

2024 Pend Oreille County Republicans

Plank 24 – Indian Affairs

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All members of Federally recognized Tribes were granted U.S. citizenship in 1924. “State government and agencies must treat tribal members as co-equal with any other citizen of the state, showing no preference to any particular group.”

We believe;

1. Properties acquired by the Tribe outside their original Federal land grants for reservation boundaries should not be tax exempt from normal county and state taxes as equally applied to other citizens, thereby preventing erosion of the county tax revenue.
2. Legal right of ways, designated and maintained as state or county roads, for travel and commerce through a reservation should only be subject to the same traffic fines and laws and fees for citations applied in the county they reside and not subject to Tribal Courts interpretation of the laws and fines. All monies collected from traffic infractions on these roadways should go directly to the state or county in which they transit through to offset maintenance cost.
3. Road maintenance of all private roads on reservation land should be at the expense of the tribe members.
4. Fuel taxes, capital gains taxes, property taxes, school levies, fire district taxes, sewer district and other common taxes encountered by the citizens and Tribe members derived from work or property sales not within the Tribe’s reservation boundaries should be paid to the applicable county or state authority.
5. No legislation, officer, or agency of the state or county should show favor to any select group of citizens, including Tribes, in the way of reduction or exemption of regular taxes and fees. Existing legislation which does so should promptly be repealed.