

US Forest Service increases price for its maps

CORVALLIS, Ore. – For the first time in nearly a decade, the increasing cost of production, printing and distribution has driven the U.S. Forest Service to increase the price of its maps. The price of USFS paper and plastic-coated maps has increased to \$14.

The Forest Service continually updates its maps and looks for ways to enhance them. It expects to shorten the revision cycle as cartographers continue to apply new digital technology to the map revision process.

The Forest Service is also working to increase the availability of digital maps. Digital maps for mobile applications can be downloaded at avenza.com/pdf-maps/store. Digital maps cost \$4.99 per side.

Siuslaw National Forest maps can be purchased at the following locations:

Siuslaw National Forest Supervisor's Office
3200 SW Jefferson Way
Corvallis, OR 97331
Phone: 541-750-7000

Hebo Ranger District
31525 Highway 22
Hebo, OR 97122
Phone: 503-392-5100

Central Coast Ranger District
1130 Forestry Lane
Waldport, OR 97394
Phone: 541-563-8400

Cape Perpetua Visitor Center
2400 Highway 101
Yachats, OR 97498
Phone: 541-547-3289

Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area
Visitor Center
855 Highway 101
Reedsport, OR 97467
Phone: 541-271-6000

There are three ways to order maps from the National Forest Map Store (NFMS):

1. Online: NationalForestStore.com
2. By phone: 406-329-3024
3. By U.S. mail:

USDA Forest Service
National Forest Store
P.O. Box 7669
Missoula, MT 59807

In an effort to help offset the pricing increase for volume sales, discount pricing is available on sales of 10 or more of maps of the same title. Discounted maps are only available when purchased through the NFMS.

The U.S. Forest Service is dedicated to researching, producing and distributing informative, accurate maps that can help improve the experience on America's national forests and grasslands. Additional online resources that may help users enjoy the great outdoors include:

- Interactive Visitor Map to help you find great places to go and explore
- Know Before You Go for tips that can help you enjoy the outdoors and be safe

The mission of the U.S. Forest Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.

The agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to state and private landowners, and maintains world-renowned forestry research and wildland fire management organizations.

National forests and grasslands contribute more than \$30 billion to the American economy annually and support nearly 360,000 jobs.

These lands also provide 30 percent of the nation's surface drinking water to cities and rural communities. Approximately 60 million Americans rely on drinking water that originates in the national forest system.

To the editor:

Thank you to the Tribal members who voted and supported me for Tribal Council. First experience for me, but I did learn a few things.

As a Siletz Tribal member, I still have concerns.

1) Chinook Winds is our main money-making business. It is not a place to pick and choose who can come through the door. Politics needs to be left out at Chinook Winds Casino. Tribal Council is over Chinook Winds Casino.

2) Housing. There is a lot of Tribal housing here in Siletz, which we have enough of. There needs to be Tribal Housing in Lincoln City and the Salem area. Siletz is not the only place where Siletz Tribal members live. Reggie Butler has always been a strong advocate for this.

3) Jobs. Give Tribal members a chance at a job. There should be training available.

4) Per Cap. I side with Reggie Butler on this. Our membership is growing and the percentage that is for the Tribal membership needs to go up. Too bad it was voted down.

I lived in Siletz most of my life and I watch the Siletz Tribe grow. I am proud of who I am and I will never forget the struggles growing up that my family went through.

Joella Strong

Dear Tribal members:

Another election has come and gone and it was a close one. Congratulations to the two incumbents who retained their seats and to newcomer Angela Ramirez, who picked up the vacant position. They and the rest of the council have much work ahead of them and I wish them well in their efforts.

I want to thank all those Tribal members who supported my independent run for a seat on Tribal Council and assure you that I remain committed to giving back to my Tribal community in any way that I can.

In Respect,
Bonnie Petersen

To the editor:

I am honored to have been elected to the Tribal Council this year. This is the second time I ran for Tribal Council, I previously ran in 2011. I am overwhelmed with the support I received prior to the election and now after being elected.

I am thankful for all of the Tribal members I have come to know over the last 25 years; that I have earned their respect and support to make this possible. It is a privilege to serve the Tribal membership as an elected official.

I want to thank all those who voted, regardless if I was one of your votes or if someone else was. It is important for all eligible voters to exercise their right to vote, especially in a Tribal election. This year there were 3,743 Tribal members who were eligible to vote, meaning they are a Tribal member and over the age of 18 on or before Election Day.

There are two important things that must occur before someone can vote. First, you must always have a current address on file with the Enrollment Department as that is where the addresses are obtained for the mail outs. Secondly, in order to vote, the Tribal member must register to vote, which involves filling out the Voter Registration card with their name, roll number and signature. The signature will need to match to how the ballot will be signed.

Once the Tribal member is registered to vote, they will receive the voter's pamphlet that includes statements from the candidates and other important information for the election. Being a registered voter is also the only way to receive a voting ballot.

For this year's election, there were 2,495 registered voters and 709 who actually voted. This is a 28.4 percent voter turnout. As you can see by this year's election, there was a 20 vote difference between four people for the second and third seat on Tribal Council. **Your vote counts!**

If you have concerns to bring to my attention, please write to me via email at angelar@csi.nsn.us or P.O. Box 504, Siletz, OR 97380-0504.

Respectfully,
Angela Ramirez

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