

**TRIBAL**  
**WRC- 316**  
**LECLAIR**  
**NO. 1**



CHIEF WASHAKIE

SHOSHONE & ARAPAHOE TRIBES

BOX 217

FORT WASHAKIE, WYOMING 82514



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February 6, 1981

Mr. John L. LeClair  
Dubois Star Route  
Crowheart, WY 82512


Dear Mr. LeClair:

All enrolled members of the Shoshone and Arapahoe Tribes of the Wind River Indian Reservation and direct descendants of tribal members who own land in fee that is under irrigation or may be irrigable are requested to attend a meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 1981, beginning at 9:30 am at Rocky Mountain Hall, Fort Washakie, Wyoming. The meeting is in connection with the pending litigation of all water rights within the Big Horn River System, State of Wyoming, Civil No. 4993, in the Wyoming District Court for the Fifth Judicial District of Wyoming.

The purpose of this meeting is to assist the Tribes in preparing their claims for water to serve fee lands held by tribal members or direct descendants of members. The information provided by Indian fee land owners will aid the Tribes in claiming entitlement to water to serve those lands. Please bring with you, if possible, deeds or other documentation of your ownership of fee lands, and documentation of your use of water and state water rights, if any.

Your cooperation in helping the Tribes assert and protect tribal water rights to serve your lands will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
Robert N. Harris, Sr., Chairman  
Shoshone Business Council

  
Joseph Oldman, Chairman  
Arapahoe Business Council

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INDIAN FEE LAND OWNERS INFORMATION REQUEST

1. Name: John and Ida LaClaire

2. Address: Crowheart

3. Telephone: 486-2232 Wesley's phone # 486-2272

4. If you are an enrolled Shoshone or Arapahoe tribal member, please state:

(a) Which tribe: Shoshone, Both enrolled

(b) Enrollment number: \_\_\_\_\_

5. If you are NOT an enrolled tribal member, please state the name of your parents or grandparents who are tribal members of the Shoshone or Arapahoe Tribe:

(a) Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Grandparent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

6. For any fee land you own individually or jointly with another person or persons, please state:

(a) Legal description: Acres # 91 & 92  
120A

(b) Any joint owners: NO

(c) Whether tract has been irrigated in the last two years: yes

(d) Whether tract has ever been irrigated at any time prior to the last two years: yes



(e) If tract was ever irrigated, please state:

(i) River, stream, or other source of water:

Dinwiddie Canal & Big Dry Creek (F.I.)

(ii) Name of main irrigation canal from water source serving your land: \_\_\_\_\_

(iii) Ditch serving your land from main canal:

Dinwiddie Canal

(iv) Amount of water diverted to serve your land:

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(v) Any State of Wyoming certificate of appropriation, permit, or permit application for water diverted to your land:

Application for Permit No. NO

Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate of Appropriation No. \_\_\_\_\_

(vi) What crops you normally grow on your irrigated land:

<u>Crops</u>	<u>Acres</u>
<u>Alfalfa &amp; Broom Hay</u>	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Total Acres Irrigated 80

(f) What other uses you make of water on your land from surface or groundwater:

Stockwatering ponds: NO (drink out of creeks & ditches)

Domestic wells: yes

Recreational use: NO

Mineral development: NO

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

(g) From whom did you get title to your land? Wesley

Le Claire, her son

(h) Has your land ever been owned by any non-Indian?

NO

(i) How your land came into fee status: Wesley

took it out of trust in the 1950's

sold it to them a few years later. Took

it out to borrow money on it.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC  
JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL OF THE  
SHOSHONE AND ARAPAHOE TRIBES  
WIND RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION  
FORT WASHAKIE, WYOMING 82514

On Tuesday, February 24, 1981, the Shoshone and Arapahoe Tribes will hold a meeting for all enrolled members of the Tribes and direct descendants of members who own land in fee on the Reservation that is under irrigation or that may be irrigable. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. at Rocky Mountain Hall in Fort Washakie, Wyoming. The purpose of the meeting is to assist the Tribes in preparing the Tribes' claims for water to serve fee lands owned by members or direct descendants in the on-going water rights lawsuit.

It is strongly recommended that such fee owners attend. Members of the Business Councils, tribal attorneys and consultant will be at the meeting.

Tribal Administrative Complex  
Fort Washakie, WY 82514  
February 6, 1981

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February 6, 1981

Dr. Alonzo T. Spang, Sr.  
Superintendent  
Wind River Agency  
Ft Washakie, WY 82514

Dear Dr. Spang:

Please post the attached Public Notice in a conspicuous place for the public to read in the Wind River Agency.

