Earth Day it was such a huge success!! Thank you to all who participated and came to the event. We were honored to have your acquaintance and join us to help celebrate Earth Day! We had such a blast just bringing all the community and surrounding agencies together to help promote and educate all individuals of all ages about the Environment. A big Thank You to the Americorp boys for cooking and all the musicians, speakers, dancers and all who donated either there time or items. We had so much fun throwing this event together and so much positive feedback we can’t wait to do this again next year. Our future generation depends on our children and what we teach them. It was so nice to have our local schools involved and participating. The Round Valley Hidden Oaks Park was filled with laughter, music, and smiles. I would have to say we had about 500 plus people there with multi-cultural booths all the way around. The goal for Earth Day was to get the community together and become one!!
Every issue I print I have more and more illegal dumping sites and it still is an ongoing issue and is getting worse. Please be kind to our environment and RECYCLE, REUSE, and DISPOSE of your waste correctly. If you need any information about recycling, please don’t hesitate to call our office. (707) 983-8204, M-F, 8-5PM

If you encounter anyone disposing illegally please call our office with any information or evidence that pertains to the situation and or call Tribal Police at (707) 983-8227 or (707) 272-0259.

The Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) is requesting letters of interest from tribal members to serve on the THPO Advisory Committee. Must be knowledgeable and have experience in cultural resources, laws and regulations. The THPO Advisory Committee will be selected by the Tribal Council on an annual basis and their focus will be to provide cultural and historical input and recommendations to the THPO. A representative from each individual tribe will be selected for the THPO Advisory Committee.

Although we identify as the Round Valley Indian Tribes, we currently recognize each Tribe’s (Wailaki, Yuki, Concow, Pit River, Nomlacki, Pomo, Little Lake) unique cultural differences in dances, seasonal traditions, songs, ceremonies, hunting and gathering areas, and campsites.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Stephanie Boggs, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, at (707) 472-8668
These last three months have been a busy one for our Epa Department. In March we received Americorps workers and took full advantage of their help. We hit the creeks running!! (as the old saying goes!) Our first goal was to walk all the in valley creeks and start pulling trash out within the creeks and around the sides, pulling old tires, metals, aluminum, fishing wires, also pulling old dams it was such a great feeling of accomplishment. During our clean-up we filled a 40 yrd bin with all junk from all the creeks within the valley and in our surrounding hills. Town creek west of Covelo was the most polluted and dysfunctional stream. It was copper colored on the bottom with nothing but metals in stream. All of us had noticed a foul smell coming from the creek. My testing area for town creek is above the dam and the creek is so much different than the lower side. Very healthy looking lots of vegetation you would not even think these two creeks where connected. Most materials that were pulled from the creeks were household garbage. So sad to see so many irresponsible people just throw their garbage in the creeks to get rid of it. Most of the household garbage thrown away can be separated and recycled and we have stressed and tried educating people on how and where to go to recycle. Testing on creeks has been good. My field testing with my Turbidity and YSI meters have come back within normal ranges. When I do field testing I only test for the following:

- Ph
- Dissolved Oxygen
- Water Temperature
- Conductivity
- Turbidity

In November of 2014, we did a massive amount of testing on Williams Creek, Mill Creek, and Town Creek. It was funded by Bureau of Reclamation and went through the Eurofins Eaton Analytical Laboratory. The tests were:

