

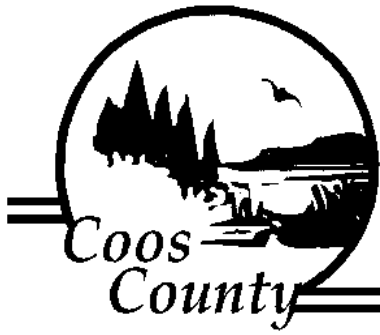
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## COOS COUNTY RECRUITING FOR COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE

Coquille....Although Census questionnaires will not be delivered to households until mid-March of 2010, the Census Bureau has asked the Board of Commissioners to create a Complete Count Committee. The Committee will enable tribal, state and local governments to work together with our other partners in the community to promote the 2010 Census.

Among other things, the Committee will suggest creative ways to ensure our special populations that might be difficult to count are, in fact, included in the Census. Educators, religious organizations, health organizations, veterans' organizations, business leaders, media and non-profit organizations that serve these special populations are encouraged to serve.

During 2009 we expect the Complete Count Committee to receive census training, help create a strategy and work plan and to spread the word about census jobs that will become available. The Board of Commissioners has been told that our District Representative from Eugene will set up a time to come to Coos County to give the committee additional information.

The Census is important for a variety of reasons: Mandated by the U.S. Constitution, the census is used to apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and our own state legislative districts. Census data directly affects how more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated. The Census gives us a detailed snapshot of the true demographics of our county.

Persons willing to serve on the Complete Count Committee should go to the County website at [www.co.coos.or.us](http://www.co.coos.or.us) and fill out a Committee Application Form. In the blank space, fill in "Complete Count Committee". For additional information, please call Bobbi Brooks at 541-396-3121 ext. 225 or one of the Commissioners: Nikki Whitty ext. 247; Kevin Stufflebean ext. 281; Bob Main ext. 770.