

Burns Paiute Tribal Update Twila Teeman, Tribal Health Director



# Burns Paiute Tribe (WaDa-Tika Band of Northern Paiute)

- Located in rural Eastern Oregon in Harney County
- 183 miles to Boise, ID (heading east)
- 300 miles to Portland, OR (heading west)
- We in the boonies, for real



### BPT Background cont.

- Smallest tribe of the 9 federally recognized tribes in Oregon
- Governed by a 7 person Tribal Council
- Enrollment= 460
  - Around 160 tribal members reside in Harney County
- 55 Tribal employees
- Title 1 tribe



#### Services Include

- WaDa-Tika Health Center
  - Built in 1996
  - Staff include- Health Director, Registration clerk,
    Billing clerk, Tribal Nurse, CHR, National Certified
    Coder, Warehouse manager, Physical Activities Coor.
- Contract NP
- Most services are purchase referred care
- Clinic is held one day a week (every Wednesday)
- Specialty Care- provided in Bend, OR which is 130 miles one way (heading west)



#### **Programs at Health Center**

- Alcohol/drug outpatient
- Tobacco Prevention
- Child care
- General Assistance (GA)
- ICWA
- FDPIR



#### **Updates**

- Lost 8 elders this year
  - 2 via COVID-19
- Offices closed mid-March except essential staff
- Yearly training & meetings done via Zoom
- Highest purchase referred care services
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Dental
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Prescriptions



### **Updates Continued**

- Installed backup generator for water pumphouse (funding provided by the health board)
- Health Center renovations- building painted, new roofing/siding, and inside re-painted
- Tribe purchased National Guard Armory









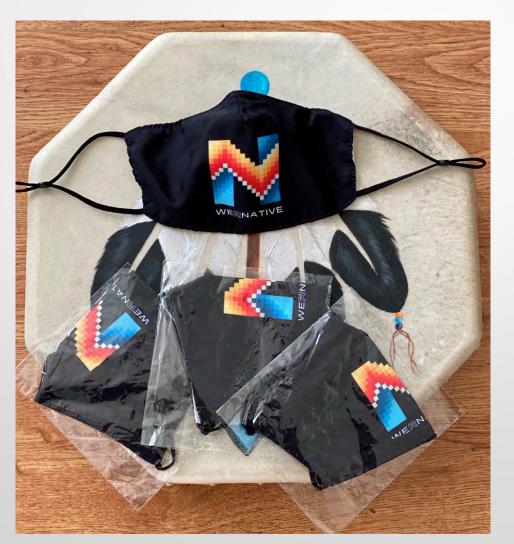


### COVID-19 Updates

- Harney County cases- 175 & 4 deaths (as of 1/18)
- Two drive-thru testing events in May and July
- Currently doing rapid testing's when requested
- Working w/ local health department to administer
  COVID-19 vaccinations (Moderna)
- Estimated 60 tribal community members received
  1st dose on December 30th
- 2<sup>nd</sup> dose will be administered later this month

#### Quiz Time!

#### Winners will receive a We R Native facemask





## How many enrolled tribal members does Burns have?



# How many miles is Boise, ID from Burns, OR?



# When was the health center built?



### Thank you & Be Kind

