

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

Comprised of:

- Bitterroot Salish
- Pend d' Oreille
- Kootenai



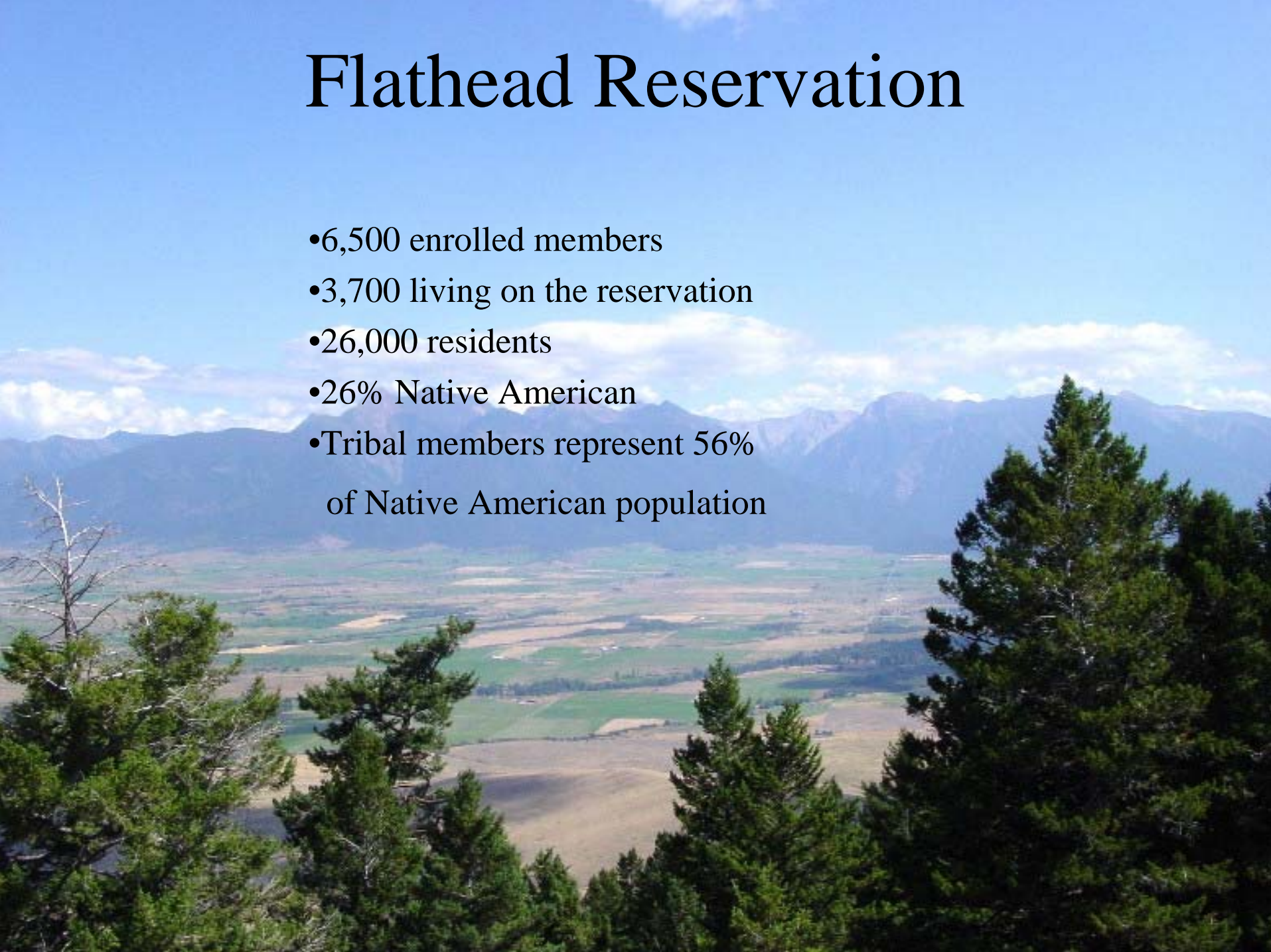
Flathead Reservation

- 1.25 million acres
- Established by 1855 Hellgate Treaty
(aboriginal territory exceeded 20 million acres in western Montana, parts of Idaho, Wyoming and British Columbia)
- 63% Tribal or Trust
- 459,000 timbered
- 423,000 agriculture



