

## **CHEROKEE NATION**

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To:

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Re:

Comments Regarding Compacting

Thank you so much for your recent comments regarding the compacting process. Believe it or not, despite all the hoopla, we have still not made a firm decision to compact either hospital. The crazies just got a copy of Dr. Copp's recommendations and went berserk. It actually turned out quite well because we were able to discern what some of the big health care issues might be. As you might imagine they were not great philosophical or policy questions but rather mostly related to staff pay, retirement, etc.

Sorry we were not able to get out to Phoenix. It is a lovely place. My daughter Gina is kind of thinking about moving to Phoenix when she finishes her degree.

Hope to see you soon. Tell Sherry Hi.