

ADULT VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM

Applications are being accepted for the Adult Vocational Training Program sponsored by the Siletz Agency and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The objective of the program is to help adult Indians obtain reasonable and satisfactory employment through vocational counseling and guidance, institutional training in recognized vocations and trades, not to exceed 24 months except for registered nursing which is available up to 36 months.

You are eligible if you are at least one-fourth degree or more Indian blood, and are a member of the Siletz Tribe residing in the following counties: Benton, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Polk, Tillamook and Yamhill. You must be between the ages of 18 and 35.

Funding for the program is limited, so in order to qualify, all forms of financial aid must be applied for at the institution of your choice, and a student evaluation report submitted along with your application to the Siletz Agency. This filing of an application does not mean that you will receive training. Selection of trainees is based on attitude, motivation, willingness to compete in the work force and the availability of funding.

NEW FOREST MANAGER:

The Siletz Forestry Department has filled the position of Forest Manager. Gary Varner started to work in June as the new Forest Manager. Gary comes from the Yakima Agency where he was a Forester in Timber Sale's Administration from 1967-1977 and from 1977-1981 he was District Officer, at the Glenwood Ranger Station which is another area of the Yakima Agency.

Gary was born and raised in Tacoma Washington, attended Olympic College, Washington State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Forest Management.

Gary lives in Siletz with his wife and family.

TIMBER SALE FOR THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SILETZ INDIANS

The first timber sale for the Confederated Tribes of Siletz took place at the Siletz Area Office on July 1, 1981. There were three companies bids submitted, Publisher Paper, Toledo, OR. Oregon Lumber Export, (formally Guy Robert's Lumber Co. Toledo, OR.) Mountain Fir Lumber Co, Portland, OR.

The Department of Forestry estimated there was 3,320 MBF (thousand board feet) of timber. The minimum bid excepted was \$300.00 per thousand board feet for the Douglas Fir, and \$60.00 per thousand board feet for the Red Alder.

Publishers Paper Co. submitted a bid of \$367.00 per thousand board feet for the Douglas Fir and \$60.00 per thousand board feet for the Red Alder.

The approximate value of the timber sale \$1,219,640.00 awarded to Publishers Paper Co. The company has two years to complete the cutting of the timber.

The Tribal Council will determine the budget for these dollars and then submit a budget to the BIA superintendent Bernard Topash for approval.