

# Gov't Shutdown Closes BIA

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I was told today by a very reliable source, that if the threatened US Government shutdown happens this week, the BIA Agency at Pawhuska will close Tuesday, October 1, 2013.

If this shutdown happens, it could impede our royalty collections and the accounting thereof. This will involve one month of royalty due to be accounted for and collected, and the final accounting for all 3 months of royalty, which is supposed to be on our December check. This is a bad time in our income cycle for this to happen.

If this will inconvenience you, please write or call your favorite politicians in the US House of Representatives and explain it to him/her in very clear terms, and remind them of what you plan to do about it if we don't get our checks in December as scheduled. I suggest you also remind them that this will affect critical income for over 4,000 Osages who are depending on this income to buy groceries, and to provide a Christmas for our families, and we all vote! Just a few days of interruption will ripple out, and throw the whole schedule of accounting for payment out of kilter.

It's not the BIA's fault this time. They have been steadily improving in Pawhuska since January 8, 2013. Now, the US Congress is telling the Department of Interior, who must tell the BIA, to SHUT IT DOWN.

Let's hope this is another bluff they are running, but just in case, tighten your belt up a little. We could be in for some tough sledding in December.

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