six-month curing process, this Humisoil will support the growth of more than 100,000 native plants for our greenhouse and food sovereignty projects. By transforming invasive juniper into a valuable resource, the Tribe is restoring our lands while creating long-term environmental and economic benefits for our community. The North State Planning and Development Collective (Chico State Enterprises), along with the Sierra Institute for Community and Environment, serve as co-conveners for the California Jobs First North State Region.

PIT RIVER TRIBAL JUSTICE PLANNING UPDATE

Several important planning efforts are underway to strengthen the Tribe's government systems, justice system and community safety. The Tribe has begun technical assistance meetings with the U.S. Department of Justice to develop a Comprehensive Tribal Justice Systems Strategic Plan and Tribal Action Plan. This planning process will focus on creating a victim-centered, strength-based approach to enhance law enforcement, judicial systems, victim services, and overall community safety. We are seeking all interested individuals in participating in this planning process. Please complete the interest form [here](#) by August 31, 2026.



GRANT UPDATES

INTERTRIBAL BUFFALO COUNCIL FUNDS BUFFALO PROGRAM

The Pit River Tribe received \$55,032.32 to support its ongoing Buffalo Program. This funding will help care for the Tribe's 29 buffalo while supporting ongoing herd management and program operations. The Tribe continues to pursue additional funding to expand the herd, improve infrastructure, and advance tourism opportunities that celebrate and share the cultural significance of the buffalo with the community and visitors alike.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDS ICWA

The Pit River Tribe received funding through the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to support the Tribe's Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Program. The Tribe was awarded \$91,800 for Tribal Dependency Representation legal services and \$77,048 to support Tribal-approved homes. This funding strengthens the Tribe's ability to protect the rights of Native children, support families, and ensure culturally appropriate care and advocacy for Tribal youth.

NEA FUNDS PIT RIVER CULTURAL MUSEUM PLANNING

The Tribe has received a \$25,000 award from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to support the planning for a future Pit River Museum & Cultural Center. This award brings the Tribe's total funding for preliminary engineering & planning for a museum to \$125,000. Planning efforts are expected to begin in Fall 2026, marking an important step toward creating a space that will preserve, share, and celebrate Pit River culture and history for future generations.

REDDING RANCHERIA COMMUNITY FUND AWARDS SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

The Tribe received a \$10,000 grant from Redding Rancheria Community Fund to support the Solid Waste Program with the purchase of operational equipment. Funding will enhance day-to-day services, including transporting garbage, collecting solid waste from Tribal households, and supporting large-scale cleanup projects in areas impacted by illegal dumping. These efforts help protect Tribal lands while improving environmental stewardship and community health.

AUGUST 31 - NEW HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

The new deadlines for the Higher Ed Scholarship are August 31st, January 31st, and June 30th. Please utilize the existing application while the deadline information is being updated.

SEPTEMBER 1 - RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

Please join us on September 1 at 5:30 PM for the Emergency Operations Center Ribbon Cutting event on the XL Ranch Reservation (27002 US-395 N. Alturas, CA 96101).

OCTOBER 10- FOUR CORNERS OCCUPATION COMMEMORATION

Please join us on October 10 at 10:00 AM at the intersection of HWY 299 E & HWY 89 for the annual Four Corners Occupation Commemoration.

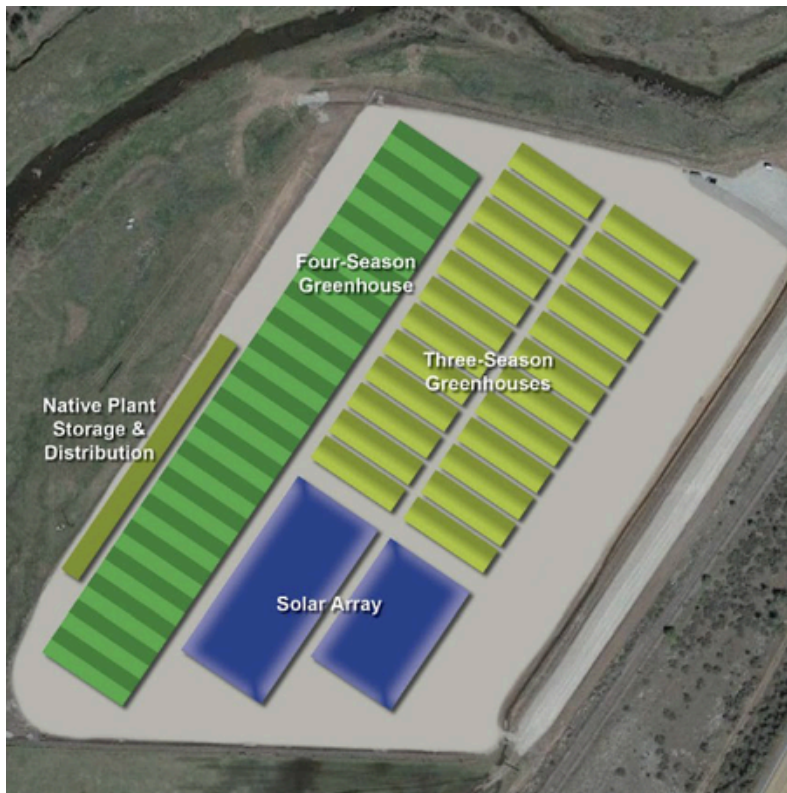
OCTOBER 17- QUARTER FOUR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The last membership meeting of 2026 will be held on October 17 at 10:00 AM at the VFW Hall in Burney. A zoom link will be posted on social media leading up to the meeting.

