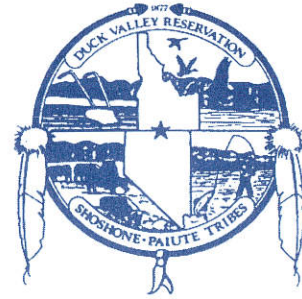


**THE SHOSHONE-PAIUTE TRIBES  
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**SHOSHONE-PAIUTE TRIBES RAMAH SETTLEMENT  
FUNDS DISTRIBUTION**

Dear Tribal Member,

January 10, 2017

The Shoshone Paiute Tribes are pleased to be able to distribute these settlement funds to all tribal members per capita (each). The tribal government will be distributing the recent tribal allocation of Ramah Settlement Funds in accordance with set guidelines.

On or about January 31, 2017, the Shoshone Paiute Tribes will begin distributing proceeds from the class action lawsuit known as the *Ramah Settlement*, as a result of the Special Referendum Election, to all enrolled members of the Shoshone Paiute Tribes. The Tribes will distribute the funds according to the guidelines and policy set forth by SPT Resolution 2017-SPR-041. (A copy of this resolution can be found on the Tribes' website, [www.shopaitribes.org](http://www.shopaitribes.org))

The Shoshone Paiute Tribes received \$2,526,835.23, in the settlement, as compensation for the underpayment of contract support costs, to the Tribes, by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, for calendar years 1994-2013. The "Settlement" is designated as "unrestricted funds," which is implication that it is eligible for per capita distribution. The individual distributions will be \$1,142.70 per person and are considered taxable income for federal tax purposes.

In order to receive the distribution, each individual will need to submit an updated W-9 to the Shoshone Paiute Tribes' Finance Department. The Finance Department will be working with the Enrollment Department to verify tribal enrollment. W-9s for minors or incapacitated persons must be accompanied by a Parents/Guardians Affidavit, which is provided by the Shoshone Paiute Tribes and must be filled out and signed in the presence of a Notary Public. Forms can be picked up from the Shoshone Paiute Tribes' Finance Office and are also available on the Tribes' website at [www.shopaitribes.org](http://www.shopaitribes.org).

The deadline to submit W-9s and any necessary affidavits to the Shoshone Paiute Tribes' Finance Department for the first payout is no later than 5 PM, Tuesday, January 24, 2017. The deadline for the second payout (March 31, 2017) is 5 PM, Friday, March 24, 2017. Thereafter, checks, specific to the Ramah distribution, will be printed on a quarterly basis. Under no circumstances, will special check runs be approved. If document(s) are not submitted by the deadline, payment will be held until the next check run, in accordance to the Ramah Settlement Distribution Timeline, per Resolution 2017-SPR-041, adopted by the Business Council on December 13, 2016. Ramah Distribution will end on December 31, 2018.

The Shoshone Paiute Tribes appreciates your cooperation to make sure you receive your share as quickly and efficiently as possible. If you should have any further questions or need further assistance feel free to contact Monica Paradise at 208-759-3100, extension 1221 or email [paradise.monica@shopai.org](mailto:paradise.monica@shopai.org).

Sincerely,

  
Lindsey Manning  
Tribal Chairman