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## 'Traveling the Traditional Highways of our Ancestors'



Photo by Toby McClary

The 2007 Canoe Journey, "Paddle to Lummi" began on Saturday, July 21 for Grand Ronde. This year's journey will consist of more than 200 miles of paddling beginning at the Squaxin Island Tribe and finishing up at the Lummi Nation on Monday, July 30. The Tribal participants will then celebrate with the Lummi Nation who will also host the final protocol. This photo was taken during the 2006 Canoe Journey. Look for a story and photos of this year's journey in the August 15, 2007 issue of *Smoke Signals*.

### Tribal Candidates Forum Held



Photo by Toby McClary

On Thursday, July 26, the 2007 Tribal Candidate Forum was held at the Tribal Community Center. There was a dinner and a question and answer session. There were about 80 people that attended. Here Tribal member Bryan Langley facilitates the forum.

### Udall Scholars Bring Curiosity And Enthusiasm To Grand Ronde

■ Group digs in with Natural Resources summer work crew to build out another section of the Tillamook Trail.



Photo by Toby McClary

#### By Ron Karten

Behind the scenes, Tribal member Bryan Mercier, a past Udall Foundation intern and now Native Program Advisor, Office of Policy and Programs at the federal Treasury Department, raised funding for the group's National Biodiesel Bus Tour, a two-month tour across the country honoring ten years of community service in the name of Arizona Congressman Morris Udall.

Thirteen Udall scholarship alum-

ni rode the bus to visit sustainable cities, Native American communities, college campuses and national parks, all highlighting public service projects and advances in biodiesel travel.

Mercier, who did not accompany the scholars, was also instrumental in scheduling Grand Ronde into the tour.

The bus, sheathed even across the windows in graphics of forest leaves

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