



# Tribes Won't Help Offset Loss of Tax Revenue from Kerr Dam

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POLSON – Officials with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes say they will not help to offset the loss of about \$1 million in tax money from the former Kerr Dam.

The tribes have acquired ownership of the dam, which they renamed the Salish Kootenai Dam.

Tribes do not have to pay property taxes on the land.

In a written statement, the tribes spoke of a need for caution in their new business venture.

The tribal council says the decision comes after careful consideration, and while there will be no payment at this time, there may be future contributions.

Lake County Commission Chairman Gale Decker says he's disappointed but not surprised by the decision.

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