- Organochlorine Pesticides/PCBs (19 tests)
- Semivolatiles by GCMS (82 tests)
- Endocrine Disruptors Negative Mode-SPE (1test)
All test results are ND (Not Detected) and some are within normal range. This testing was very expensive but showed that the creeks at that time were not polluted with any toxins. Results are available in our office for public review at any time. Our department will be going back out to redo some testing in Primary Inorganics soon. Our Valley creeks are so beautiful this picture was taken after one of our clean ups. I’m glad to say we are doing well in our 106/319 departments. It’s been very interesting and we been out exploring every creek on our tribal lands and I have several pictures. Americorp, Elvis, Heather, Gerald (Lig) and I have also made a trip to the Mouth of Eel River and North Fork. It was a long and tiring day. It took about 1hr to climb down and 21/2 hours to get back up hill. It was very beautiful once we reached the bottom. Once down we tested just with our hand held machines than rested ate lunch took notes/pictures and headed back up the hill. That climb was devastating but the beauty of that day was worth every cramp, scream, and torture of the hill. I do know we will not be going back anytime soon. The Water Quality Program is such a great program to be working in. You learn to respect your lands, water, and culture in so many ways. I glad the Americorp has been giving this opportunity to walk these creeks and test them and explore and see the different sources of erosion that affect our creeks one way or another and to know that they are helping to reverse that situation and educate not only themselves but their families and loved ones.
Is the drought effecting you? If not, it soon will.

No watering is permitted on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

The above statement is from the webpage of the City of Sacramento and is part of the city’s Stage 2 Water Shortage Contingency plan.

Mandatory Restrictions were made for the following towns;

**Brooktrails Township** - April 22, 2014: Water emergency declared; limit of 180 gallons per day per connection.

**City of Rio Dell** - Rio Dell residents will face an initial 50% increase in their water bills — followed by steeper penalties if they use more than the allotted 50 gallons a day per person during the water shortage.

**City of Willits** - The restrictions limit households to just 150 gallons per day and require businesses to cut water use by at least 35 percent from the same time last year. Violators could face up to 30 days in jail and a fine of up to $1,000.

Summer season is fast approaching and due to the drought, the Round Valley Indian Tribes and the Tribal Water Association have to implement new strategies that will help and promote water conservation. The Tribes will be developing and approving new rates and usages for our users starting this summer.

The proposed changes will lower the amount of water to be used per month. This amount will still be significantly higher than those cites and town mentioned above. However, if misuse and/or inappropriate use of water such as over watering, not fixing leaks, and illegally selling water, those services will be shut off. With more homes being built and more members being reliant on our Tribal public water, it is not fair to those who try to be responsible and still get a “NOTICE” that the “storage tank is dangerously low and water needs to be conserved”. Users on the Tribes water systems will soon be getting more information on the new water rate and usage structure in more detail very soon.

So please be responsible and try to conserve when you can. Tips for water conservation can be found online or call the Tribal EPA and Water office at 983-8204 for some ideas.
Hello my name is Gerald Britton Jr and as of March 27, 2014 I started as the interim 319 Water Tech for EPA. My goal is to learn about the physical, chemical and biological condition of reservation water bodies and to compare them against water quality indicators. Also, I will learn to identify non-point source concerns for example:

- Sedimentation
- Ecoli
- nutrients (phos&nitrogen)

I am required to update our NPS Management Plan & Assessment Report as needed to reflect current findings. I will learn to understand potential NPS threats to water quality identify threats affecting surface waters of reservation, identify the proper best management practice for implementation, Establish locations for exclusionary fencing, to educate the community by including them in NPS activities, Assessing and selecting roads to be abandoned. Since my start date I have been going up on the hills with my 106 Department and Americorp learning to identify different Non Point Sources. I have found according to my notes fishing wire in the creeks, a lot of trash along the banks of some creeks and natural erosion on the banks. There is so many factors that can play into the erosion of creeks and banks and we don’t even realize it. Most the time we think we are enjoying our cruise through the creek on our quads or cows are just grazing and they need water so they break down our banks and walk among our creeks or timber harvesting and breaking down our roads or creating new roads that tear creeks up that end up diverting and rechanneling them or just builds the sediment up. We can’t forget the natural erosion either it’s just a part of our everyday environment you just never know what the season brings. Establishing fencing and noting all the different erosions and looking for solutions to fix different issues is what I will focus on.

If you have any questions regarding any of the creeks our office phone number is (707) 983-8204, please do not hesitate to call. Thanks
This year is the 5th Annual Inter-Tribal Environmental Youth Campout. We are comprised of local tribes in Mendocino and Lake counties, committed to providing our youth with valuable knowledge of the Natural Environment from a Native American perspective.

