QUINAULT INDIAN NATION TRANSPORTATION

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QUINAUULT INDIAN NATION

- The Quinault Indian Nation is located along the southwestern coast of Washington state, in Grays Harbor County.
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

• The Quinault Indian Nation had a public transportation system approximately 2009-2017, the "Rez Racer".

• The Rez Racer program was in the end not successful for several reasons:

  • Lack of riders
  • The routes did not seem to meet the need of those who would utilize the system.
  • Grays Harbor Transit provides limited bus routes to Taholah.
The Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) is part of the Federal-Aid Highway Program, and is funded by the Highway Trust Fund, and authorized under the Federal Lands Highway Program, 23 United States Code (USC) 204.

The program is jointly administered by the BIA and Federal Highway Administration.

A Transportation Improvement Program – five year plan is prepared and implemented to the local BIA Regional office.

The Quinault Indian Nation Roads program prepares a long range transportation plan, which is approved by Tribal Resolution, and submitted to the BIA.
QIN BIA ROADS PROGRAM

- The Quinault Nation roads program has 4 permanent staff
- They maintain over 250 miles of roads within the QIN Reservation boundaries.
THE VILLAGE OF TAHOLAH FLOODING:

- **Much of the Village of Taholah was built along the ocean front. Due to many factors, including global warming and beach erosion, severe flooding has impacted the reservation roads.**

- **In 1994, due to extreme flooding, the Army Corps completed emergency repairs to the seawall along the beach in Taholah.**

- **2014: Due to more major floods, the Army Corps used more than 100 dumploads of large rock to re-build the seawall. They also constructed an interior berm.**

- **2016: The QIN made the difficult decision to begin re-locating the lower village of Taholah. A Master Plan was developed after receiving a Social and Economic Development strategy grant. Winter storms flooded the village again.**

- **January 2021: King tides result in flooding, leaving many local tribal members stranded.**
FLOODING IN TAHOLAH IMAGES
GLOBAL WARMING, KING TIDES ARE IMPACTING THE COASTLINE. NATURAL BARRIERS ARE VANISHING.