CALL FOR FEEDBACK

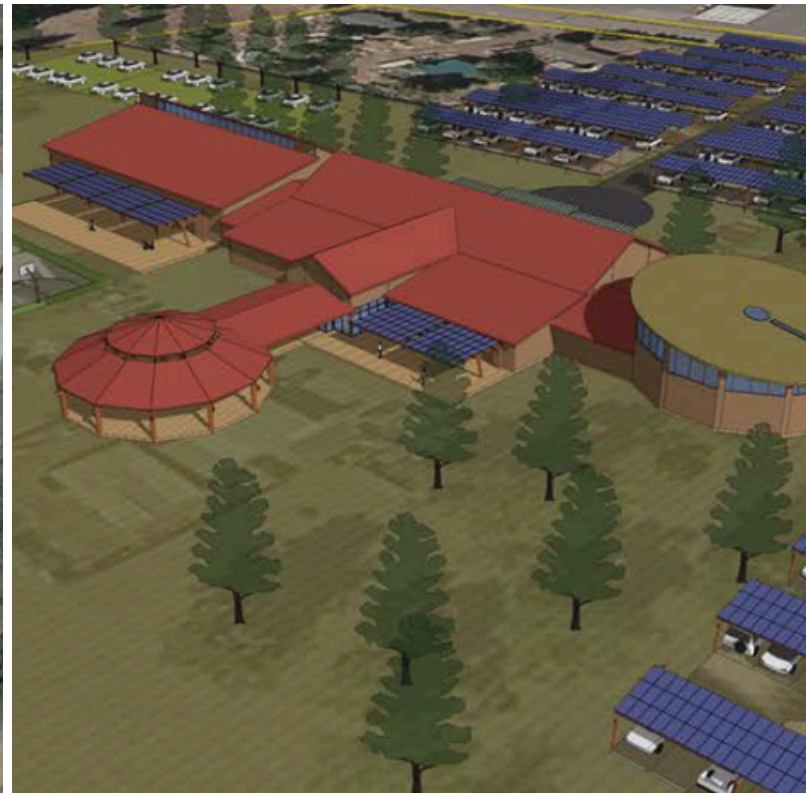


The Pit River Tribe is seeking input from Tribal members on two proposed projects through two California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) grants. Your feedback is important in helping guide how these projects are developed. These projects are currently proposals and are not yet funded or confirmed.



TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES

The Tribe is proposing a project to enhance the capacity and resilience of the 10-acre Pit River Greenhouse located on the XL Ranch Reservation. Through the installation of solar energy and improved HVAC climate controls and water infrastructure, the project will support reliable year-round food production and reduce dependence on vulnerable external food supply chains. The facility also cultivates native plants and species to support post-fire restoration, improve ecosystem health, and create opportunities for economic development.



COMMUNITY RESILIENCE CENTERS(UPDATED)

The Tribe is proposing \$10M to build a Community Resilience Center that will serve Tribal members, youth, and the broader community. During emergency events, the center will provide a safe and reliable location for shelter, resources, and community support. During non-emergency periods, the center will serve as a central gathering place by providing multi-use community space for meetings, cultural activities, health and wellness programming, educational workshops, Tribal events, and other community activities. Please note the referenced photo is not the final design.

Your feedback is important in ensuring that these proposed projects reflect the needs, priorities, and vision of the Pit River Tribal membership. We invite you to share your input by emailing sgeopfert@pitrivertribe.gov.