We will host a 5-day camp for youth. They will learn the benefits and wonders of the environment, thus motivating them to explore their natural world and promote interests in environmental engineering, biology, natural resource management and local cultural activities.

The Inter-Tribal Youth Campout will take place from June 22-26, 2015 at the Noyo-bida Ranch in Fort Bragg on property owned by the Potter Valley Tribe.

Your interest and help with our event will go a long way to making our Environmental Youth campout successful. We are asking businesses and organizations that work with local tribes to make a monetary donation to help make this year’s campout possible. Also, any donation of water, drinks, paper goods, food, or camping gear will be greatly appreciated. In return, you will be receiving free advertising and positive public relations within our community.

The attached flyers might have some graphics you can use,

Gregg Young, M.A.
POTTER VALLEY TRIBE
ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE
2251 S. STATE STREET
UKIAH, CA 95482
ROUND VALLEY RECYCLING
Office: 707-983-8240   Fax: 707-983-8264
76220 Commercial Street, Covelo
Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 11:00am – Friday 5:00pm
Saturday 9:00am - 5:00pm
Closed: Sunday and Monday

PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE ACCORDING TO CURRENT METALS MARKET

(%) - Price paid depends on percentage of contamination/percentage of recovery

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NO MILK JUGS PLEASE
Recycling News

What is intended within this page is information for recycling in your home. Websites, Email addresses, and other information have been checked out by the Tribal Environmental Department.

Round Valley Indian Tribes does not endorse, promote or benefit financially from any information that is posted.

Round Valley Indian health Center

Accepts your sharps in the Biohazard infectious waste container for free. Please dispose of these sharps correctly to avoid any infectious accidents to others. If you need a container go to the RV Indian Health Center for a new one.

Pills are dangerous especially if they fall in the wrong hands or children get a hold of them, this can be fatal. Please take all of your old pills or any unknown and unused pills to the R.V. Indian Health Center they will accept and dispose of them correctly with no questions asked. For more information contact: (707) 983-6181.

Solid Waste Services
(800) MY-GARBAGE
www.solidwasteservices.net
csr@solidwasteservices.net
350 Franklin Ave. Willits, CA
95490 or Refuse Road Site Covelo.
1-30 Gallon Can $4.00
22.50-Per Cubic Yard
Motor Oil is free for first 20
gallons a day.
Refrigerators/Freezers $15.00
Stove/Washers/Dryers $10.
Tires depend on size $4.00-up
Batteries free disposal
Cell phones and batteries free
Medals $10.00 a yard
Electronics free
Paint latex only limited amount
PAPER AND CARBOARD
• White & Pastel Office Paper
• Opened Mail
• Magazine & Catalogs
• Newspapers & Inserts
• Corrugated Cardboard, Flattened
• Paper bags
• File Folders
• Phonebooks
• Paper Egg Cartons
• Blueprints
• Paperback Books
CONTAINERS
• Empty Screw-top plastic bottles, jugs & jars
• Empty plastic tubs #1-7(No lids, no# 7 PLA compostable
• Glass bottles & jars (remove lids)
• Aluminum, steel & tin cans (Do not crush)
• Clean, balled aluminum foil 2” or larger and pie pans
• Paper milk & juice cartons (no caps)

• Juice boxes & drink boxes (no foil pouches)
• Metal jar lids & steel bottle caps (loose)

Items that are not recycled:
• Plastic bags
• Loose plastic caps and lids
• Frozen food boxes & ice cream containers
• Paper & Styrofoam to go containers
• Paper & plastic cups
• Plastic clamshell containers for berries, etc..
• Plastic microwave trays

Hazardous Waste Hotline
(707) 468-9704

M&M Feed recycles batteries.
Please place in a bag or a box depending on how many. No charge for disposal.

REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE

Please remember to recycle this newsletter. If you do not want to keep them toss in your paper recycling. Thank you for helping reduce solid wastes in the ground.

Any questions about items to be recycled, the internet is a great place to look or you may call RV Indian Tribes EPA and we will assist you with any information we can. (707) 983-8204