

Housing on the Flathead QUIZ!

1. What is “Doubling Up”?
2. What is an “Auntie’s House?”
3. What happened to the “Dirty 30s?”
4. Why does it take 6-18 months to close on a Tribal home?

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Did you know...

- The Salish and Kootenai people have stewarded the lands around what is now Missoula for over 13,000 years.
- Non-Natives outnumber Native residents 2:1 on the Flathead Reservation.

2/3 of the original 1.3 million acres were opened to settlers in the early 1900s.

- 275 Tribal households are on the waiting list for 516 Low Rent units that are managed by SKHA.

The average wait is 2.5 years.

- U.S. Government policy barriers undermine homebuilding and economic development

Federal laws keep those in Low Rent housing from increasing their income and becoming homeowners.

Answers:

1. When two or more families share one house. On the Flathead, 23.5% of Native homes are occupied by more than one family.
2. A safe haven where an “Auntie” welcomes neighbors and distant family members without a safe place of their own.
3. SKHA and Never Alone Recover Support Services turned this 28-unit housing project in Pablo into a thriving Recovery Village after years as a drug haven with a 46% eviction rate.
4. Tribal lands are held in trust by the U.S. Government, requiring complex paperwork to transfer title. The Flathead BIA office was recently closed, adding homeownership delays while awaiting signatures from out of state.

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with each other, with Spirit, and with ourselves.*