

Historic Signing Ceremony

"Our people will be coming home"

In 1855 the ancestors of the Siletz Indians were unwillingly removed from their homelands throughout the Rogue River area. Upon arrival at their new home, the Siletz Reservation, the people were extremely homesick and wanted to go home. Some of our great Chiefs of the Rogue River wars, were asked by officials of the U.S. Government if they were comfortable here on the new reservation. Without hesitation, the answer was, "No! I want to go home". Those very same words are echoed today, "I want to go home."

This will become reality September 16, 1995 when the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and the Siskiyou National Forest sign a Memorandum of Understanding. The signing of a "1855" Rogue River Treaty took place at Oak Flats one hundred and forty years ago. It is fitting that our Tribal Leaders and people once again will gather at this historic site.

The Memorandum opens the door to joint cooperation on specific problems or interests the Tribe may have pertaining to the Siskiyou National Forest. Specifically, the MOU states under purpose, "To provide a mutually beneficial process for the CTSI and the SISKIYOU to jointly identify, communicate and coordinate actions of common concern relating to the management of lands and resources, and provide a mechanism for continuing involvement in the development and revision of land management plans."

The official signing ceremony will be taking place on the Rogue River 2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 16 followed by a mini pow-wow. Feather dancers will perform at dusk. Lodging at Gold Beach or Agness should be reserved as soon as possible for those who wish to stay in a motel. Signs will be posted directing you to the area beginning at the South side of the Bridge crossing the Rogue River at Gold Beach. It takes approximately one hour to reach Oak Flats from Gold Beach and the road is winding and narrow. Please bring lawn chairs if possible. Some food will be provided, but you are encouraged to bring something extra with you.

If you have questions, concerns, want to help with the arrangements, or have some good ideas contact:

Frank Simmons	444-4288
Teresa Miller	444-4288
Margo Norton	444-4205

or toll-free 1-800-922-1399 and ask for any of the above.



AGENDA

"WHAT THIS LAND MEANS TO US"

Invocation - Agnes Pilgrim

Gilbert Towner - Blessing Song

Grant Pilgrim - Blessing Song

Bud Lane - Blessing Song

We are honored to have *Dancing Again*
Singers Drum

Welcome Round Dance - Everyone

"please join us !!!"

Introductions

Teresa M. Miller Public Relations,
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Sue Olson, Public Relations Siskiyou
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Official Signing

Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians

Mike Lunn, Forest Supervisor

Siskiyou National Forest

OPEN MIKE

POW WOW

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

FEATHER DANCE PERFORMANCE

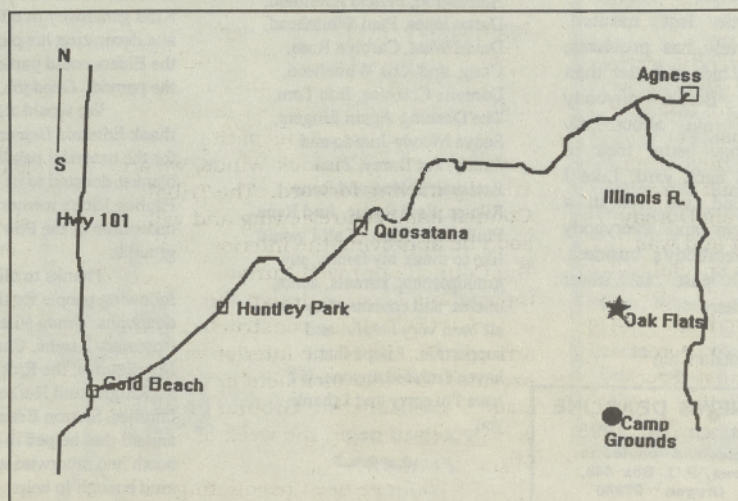
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Run to the Rogue

The Alcohol and Drug Program along with the Mentorship Program is organizing a relay run from Siletz to the site of the signing ceremony. The run will be special in several ways: first, it will highlight the return of the Siletz People to the Rogue River; second, it will symbolize the reverse of the long forced march of the Siletz ancestors from the Rogue to the Coast Reservation.

At this time we are seeking runners of all ages who will be interested in taking part in the relay run from Siletz to Agness - about 250 miles. The run will take about 2 days. Runners will run for one mile and then pass off to the next person. We need at least 15 runners to attempt this project. We also will need volunteers to serve as support people for the runners. We are also recruiting non-tribal member runners who will run for Elders and those who are not able to run for themselves. Any Elder who wishes to be represented in the relay can call the programs.

If you are interested in being a runner or a volunteer, please contact the Alcohol & Drug Program or Denise Wilson, Youth Services Coordinator at 444-4289 or 444-1030, or call toll free 1-800-600-5599.



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