



Tribal News

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OCRS Held Cleaning Operation at Manzano Land Grant Property

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Manzano, NM– The OCRS and several tribal leader held a retreat and clean up mission for our property



located in the Manzano Land Grant. The Band and OCRS held this retreat on



August 4-6, 2017, at the Manzano Mountains State Park near Mountainair, NM.

The OCRS held its first quarterly meeting on Saturday, August 5, 2017, at 9:30 am. The OCRS submitted a



grant to Public Service Company of NM (PNM). This is the "new century of service" grant for \$100,000.00 for promoting economic development, sustainable energy and education. We were notified that we made the final cut and would receive word soon as to their final decision. We are asking for prayer and keeping our fingers crossed.

We also submitted a grant through the Continuous Pathways Grant for a \$5,000.00 matching funds to help augment our annual gathering. This is a grant opportunity funded by the Pojoaque Pueblo. This is for cultural preservation. We thank Richard "Rico" Frias for providing us the

information to proceed with this opportunity accordingly.

We discussed the annual gather that is set for October 6-9, 2017, at the Akela Flat Property located on Mojave Drive. A work crew from Las Cruces, NM will be arriving a week earlier to help clean and set up for this event. We can use all of the volunteers for Membership.

We also conducted some property clean up at the Manzano Land Grant site. Special Thanks to Larry Jurado, Juan Rojelio, Miguel O. Marquez, Miguel Martinez, John Harding, Cory Preciado, and members from the Beltran clan for helping out with the labor and clean up efforts.



OCRS Calendar of Events for 2017-2018

Las Cruces, NM– as reported last edition of the newsletter, the Tribal Council held their quarterly meeting at the Adobe Deli, Deming, NM. The OCRS presented proposed scheduled for tribal and OCRS

activities. The Membership Committee submitted three (3) new family applications for membership that were approved and ratified by the Council. The OCRS did hold it's last quarterly meeting in Febru-

ary at the Jurado Home. The OCRS adopted a major change in its Constitution and By-laws affecting the composition of the Board Membership and will be more autonomous from the Tribe, since it acts as a

2017 Annual Gathering

Luna County, NM– 9th Annual Gathering-Native American (Chiende) Day Weekend- We need members to arrive even a week early if possible to help prepare and build arbor and prepare ceremonial grounds!

Agenda- Tentative:

Friday-10-6-17-

12:00 pm Set up camp- Welcome- Sweat Lodge
4:00 pm OCRS Meeting
6:00 pm Dinner-Common Potluck
Tentative-Sun Down- Holy Ground

Saturday- 10-7-17-

8:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am Holy Ground
12:00 pm Language-Cultural Overview
Lunch (optional)
TBA Sweat Lodge

3:00-4:00 pm Ballot Elections
5:00 pm Dinner
Sun Down Holy Ground
Gahe Crown Dancers (TBA)

Sunday- 10-8-17-

9:00 am Holy Ground-Tentative
12:00 pm- Tribal Meeting- Adjournment

Directions to Event:

From Las Cruces, NM: Take Interstate I-10 West for about 32 Miles to Akela Exit 102. Make a left at stop after exiting BO49, travel West to overpass. Make a left at overpass and cross over Interstate I-10 to stop sign. Make a right onto frontage road and travel west for 5.1 miles, this road is NM HWY 549. Make a left at Franklin Rd and travel South for approx. 1.0 mile. Make a right at Solana Rd. SE (first major dirt road) and travel West for approx. 0.5. Make a left at Mojave Rd. and travel south to

Cabin approx. 0.25 mile, 4205 Mojave Rd.
You are there!

From Deming, NM: Take Interstate I-10 East for about 20 Miles to Akela Exit. Make a right onto frontage road and travel west for 5.0 miles, this road is NM HWY 549. Make a left at Franklin Rd and travel South for approx. 1.0 mile. Make a right at Solana Rd. SE (first major dirt road) and travel West for approx. 0.5. Make a left at Mojave Rd. and travel south to Cabin approx. 0.25 mile, 4205 Mojave Rd.
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“This was a remarkable and enjoyable event.”

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Fiscal agent for the tribe.

The two organization executive officers meet and approved a Calendar of Events that will help provide information for the membership to save dates and plan for upcoming activities.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2017:

October 6-8, 2017: Annual Gathering-Formerly Columbus Day Weekend (Now Designated Chiende-Native American Day- Akela Flat (Luna County) property.

2018:

January-5-6, 2018-OCRS Meeting-Jurado Residence.

Tribal Council TBA Saturday 6th.

