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## Join Tribal members on Run to the Rogue for 3-day trip down the coast

The community is invited to join Siletz Tribal members and friends on Sept. 6-8 for the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Run to the Rogue. You can register at 8 a.m. on Sept. 6 or at any time on the run.

This event is a 234-mile relay run/walk in memory of the Siletz Tribal ancestors who were forcibly removed from their homeland in Rogue River country in the mid-1800s and marched north to Siletz and the confinements of the Coast Reservation. This annual relay run is the closest today's Tribal members can come to their ancestors' experience on the journey from their homeland.

The run begins in Siletz on Sept. 6 at 8:30 a.m. at the Tribal Community Center and ends Sept. 8 at Oak Flat on the Rogue River. Lunch then will be served at Cougar Lane Lodge, 4219 Agness Road; turn right when leaving Oak Flat onto Agness Road.

- Volunteers are needed for this three-day event to run, walk or help out



Participants head down Government Hill at the beginning of Run to the Rogue in 2011.

Photo by Diane Rodriguez

- with camp setup, cleanup, cooking and other areas.
- Youth can participate but need a designated adult committed to traveling and camping with the youth.
- Camping sites, meals and runners' support and refreshments are provided.
- An orientation session will be held Sept. 6 at 8 a.m. at the Tribal Community Center.

### For more information

Contact Buddy Lane, cultural education director, at 800-922-1399, ext. 1230, or 541 444-8230; or buddy1@ctsi.nsn.us.

## Obama nominates Washburn to be assistant secretary for Indian Affairs

### Washburn brings extensive law experience to position

WASHINGTON – The White House announced on Aug. 3 the nomination of Kevin Washburn to serve at the Department of Interior as the next assistant secretary for Indian Affairs.

Washburn is the dean of the New Mexico School of Law and a pre-eminent scholar on federal Indian law and policy with a particular focus on law

enforcement. He worked closely with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) to develop the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010.

Washburn is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma. NCAI President Jefferson Keel offered his strong support for Washburn's nomination.

"Kevin is a member of my Tribe, the Chickasaw Nation, and we have known each other for many years. He has had a remarkable career and I am very confident in his abilities," said Keel, also the lieu-

tenant governor of the Chickasaw Nation. "Law enforcement and trust reform will be two of the most important issues for the BIA in the coming years. Kevin's experience as a federal prosecutor will be a great benefit. I am also very glad that he has extensive management experience as dean at the University of New Mexico. The BIA is moving toward a new era as a partner with Tribal governments and I believe that Kevin will be a very strong leader."

According to a press release from the White House, Washburn is dean of the

University of New Mexico School of Law, a position he has held since June 2009.

He served as the Rosenstiel Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Arizona's James E. Rogers College of Law from 2008 to 2009 and as an associate professor of law at the University of Minnesota Law School from 2002 to 2008.

From 2007 to 2008, Washburn was the Oneida Indian Nation Visiting Professor at Harvard Law School.

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Photo by Natasha Kavanaugh

Many entries in this year's Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow parade reflect the tradition of the warrior, including this float from the Siletz Tribal Housing Department. Additional photos from the parade and the pow-wow are on pages 11-22.