Flathead Reservation

- 6,500 enrolled members
- 3,700 living on the reservation
- 26,000 residents
- 26% Native American
- Tribal members represent 56%
of Native American population

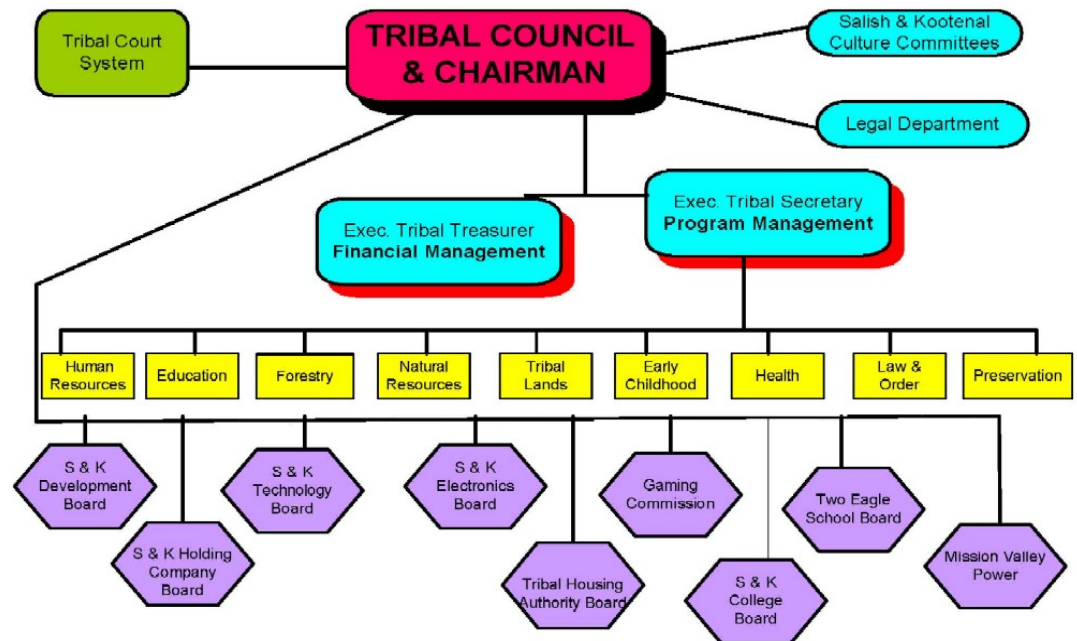


Flathead Reservation Location



Tribal Council

- 10 Tribal Council members
- 7 Districts
- 4 Year terms
- Staggered elections
(5 positions every 2 years)



CONFEDERATED SALISH & KOOTENAI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Approved: 29 March 2000

Tribal Lands Dept. Approved: 16 Oct. 2001

S & K Holding Company, Inc.

- Created 1992 under Tribal Authority
- Promote economic independence by maximizing economic opportunities for the Tribe and Tribal members in a culturally appropriate manner.
- Focus efforts on creating economic opportunities for the most disadvantaged Tribal members. (TANF, GA)



FLATHEAD RENEWABLE ENERGY FEASIBILITY STUDY

Award Number DE-FG36-04G014024

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Distributed Generation Systems, Inc.

