Housing Report

By: Connie Hoffman, Housing Director

Just after I wrote last month's report, the Siletz Indian Housing Authority was notified that we had been selected as one of several Indian Housing Authority's in this region to receive a Youth Sports Grant from HUD. We applied for a grant of $23,740 to develop a small playground for youngsters in the housing projects, a baseball field on Tribal land adjacent to the projects, and a drug education program for children in the project. Tribal Council support in providing counselors' time, use of the Community Center, and use of the land for the ballfield played an important part in this grant getting funded. Also important was the volunteer time provided by residents of our projects who are involved in the baseball and basketball programs. We hope to begin this program this summer.

In cooperation with other Tribal offices here in Siletz, we submitted several Tribal members' names for a state-funded Rental Assistance Program which just began here in Lincoln County. This program is intended to help those who are not presently getting the benefit of a housing subsidy and who could benefit from some short-term assistance. We assisted with getting this program started here in Lincoln County and obtained a committment that at least two slots would be reserved for our nominations. This will be a continuing program with more funding available at a later date.

We have run into some major obstacles with our grant for the HOPE 3 planning program, a new HUD program, under which we wanted to assist Tribal members in the 11-county service area acquire homes which are foreclosed on by HUD, Farmers Home, Veterans, and other public agencies. It will take some lobbying for legislative changes in order for this program to be feasible for Indian Tribes and Indian Housing Authorities to administer.

Our priority for the month of June is to form a Resident Organization in the Mutual Help housing projects so that a grant can be submitted in its name to HUD for start-up funds. A Resident Organization will provide a way for all Homebuyers to be involved in the day-to-day issues which involve them.

SILETZ INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

OPENINGS

The Siletz Indian Housing Authority is now taking applications from Tribal Members who are interested in serving on the Commission. So any Tribal Member interested in serving on the Commission must fill out the following form and return it to the address below. DEADLINE TO FILE IS FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1992.

Send your application to:

Confederated Tribes of
Siletz Indians
P.O. Box 549
Siletz, OR 97380
Attn: Glendora Osborn, Council Secretary

Name: _____

Phone _____

Address: _____

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Roll Number _____

DeAnn Brown, one of our residents, began work in May as our Housing Counsalor, under a contract with Oregon State University's Extension Service. She is interviewing each family in the projects to find out the types of educational programs that are needed in order to prepare them for home ownership. Utilizing the vast resources available through the Extension Service, she will then set up programs to meet the needs and wishes of Homebuyers.

Notice of Availability

Draft Environmental Assessment for Rock Creek #1 Logging Unit

This notice is to advise interested parties that the Draft Environmental Assessment for the proposed Rock Creek #1 Logging Unit, located in Lincoln County near Logsden, Oregon, is available for public review.

For Further Information Contact:
Michael Kennedy, Tribal Forester
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
P.O. Box 549
Siletz, OR 97380
Telephone: (503) 444-2532 ext. 132

Individuals wishing copies of this Draft E.A. for review should immediately contact the above individual.

The Draft Environmental Assessment looks at the effects of carrying out each of two Alternatives, including No Action, of harvesting approximately 167 acres of mature timber on the Siletz Indian Reservation.

Notice of Public Comment Period

This E.A. is a draft document; public comment is requested. Written comments must be received no later than June 12, 1992.

Planning Report

By: Howard Roy, Tribal Planner

Our current ANA Grant is well on track, the past eight months we have made a complete turn around.

The new ANA proposal is the predevelopment for a centralized administration building. It will start up July 1, 1992. The Tribe's long awaited dream is one step closer to fruitation.

We are currently gearing up for our assertion of Sovereign Tribal water rights. Our first step was the implementation of an Interdisciplinary Team. Our first meeting was held May 12, 1992. In attendance were Raymond Blacketer, Tribal Court Clerk; Teresa Miller, Hunting & Fishing Liaison; Howard Roy, Tribal Planner; Mike Kennedy, Tribal Forester; and Council Member, Frank Simmons. Mr. Simmons interest and knowledge about water rights issues were readily apparent in his discussion participation.

Recently Howard Roy attended a CDBG seminar concerning our 1992 proposal. Our chances look promising due to our past performance with the clinic project.

Mr. Roy also has written a Water Resources Management grant proposal that would be a milestone towards the Tribe's protecting it's water rights for future generations.

USDA News

From: Wanda Belgarde, USDA Clerk

Salem Dates are June 16th, 17th, & 18th, till the last appointment on the 18th. Siletz dates are June 23rd, 24th, 25th, & 26th. PLEASE KEEP YOUR APPOINTMENTS!!!

Also, Remember you can't receive both commodities and food stamps at the same time. It's one or the other. But, if you are eligible for both programs, you may switch back and forth. So, you can receive food stamps one month and food distribution commodities the next. To do this, however, you must notify both the food stamp office and the food distribution office of your intent well in advance of the switch date.