

## People needed to haul wood to Elders during Cut Wood for the Elders Day

The Tribal Natural Resources Committee and Natural Resources Department will sponsor the second Cut Wood for the Elders Day of the year on July 21.

The woodcut will be held at the log yard at the Tribe's Toledo Mill property at the end of Sturdevant Road in Toledo, Ore. Enter at the log yard entrance (go straight all the way to the end of Sturdevant Road, through the chain-link fence gate and down the hill to the railroad tracks and the wood-cutting area).

We need lots of volunteers to help cut, split and deliver firewood for Tribal Elders. Bring your chainsaws, hydraulic wood splitters, splitting mauls, axes and lots of energy. Lunch, drinks and snacks will be provided.

We will meet at the Tribal administration building in Siletz at 8 a.m. and caravan to the cutting site. For anyone wishing to come later, directions to the cutting site will be posted on the front door of the building.

The goal of this event is to deliver firewood to as many Elders as possible. The Elders Program maintains a list of Elders who burn wood for their winter heat.

People willing to haul firewood to Elders outside of the Siletz area should contact the Elders Program clerk at 800-922-1399, ext. 1261, or 541-444-8261 to be paired up with an Elder in need.

We especially need folks who can haul wood to the Eugene, Salem and

Portland areas. Elders in need of firewood also should contact the Elders Program clerk to get their name on the delivery list.

If you have parents or grandparents who burn wood in the winter to stay warm, you need to help out at this event. Help replenish those wood piles after a long, cold winter and a wet spring.

The last woodcut of the year will be held Sept. 15, so mark your calendars now.

## Shellfish gatherers asked to not gather in particular area of Yaquina Bay

The Tribal Natural Resources Department is requesting that Tribal shellfish gatherers assist in the restoration of a small area of Yaquina Bay by voluntarily not harvesting in this area.

When the Port of Newport convinced NOAA to relocate its Pacific Fleet to Yaquina Bay, a massive construction

project began to house the fleet. This included construction of a dock system near the Hatfield Marine Science Center that required dredging of certain areas.

As part of the state permit approval for that dredging, the port was required to reintroduce eel grass to an area that had been disturbed during construction. That

area is located between the outer NOAA docks and the shore.

Eel grass planting is going on now and will continue for several years until the plants are well-established. In the long run, this will produce excellent habitat for many aquatic species.

In the short term, however, we request that Tribal members not dig in this area

so the plants have a chance to get established. The port has erected signs in the area asking people not to gather in the restoration area.

If you have any questions, please call Tribal Natural Resources Manager Mike Kennedy at 541-444-8232 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1232.

## Assistance requested from Tribal hunters to tag and track blacktail deer

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has begun a blacktail deer tagging and tracking project to get a better handle on the causes of the decline in the deer population and to get better popu-

lation estimates. It has requested assistance from all hunters to keep tabs on these deer.

If you encounter a deer with a collar or an ear tag, please notify ODFW at 541-867-0300, ext. 250. It's OK to shoot

a tagged or collared deer during the proper hunting season(s). If you do, please be sure to contact ODFW and provide the information it has requested. This will help it tally the various causes of blacktail

deer death in the Coast Range.

If you have any questions about this project, please call Tribal Natural Resources Manager Mike Kennedy at 541-444-8232 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1232.

## STEP strives to help reduce waste, increase recycling at Culture Camp

Large events such as Culture Camp and the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow are quickly approaching. This year, the Siletz Tribal Energy Program (STEP) is working with Buddy Lane, cultural education director, to recycle water bottles and cans and use compostable products whenever possible and appropriate.

This year during Culture Camp, Tribal programs staff has approved the use of compostables when serving meals to more than 500 people three times a day.

The compostable silverware is made from corn and decomposes in landfills. The plates and cups are made with recycled materials and are compostable since they also contain materials such as corn or sugar cane. These plates and cups decompose more quickly in landfills than either paper or plastic foam.

Recycling stations will be set up for use by attendees and STEP will be on hand to help you sort your trash from your recyclable materials. We will do everything possible to recycle and reduce our carbon footprint during these large events.

Please visit the STEP booth at Culture Camp for more information about

how to reduce, reuse and recycle at your large (and small!) events. We also will be making crafts from reused and reusable materials and providing information about renewable energy.

STEP also needs a mascot, so come by and design one for us.

For more information on other programs STEP offers, please contact us toll free at 800-922-1399 or at 541-444-2532,

ext. 1271, 1300 or 1305; or e-mail [step@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:step@ctsi.nsn.us).

Search for Siletz Tribal Energy Program on Facebook and "like" us for even more information and tips.

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ners need community help in providing food, lodging and gasoline for support vehicles. For that reason, groups around the state are organizing and fundraising to prepare for the runners. Local runners are encouraged to join for a few miles, days or even months.

For more information, contact Mel Huey at 541-345-3181 or [mel97402@gmail.com](mailto:mel97402@gmail.com). Visit the national website for the run at [sandiego.indymedia.org/pdj/](http://sandiego.indymedia.org/pdj/) for photos and details.



A group of runners heads across Alaska during the first week of this year's Peace and Dignity Journey.

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