

kids to a concert and ball games and assigned staff to work with the projects but I have not done any of the ground work at Cherry Tree or the other projects. For now, let's leave the question of whether I will appear on camera as an option.

You might want to double check the unemployment, under employment and other figures you have used in your proposal. In Adair County, the unemployment rate is about the same as the national average with most jobs paying a bit above minimum wage. I suspect the poverty level, while high, is nowhere near double the national average. Drug abuse, particularly marijuana usage, is increasing as is violent crime. Almost all violent crime is related to the use of alcohol. Suicide among youth in Eastern Oklahoma is about the national average.

In the proposal you mention profits from sales and distribution will be given back to the communities. Through which agency will this be accomplished? Who will decide which communities receive the profits and how much each will receive? To avoid any possibility of future misunderstanding, it is important to clarify exactly how allocation of profits will be handled.

With regard to Nedra Darling, the Cherokee Nation is picking up her Inter-Agency Personnel Agreement from the Institute of American Indian Arts. She will be working on a number of health related films for us from now until July, 1995. In light of the fact that she has just experienced the trauma of losing her entire program and is without steady income, I am not surprised at all that she could not do your proposal budget without pay.

I do indeed know George Burdeau. For six years I served on the Board of Directors for Rainbow Television Network which produced a number of films for WGBH in Boston, the Disney Channel and others. We hired George Burdeau to produce a film entitled "Ann of the Wolf Clan." He did a good job.

Please keep me posted as the project develops and thank you again for giving me an opportunity to comment on the proposal.

Sincerely,



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