

Newsletter

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**SHIWITS BAND
CORPORATION**

Community Highlights

The SBC Board of Directors would like to begin by honoring Norine Castro for more than 25 years of dedicated service to the Shiwits Band Government. Her deep cultural insight and steadfast commitment made her an invaluable member of the Board. She was a strong voice for tradition, continuity, and the well-being of the community. Norine's contributions have left a lasting impact, and she will be deeply missed. Our thoughts are with all those who mourn her during this time.

We would like to thank all community members who attended the recent SBC community meeting, asked thoughtful questions, and provided important feedback regarding economic development projects. Your time, engagement, and commitment to the Band as a whole are truly appreciated.

Finally, thank you to everyone that completed the economic development survey. There were over 70 responses and we appreciate each of you for sharing your opinions about growth opportunities for the band.

MEET THE NEW SBC SECRETARY

The Board of Directors is pleased to welcome **Katelyn BeVard** to the SBC as of April 2025. Band Members may recognize Katelyn as the point person for recent member distributions. With many years of experience living and working on backcountry land, she brings a deep awareness of the ongoing impacts of colonization and a strong commitment to supporting tribal sovereignty. Known for her communication, relationship-building, and attention to detail, Katelyn is a valuable addition to our team. If you haven't met her yet, please feel free to reach out or say hello at the Band Building. We are grateful for her dedication to the SBC and Board of Directors.

FUTURE SBC PLANS

- Continued focus on strengthening existing operations while exploring new business opportunities
- Various income streams in different industries to mitigate risk and increase steady and growing distributions to band
- Plan for two new fuel stations in Washington County

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SBC PRIORITIES

1. Generate income for the Shiwits Band through successful business operations to provide funding for programs, education, distributions and budgets.
2. Provide employment opportunities for the Shiwits Band
3. Preserve the culture and history of the Shiwits Band