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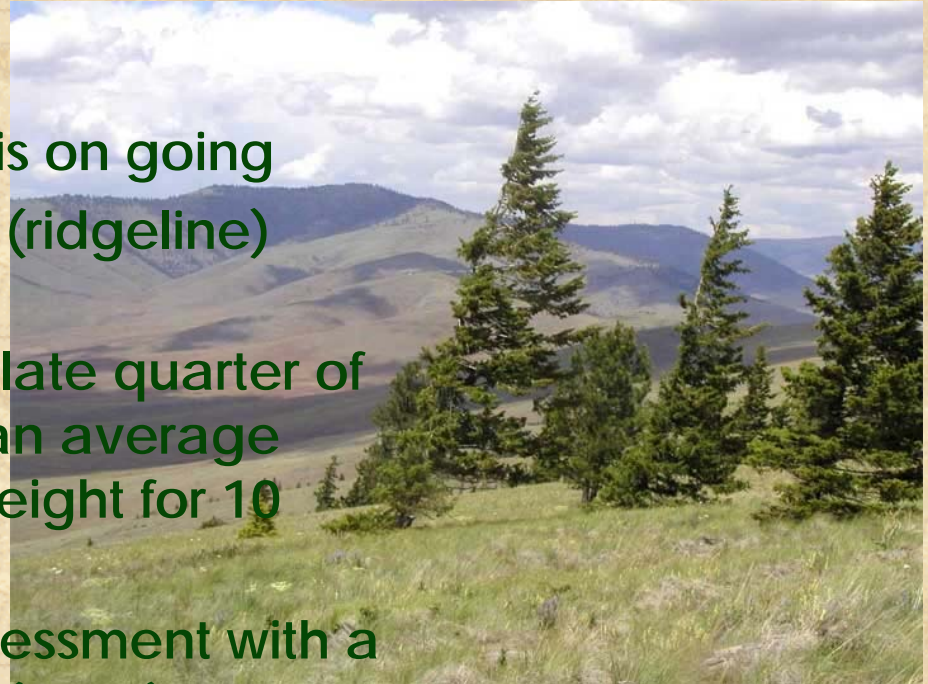
- A COLORADO BASED PRIVATE WIND POWER DEVELOPER WITH APPROXIMATELY 1500MW OF WIND PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT IN 11 STATES
- A WIND DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT TO NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES, UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, STATE GOVERNMENTS, PRIVATE UTILITIES
- NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES DIVISON WITH THE PURPOSE OF MAXIMIZING THE ECONOMIC RESOURCE FOR THE TRIBES AND THEIR MEMBERS WAS INITIATED IN 2005. THE NEW DIVISION WILL BE STAFFED BY TRIBAL MEMBERS.

Project Objectives

1. Assess Wind, solar, biomass and hydro resources on tribal lands.
2. Assess the transmission capacity and capability of renewable energy project.
3. Establish economic models for tribal consideration.
4. Assess the potential environmental impacts of renewable development. Define economic, cultural and social impacts to the Tribes.

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- Wind Resource Assessment is on going
 - Selected the Salish Mountains (ridgeline) west of Flathead Lake.
 - Met tower was installed in the late quarter of 2004, the current data shows an average speed 11.2 mph at 35 meter height for 10 months
 - Completed Phase 1 Avian Assessment with a site visit and literature search. (WEST)



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- **Biomass Assessment**

- The Tribe has lumber mill located near Polson and currently operated by private company and using the waste product and is not available for Tribal use.
- The slashing and cutting potential is being reviewed

- **Hydropower Assessment**

- The Kerr Dam is on the Reservation.
- A 1984 report identified over 25 possible run-of-river small hydro sites with a potential generating capacity of 40 MW.

3. Assess the transmission capacity and capability of renewable energy project.

- **Completed the Transmission and Market Assessment-**
 - Two 115 kV Line are near the proposed wind project area. These lines are owned by Bonneville Power and Northwestern Energy
 - Identified 2 power purchaser.
 - Bonneville Power
 - PPL Montana
 - There is a potentially of 70 MW using the existing system.

4. Assess the potential environmental impacts of renewable development. Define economic, cultural and social impacts to the Tribes.

- Began the Cultural Assessment in partnership with Tribal Historic Preservation Office.

Next Step

1. Report the Renewable Energy Assessments findings to Tribe
2. Establish economic models for tribal consideration.
3. Assess the potential environmental impacts of renewable development in respect to economic, cultural and social impacts to the Tribes.

