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MISSOULA--

The Indian Community Action Project (ICAP), home based at the University of Montana since June 1, 1968, is being transferred to the jurisdiction of Tri-State Tribes, Inc., with headquarters in Billings, Mont.

Bud Moran, Arlee, Mont., acting ICAP director at the University, said ICAP will come under Tri-State Tribes sponsorship officially on July 1.

Tri-State Tribes was incorporated on April 28, 1971, in Montana and articles of incorporation have been filed by the organization in Wyoming and Idaho.

Moran said the ICAP was transferred to UM from the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, in June 1968 through the efforts of Thomas J. Collins, director of the UM Foundation, and Dr. James F. Hall, coordinator of extension and continuing education and director of the UM Division of Indian Services.

ICAP encompasses nine reservations with 10 tribes in a three-state area--Montana, Idaho and Wyoming.

Concerning the transfer of ICAP offices from Missoula to Billings, Moran said: "The tribal leaders feel that because of their extended association with the University of Montana they now have the expertise to sponsor programs like ICAP themselves. They view the transfer of ICAP from the UM campus to a new location in Billings as evidence of their abilities to assume their own financial responsibilities."

Moran said funds totaling \$106,000 from the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity will be used for a period of six months/beginning July 1 to provide training and technical assistance to / nine reservations in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming.

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"The training and technical assistance will be in support of continuing programs which the tribes list as their priority objectives," Moran explained. "These objectives include improved education and housing, employment, and economic and community development projects."

Wyman McDonald, St. Ignatius, Mont., was elected executive director of Tri-State Tribes, Inc., during a recent organizational meeting on the Missoula campus.

Members of the Tri-State Tribes Board of Directors from Montana include the following tribal chairmen--

Earl Old Person, Browning, Blackfeet Reservation; Edison Real Bird, Crow Agency, Mont., Crow Reservation; Fred Whitworth, Dixon, Flathead Reservation; John Capture, Harlem, Fort Belknap Reservation; William Youpee, Poplar, Fort Peck Reservation; Allen Rowland, Lame Deer, Northern Cheyenne Reservation; John Windy Boy, Box Elder, Rocky Boy Reservation.

Board members from other states include Richard Halfmoon, Lapwai, Idaho, Nez Perce Reservation; and Jess Miller, Ft. Washakie (pronounced Wash-a-key), Wyo., Arapahoe tribal chairman; Robert Harris, Ft. Washakie, Shoshone tribal chairman, both of the Wind River Reservation.

The 11th member of the board is Robert Howard, Browning, who is president of the Community Action Project Directors' Association.

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