April 13-14-OCRS Meeting Caballo Dam

May Memorial Day Weekend OCRS Retreat- Cochise Stronghold

June 22-24-10th Annual Gathering-Manzano

Status on BIA Process

Las Cruces, NM– During last couple of Governance Council meeting, including a Search Conference (Strategic Planning Session held last January 2017, the Chairman Manny Sanchez and former Vice Chairman Richard Frias provided status on the application for the BIA process. Various members were assigned projects that need completion for the application. Mr. Richard Frias recommended that the Tribe not have a non-profit

corporation status and cautioned the Boards on how we would be perceived by other tribes with existing relationships with other state or sub-state organizations. Some deadline we set and disincorporation is necessary for the Chihene Nde Nation. The OCRS will continue to act as a fiscal agent .

In October 2017, the OCRS acquired 6 acres of land in the Manzano Land Grant donated

by Daniel Antonio Herrera Brummell. In November 2017, the Warrant Deed was completed and recorded with the Torrance County Clerk and Assessor’s Office.

This property was blessed by Medicine men from San Carlos and Whiteriver Apache Reservations in February 2017 to prepare for a Holy Ground Ceremony.

Proposed Changes to Tribal By-laws

Las Cruces, NM— Several of the Tribal Governance Council Members discussed changes in the By-laws and would like the membership to consider changes for a reduction of the number of Council Membership. It was express that there are too many members and several do not show up to meeting and need to be most

committed. In order for this to take effect, notice will need to be given and ballots will need to be available at this gathering for amendments. An emergency telephonic conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2017-time TBA.

The proposed changes are to bringing council members

down to 5 or 7, no Treasurer or Secretary. OCRS is fiscal agent and the President can appoint anyone to take minutes. There will not longer be elder running, but everyone eligible can run as member at large as just opposed to elders.

OCRS NEWS

Luna County, NM— As reported on the last news lter, the OCRS has submitted a couple of grants to PNM and Continuous pathways for cultural awareness and language preservation programs.

The PNM Grant is for helping us build our tribal cultural center at Akela Flats

(Luna County, NM).

We will also met with the NM Congressional Delegation to discuss earmark and available grants to help fund our proposed PTSD Treatment for War Veterans and 1st Responders.

We have approved and developed a new flag. This

is the new logo in the front of this News Letter. Thanks to our Historian Juan Rojelio Sgt. Major (USMC-Retired) for creating the design.

The OCRS will be engaged in providing more of an experience at our quarterly meetings with retreats to help members with cultural awareness and outreach.

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Photos from 2017 Manzano Retreat



Camp Site above at Manzano (courtesy John Harding) and Nancy Lopez)

Clean up efforts

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Nde Anshdi' Bai'klensi
I am proud to be Apache.

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The Ojo Caliente Restoration Society (OCRS) is a New Mexico domestic non-profit and tax exempt organization pursuant to sections 501(C)(3) of the US Revenue Code. We are the fiscal agent for the Chihene Nde Nation of New Mexico. We are descendants of Nde (Apache) people throughout Southern and Central New Mexico. Our ancestors acquired Spanish and Mexican Land Grants known as Apache-ras or Rancherías during those occupations. The Chihene Nde Nation was acknowledged and recognized by entering into the Treaty of 1855 by and between the Chihene Nde Nation and the United States which was not ratified by the Congress of the United States. Our families either fled to northern Mexico or were compelled to assimilate into the Hispano or Mexican American communities of the southwest. Many of us possess Spanish surnames and were able blend into those communities. Our ancestors did this to avoid annihilation and forced removal from our indigenous homelands.

Our goal is to gain re-recognition as a federally recognized American Indian Tribe. We are acquiring our land base and economic development plans that will benefit the public.

Many of our families also possessed homesteads and land patents during the beginning of the 20th century. We are also requesting the US Justice Department Community Relations Services to intervene on our behalf in this quest.



Letter from the Chairmen



Dear Tribal Members:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have made outstanding contributions through sweat, blood and tears to make our meetings, retreats and tribal/OCRS activities successful.

We recognize that we have challenges a head of us. Many of us hold on to full time jobs and we are all volunteers. There has been a lot of personal investments made over the last 9 years. We continue to make progress daily. We thank brother Dr. Robert for his help and guidance and serving above the call of duty on the Land Grant Consejo. We thank Richard "Rico" Frias. For all of his efforts and legal advice. We wish him well in his future endeavors and hope that he will join us on the governance council some day in

the future.

The OCRS and Tribe will continue to work together by informing our membership on upcoming activities and to encourage more membership outreach and participation. OCRS will publish quarterly newsletters that will provide information on all of our actions and activities.

We all can use the help of setting up and cleaning up after the event. I strongly encourage our two properties. We need volunteers with saws, trailers and even heavy machinery to clear debris and help prepare for our annual gatherings.

We hope to recruit new members to assist in our efforts. We need to clear wood from our Manzano Property and transport it to our Akela Flats location. Please review the tribal

website regularly for updates.
www.chihenenationofnewmexico.org.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or wish to volunteer for any activities.

Best regards,

Manuel P. Sanchez

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