Salish, Pend’ Oreille, and Kootenai

- Reservation established by Hellgate Treaty of 1855 ~ Steven’s Treaty

- Furthest Inland Salish Speaking Tribes

- Southern Most band of Kootenai
CSKT - Our Government and Businesses

- Tribal Government
  - Tribal Council
  - Sovereign Entity with Government-to-government relationship with US
  - CSKT - 30 Agencies/Departments, 1200 Employees

- CSKT has several businesses
  - S&K Technologies
  - S&K Electronics
  - S&K Holdings

- CSKT Energy Development
  - Small Hydro
  - Mission Valley Power
  - Kerr Dam
Important Cultural, Religious and Resource Site for the Tribes

Impacts to River Resources
-River: Varial Zone, Riparian Area Impacts
-Flathead Lake: Varial Zone
Montana Power Company receives the License to Kerr.

Applications were filed with the newly established Federal Power Commission to Construct Kerr Dam which began the construction of the facility.

Completed in 1930 FPC License No. 005 is issued to the Rock Mountain Power Company.

Montana Power Company receives the License to Kerr.

1921

1930

1939

November 15, 2012
A dismal failure, the assimilation policies were replaced by the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934.

For the First 50 years the Tribes were successful in keeping the FIR intact and avoided the Dawes Act.

Beginning in 1904 the FIR was allotted twice, homesteaded, irrigated and had Kerr Dam Constructed.

1855 - 1904

1904 - 1935

1935 - 2012
Second 50 year license period
CSKT are Co-Licensees
Exclusive Right to Acquire the Dam in 2015

Kerr Dam
• 200 feet high
• 381 feet long
• Generation Capacity of 196 MW
• On average it produces 1.1 million Megawatt Hours of Energy per year
• Controls top ten feet of Flathead Lake – 1.2 MAF
Kerr is part of the Columbia River Hydro Power System managed for Flood Control and Power Productions.
CSKT Strategy – Acquisition In Accordance With FERC License

- CSKT intends to acquire Kerr consistent with the terms of the FERC license and become the sole owner of the Kerr Hydropower Project.
- CSKT, as a government, will assume licensee status before the FERC and retain ownership of Kerr Project lands and assets.
- CSKT has developed Energy Keepers Inc, a IRA Section 17 business enterprise to possess, manage, and operate Kerr.
- Energy Keeper Inc. will assume possession and operation of Kerr and will sell the electrical output as a wholesale power generator to provide a long term stream of income to CSKT as the sole shareholder.
- In May 2010, CSKT established a Tribal Department of Energy to oversee successful completion of goals.
- The US DOE award capacity grant in 2011.
Biomass Feasibility Assessment

• Applied for in 2011
• Awarded September 24, 2012
• Conduct feasibility study to determine the technical and economic viability of a co-generation Biomass Fuel Power Plant
• 3 MW or 20 MW plant
• Report prepared by years end