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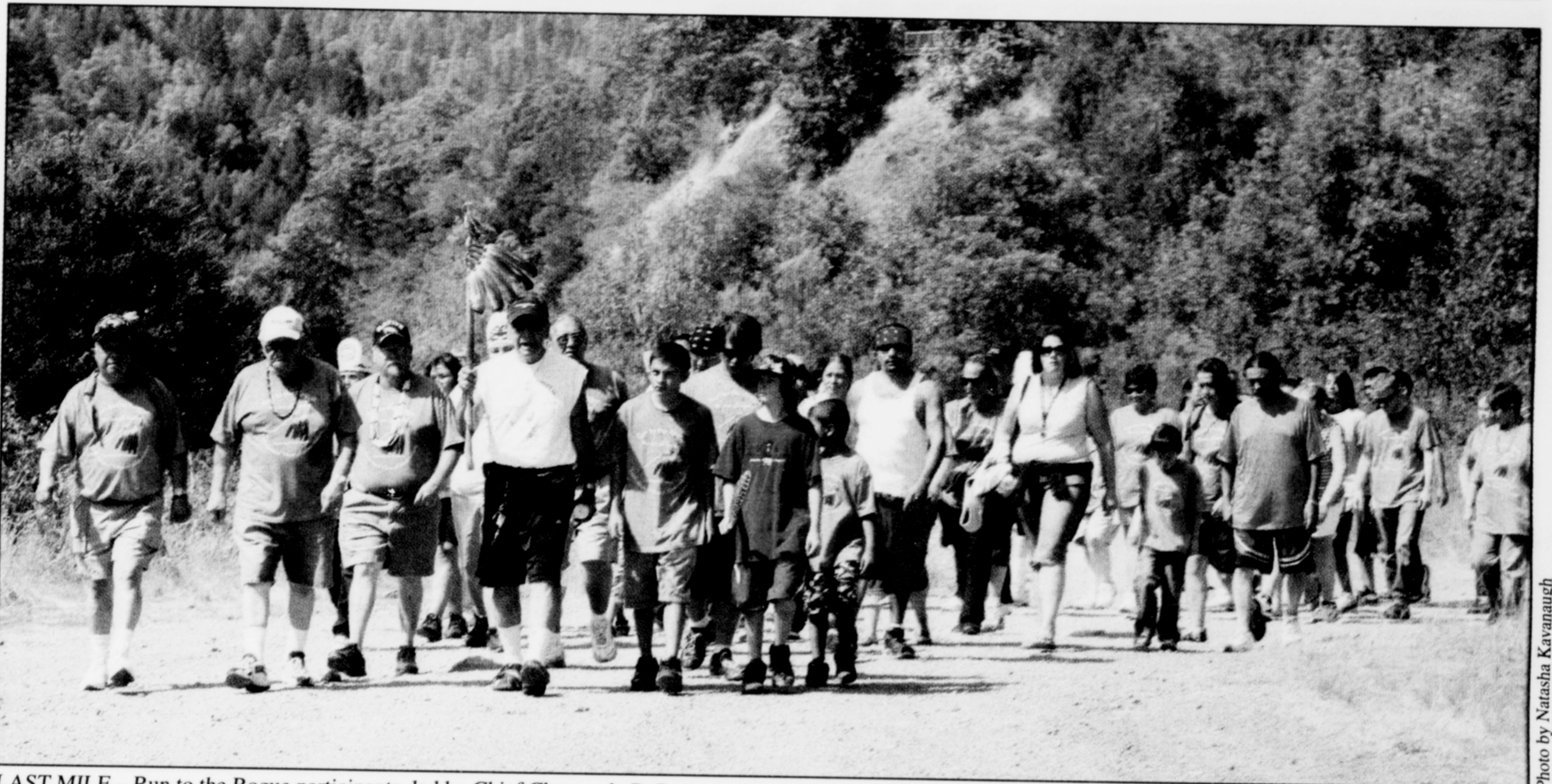


Photo by Natasha Kavanaugh

LAST MILE – Run to the Rogue participants, led by Chief Chewescla DePoe carrying the eagle staff, walk the last mile of this year's 234-mile journey. The run/walk commemorates the removal of Siletz Tribal ancestors from their homeland in the Rogue River area. The route follows the same one used by the ancestors who were forced to march north to the Coast Reservation in the mid-1800s.

Please see our special section of photos from Run to the Rogue in this issue of Siletz News.

Tribal and Lincoln City Councils Discuss Housing Needs

Tribe also will help fund music class

By Brent Merrill

Members of the Siletz Tribal Council gathered in Siletz this summer to meet with the Lincoln City Council to discuss matters of importance to both groups of leaders.

Siletz Tribal Housing Director Terry Fisher reported to the gathering that 20 new housing units at Lakeside Village are nearly finished and the construction will be completed this fall.

Tribal representatives also reported that the Siletz Tribe received two American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grants for a total of \$4.4 million that will be designated for new housing development. The ARRA monies are part of the Obama administration's national economic stimulus package being distributed throughout the country.

The Tribe reported that the first use of the economic stimulus monies will be used to build an 11-apartment complex in Siletz. The second economic package will be used to construct eight apartments at Lakeside Village and another eight apartments in Siletz.

Fisher said the projects are shovel-ready.

"Construction is planned for the spring (2010)," said Fisher. "The units should be ready for families to move in next year."

Fisher said he realizes that this round of new construction will not solve Lincoln City's existing housing deficit, but it should help.

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Helicopter to Move Logs to Enhance Fish Habitat on Tribal Land

By Diane Rodriquez

On Oct. 5-6, the Siletz Tribe will join forces with Columbia Helicopter, the U.S. Forest Service and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to place large logs into a seven-mile stretch of Cedar Creek in Lincoln County to enhance the habitat of salmon, steelhead and other fish.

Half of the 250 logs to be placed in this section of the Tribe's Reed Creek property near Lincoln City will come from the "blow down" that occurred after previous winter storms and the other half will come from USFS land in the Siuslaw National Forest.

All of this is funded with a \$364,780 grant from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. This state agency is led by a policy oversight board that promotes and funds voluntary actions that enhance Oregon's watersheds through the col-

laboration of citizens, agencies and local interests (www.oregon.gov/oweb).

"Without the funds from OWEB and the support from our Department of Fish and Wildlife and Forest Service partners, we wouldn't be able to do this project," said Stan van de Wetering, Aquatic Projects leader for the Tribe. "The cool thing is we know our land management is focused on fish and wildlife, which jibes well with OWEB priorities."

The funding covers the placement of the logs by Nov. 30, 2009, and three years of monitoring afterward to see how the fish respond to the changes in their habitat.

The placement of the logs must be done by helicopter because it's the only way to reach this stretch of Cedar Creek.

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Portions of Werner Road (near milepost 6 on Highway 229) about 2.5 miles up the road will be closed periodically as the helicopter flies over it with two or three logs dangling beneath it per trip.