Sincerely,



Norma J. Enos  
Joint Tribal Secretary  
Shoshone & Arapahoe Tribes

Enclosure



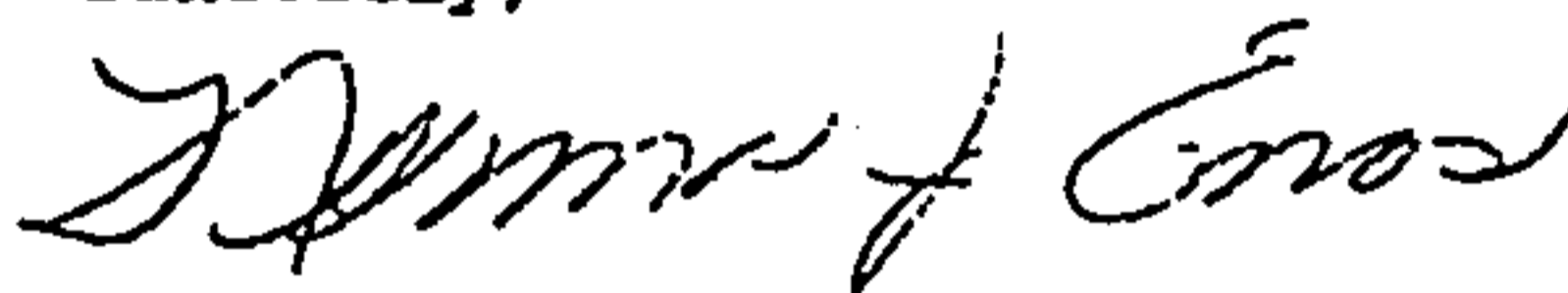
February 6, 1981

Riverton Ranger  
421 East Main  
Riverton, WY 82501

Dear Sir:

Please publish the attached Public Notice in your paper. It would be appreciated if you would publish this Public Notice not less than once a week for two weeks. Also send an affidavit stating this notice appeared in your newspaper.

Sincerely,



Norma J. Enos  
Joint Tribal Secretary  
Shoshone & Arapahoe Tribes

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February 6, 1981

Wyoming State Journal  
267 Main Street  
Lander, WY 82520

Dear Sir:

Please publish the attached Public Notice in your paper. It would be appreciated if you would publish this Public Notice not less than once a week for two weeks. Also send an affidavit stating this notice appeared in your newspaper.

Sincerely,



Norma J. Enos  
Joint Tribal Secretary  
Shoshone & Arapahoe Tribes

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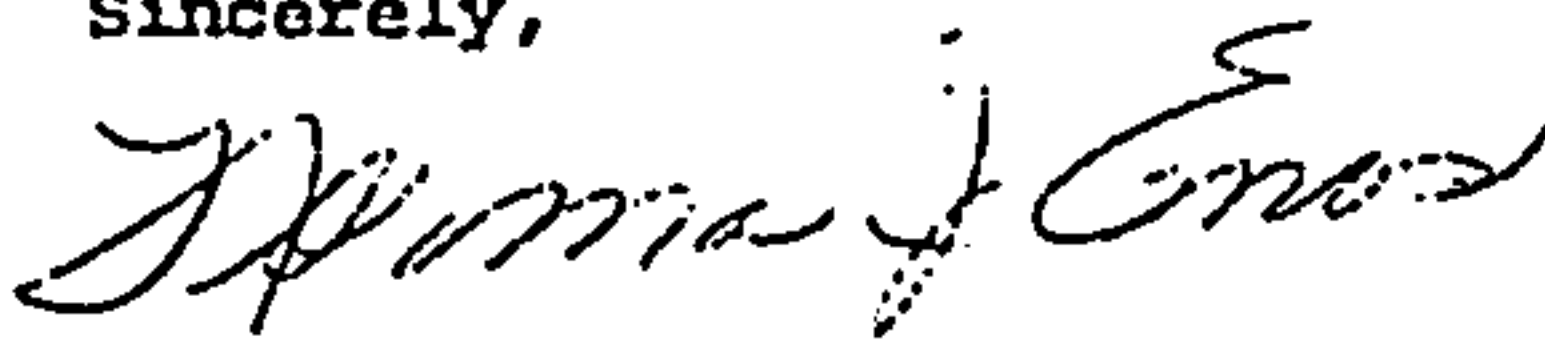
Editor  
Wind River Journal  
Ft Washakie, WY 82514

Dear Editor:

Please publish the attached Public Notice in the February 13,

1981 and February 20, 1981 editions of your paper. This Public Notice was hand-delivered to your reporters so it could be published in today's edition.

Sincerely,



Norma J. Enos  
Joint Tribal Secretary  
Shoshone & Arapahoe Tribes

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RE: Proposed Meeting with  
Fee Land Owners, Water  
Rights

Dear Mr. Sachse and Mr. Rogers:

The notice to the public, concerning members who own land in fee on the Reservation, has been published. The individual letters, from the list you furnished, were also mailed. I spoke to several members of the Joint Business Council on the scheduled date of February 24, 1981, and this date was satisfactory to hold this public meeting.

I am enclosing for your files copies of those letters to the individuals and a copy of the public meeting notice.

Sincerely,

Norma J. Enos  
Joint Tribal Secretary  
Shoshone & Arapahoe Tribes

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