

Timbisha Shoshone Water Management Plan Tribal Member Survey

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My name is Vincent Townsend. I am honored to have been selected as the Water Resources Specialist for the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe. I attained my A.S. in Business Administration at Haskell and later I worked as a Research Intern at the National Archives in D.C. I am a member of the Bishop Paiute Tribe and have always been grateful to my great grandparents Sampson and Edith Dewey for all their contributions to our homeland.

I will be working with Environmental Director Spike Jackson. Under this grant, our goal is to complete *Phase I, Develop Draft Water Management Plan* funded by the BIA. I will conduct research in designing a *Draft Water Management Plan (DWMP)*. This will build and protect the Tribe's Trust Water Rights.

The importance of the *DWMP* is to re-establish the **current** status of all Timbisha Tribal members and their water needs. The previous plan is outdated and does *Not* reflect the true status of the Timbisha Tribe. Regardless of where you currently live, your survey responses create an open door for the tribe to establish a community of homes, business, and tribal government on original Timbisha Lands. A community you want to live in!

Since this project is time based, it is essential to implement all stages on a carefully managed schedule for the completion of Phase I, ending on December 31, 2017. *Indian Trust Water Rights* are a key component in all tribal housing and economic development. It is important that input, comments, and suggestions are received from **all voting tribal members**.

In order to complete Phase I, we will be conducting this ***DWMP Survey***, a *DWMP* Community Planning Meeting, and a *DWMP* Community Review Meeting. If you should have any questions on the survey or about the *DWMP*, I am happy to take the time to explain our goals. I very much look forward to working with the tribal community and staff moving forward as the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe. Thank You!

Respectfully,
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P. S. All Completed DWMP Surveys returned before Veteran's Day (November 10, 2017) will be entered in a Raffle Drawing to receive \$25 Gift Pack! Only 5 are available! Good luck!!

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On January 24, 2000, the 106th U.S. Congress passed the Timbisha Shoshone Homeland Act to provide the tribe a permanent land base within its aboriginal homeland. The Trust Land established through this Act, provides a permanent home to live and govern all Tribal affairs. Along with the Trust Land established, this Act also provides Trust Water Rights for the development of the Trust Lands.

Trust Water Rights are vital for all future tribal homes and economic development. Trust Water Rights are negotiated with local and state agencies by the Secretary of the Interior. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has approved the Water Management, Planning, & Pre-Development Program funding for the completion of *Phase I – Develop Draft Water Management Plan (DWMP)*. This DWMP Survey is the beginning of Phase I.

The DWMP Survey will compile all input from tribal members on current water use, water concerns, water needs, and comments. Each tribal member’s input strategically helps the future of the tribe’s Trust Water Rights in developing Trust Lands. The DWMP also looks to include projected tribal infrastructure development and the anticipation of growing tribal member enrollment (pregnancy, etc.) The information collected will be used in developing the *Draft Water Management Plan (DWMP)*. The DWMP Survey will include the following topics:

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| ✓ Family composition | ✓ Water conservation |
| ✓ Home water outlets | ✓ Water & your environment |
| ✓ Residence location | ✓ Water pollutants |
| ✓ Water quality | ✓ Water education & training |
| ✓ Water history | ✓ Additional input |
| ✓ Water emergency | |

Anticipated timeline for the completion of Phase I

- DWMP Survey beginning last week in September
- Tribal member draft meeting for the DWMP at General Council meeting October 28, 2017
- Tribal member Review Meeting for the DWMP end of November
- Final DWMP 2nd week in December
- DWMP and Project materials to be submission to BIA last week in December

Next Phases for Water Management Plan;

Phase II Technical assistance to prepare final draft of the Water Management Plan

Phase III Implement options for Tribal Council with funding options

Water Management Planning Survey

Every Timbisha Shoshone Tribal Member 16 and older has power to change the future for the better. Your input in this survey enables a stronger establishment in Protecting our Tribal Trust Land Water Rights! Call if you have Questions!!

Each eligible member in your home can fill out a survey to be in drawing!!!

Family Composition

1) How many family members in your household?

Adults _____
Children _____

2) How many in your household are Timbisha Shoshone Tribal Members?

Total _____

3) Are you expecting any future family members?

Pregnancy _____
Adoption _____

4) How many pets do you have?

Pets _____

Home Attributes

5) How many rooms do you have that use water?

Bathrooms:

<i>Full size</i>	_____	<i>Laundry Room</i>	_____
<i>Half size</i>	_____	<i>Utility Room</i>	_____
<i>Kitchen</i>	_____	<i>Other</i>	_____

6) How many water connections do you have in each room (sinks, bath, dishwasher, fridge, toilet, etc.)?

Bathrooms:

<i>Full size</i>	_____	<i>Laundry Room</i>	_____
<i>Half size</i>	_____	<i>Utility Room</i>	_____
<i>Kitchen</i>	_____	<i>Other</i>	_____

7) How many outside faucets around your home? _____

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Residence

8) What is your physical street address?

Street

City

State

9) Do you live on Indian Trust Land? YES NO Unsure

10) Do you own or rent your home? RENT OWN

11) Is your home used for Business? YES NO Unsure

If Yes, What Type of Business? _____

12) Please Check all the **Letters** that apply for **Water Uses** in your home;

A) *Drinking*

H) *Wash Clothes*

O) *Livestock*

B) *Cooking*

I) *Wash Pets*

Other

C) *Wash Dishes*

J) *Wash Car*

P) _____

D) *Shower*

K) *Water Plants*

Q) _____

E) *Brush Teeth*

L) *Lawn*

R) _____

F) *Shave*

M) *Garden*

S) _____

G) *Toilet*

N) *Farming*

T) _____

13) **From your Letters** please list the (4) **Water Uses Most** used;

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

14) **From your Letters** please list the (4) **Water Uses Least** used;

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

15) What **Water Uses** do you Need that you currently do not have?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

Water Quality

16) Is your water tested for **Water Quality**? YES NO Unsure

If Yes, Who conducts the test? _____

17) Are you able to view the results? YES NO Unsure

If Yes, Who corrects possible hazards? _____

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Water History

18) In the Past, has your water been reported to you as unsafe Please explain;

19) Has your water ever affected your body (teeth color, stomach pains)?

20) Do you have to travel to get your water? YES NO

If yes? How far do you have to travel to get your water? _____

Water Emergency

21) Can you shut off the Main Water Supply in your home? YES NO

If Yes, where is your Main Shut-off valve located? _____

22) Would you like to learn about Emergency Plans? YES NO

Busted Line/Leakage Plan *Flood Plan*
Drought Plan _____

Water Conservation

23) Do you practice Water Conservation? YES NO

24) Are you interested in learning Water Conservation Strategies? YES NO

Water & Your Environment

25) Please list any natural **Plants** you harvest (*Indian tea, sage, pine nuts, wild onions, etc.*)

26) What **Plants** are no longer here you may have had before?

27) Please list any **Animals** you may hunt or fish; (*deer, rabbit, trout, insects, etc.*)

28) What **Animals** are no longer here you may have had before?

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Water Pollutants

29) Are you aware of Water Pollutants close to your home?

YES NO

Septic System

Malfunction

Drainage

Agricultural

Pesticides

Herbicides

Livestock

Manure

Animal carcass

Water Education and Training

30) Are you interested in Water Management Education or Training? If Yes, Select your preferences;

On-line Training

Classroom Training

Hands-On Training

Comments, Suggestions, or Questions

Print Your Name

Signature

Date Completed

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