

Chairman's Report

Senate Bill S908

I am furnishing a copy of Senate Bill S908 (see below and page 3). This is the bill the Tribe has worked on for a couple of years to identify the boundary of our reservation as it was originally established. The legislation gives the Tribe and the Bureau of Indian Affairs a boundary by which the Tribe may have land taken into trust and be considered "on-reservation."

The Tribe lobbied for several years to have our trust applications processed in the Northwest Regional Office versus the Washington, D.C., office because of the lengthy time it took to get land into trust.

We were successful in having the process changed so currently the Siletz Agency processes the work and the regional office in Portland takes the final action.

The other part of the process that is time consuming is the time it takes to process trust applications as on-reservation versus off-reservation. Because the Tribe lost all of its land through termination, there currently are no existing boundaries (like a reservation boundary) to determine that trust applications meet the on-reservation process. This is true even when the land is connected or when adjoining land already is declared reservation or

trust land; all our trust applications are considered off-reservation.

The legislation addresses the issue and is very much needed as we move forward to purchase property for housing and other Tribal needs.

We thank our Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden for introducing our legislation and for their action in requesting an early hearing on the bill, which will be held Feb. 2.

On our last visit to Washington, D.C., when we met with Congressman Kurt Schrader, he informed us he would introduce the same legislation in the House of Representatives very soon.



Delores Pigsley

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Introduction to the Athabaskan language

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March 12 – 6-8 p.m.

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Siletz Tribal Community Center
Feb. 7 – 6-8 p.m.
March 6 – 6-8 p.m.

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Salem Area Office
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For more information, contact Bud Lane at the Siletz Cultural Department at 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320; or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.

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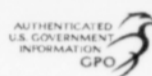
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S. 908

To provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 5, 2011

Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

A BILL

To provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 **SECTION 1. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OF THE**
- 4 **SILETZ TRIBE OF THE STATE OF OREGON.**
- 5 Section 7 of the Siletz Tribe Indian Restoration Act
- 6 (25 U.S.C. 711e) is amended by adding at the end the
- 7 following:
- 8 “(f) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY.—
- 9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may accept
- 10 title to any additional number of acres of real prop-

Siletz veterans office open daily

Tony Molina is available for all Siletz Tribal veterans. He is in the Tribal administration building in Siletz on Monday-Friday to help you get information for your VA benefits. Additionally, he needs your help to update our veterans' roster, especially for those currently serving. See below for contact informatin.

Note from our veterans coordinator

By Tony Molina

All of our veterans and families can call me 24/7 at home at 541-444-2828 or on my cell at 541-272-2818. This will help since I'm only in the office part-time. My office number is 541-444-8330 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1330. I thank all of our veterans for their service to our nation. Thank you!