## 45-day Notice of Availability

## Bear Dance Agricultural Assignment

Applications are now open for Tribal Land Assignments for Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members who are eligible.

SUITC – Title 29, Land Assignment Code 29-2-104(1)(c) availability of the land. 29-2-104(3) If, after review by the department...the land is determined to be available for assignment, the department shall publish and post notice of availability...

Posting Date: April 5, 2024



Expiration Date: May 20, 2024

To apply for a Land Assignment, eligible<sup>i</sup> Tribal member applicants must submit an Application for Assignment of Tribal Lands, a Farm Plan<sup>ii</sup>, and a drawing card containing their name, address, and contact information (including phone number and email).

The Lands Division will review the submitted applications and drawing cards to ensure only eligible Tribal members' names are placed in the drawing.

Once the 45-day Notice of Availability ends, a drawing date will be scheduled immediately. Two names will be chosen - one Primary Name and one Secondary Name. The Secondary Name will act as a backup in the event the Primary Tribal member declines the land at any point in time after the drawing. The drawing for the land will provide all eligible applicants with an equal opportunity to apply and be selected. The selection process will not be determined by Tribal staff or Tribal Council but rather through a randomized process known as the "Lottery Drawing." The chosen applicant will be assigned the land.

The selectee's documents formalizing the assignment will be presented to the Tribal Council as soon as possible to approve the resolution granting the assignment or lease. The selectee will adhere to the 5-year farm plan.

If you are a tribal member and want to confirm your interest in an assignment, you can submit a card along with an application and a 5-year farm plan. If you have any comments or objections about the assignment, you can submit them as well. You can either mail, email, or deliver in person your submission to the Department of Natural Resources - Lands Division at PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, or contact us at 970-563-0126.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> SUITC – Title 29-2-102(1), Any individual tribal member 18 years of age or older...

<sup>&</sup>quot;SUITC – Title 29-2-108. Issuance of Denial of Assignment. After review of the department's recommendation... the Tribal Council shall grant, deny, or partially deny the assignment applied for, taking into consideration the following: (2) The size and number of assignments held by the applicant and the history of the applicant's compliance with grants of assignment. (4) ...adequacy of the applicant's farm plan...