

Gold Beach – plank house

Robert Kentta and Bud Lane have been working with U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and Port of Gold Beach officials in Gold Beach, Ore., to build a replica of one of our plank houses near the mouth of the Rogue River. The site is in present-day Gold Beach, near the original village of Yan'-shu'-chit-dvn, on the south bank of the Rogue River near its mouth.

Cedar trees were identified from our former lands that are now USFS lands. The cedar logs will be split into planks and used to build the plank house, also known as a "living house" or "Mvn" in the Dee-ni language (photos below, right).

This project would not be possible without the cooperation of the USFS, the Port of Gold Beach and the Tribe.



The legislation had many amendments and hearings; it was approved in the House but never got a vote and died in the Senate.

There were many helpful provisions for Tribes in the legislation, but also much controversy for the legislators. It was an important way to address climate change in Oregon and I'm sure there will be attempts to resurrect it in the next legislative session.

Chemawa

The Oregon congressional delegation continues to address issues regarding Chemawa Indian School.

After their visit to the school and a congressional hearing by the House Natural Resource Committee, it is hoped that funding, staffing issues and decisions affecting the land will be made in the best interest of the school and its employees and students.



Delores Pigsley

On our recent trip to Washington, D.C., we met with Bureau of Indian Affairs officials and members of Congress to be sure that Chemawa issues remain a priority.



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