

**Pacific Northwest Tribal Climate Change Project
Steering Committee Conference Call: June 2, 2010**

Participants:

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Meeting Notes

Tribal Climate Change Clearinghouse

Sustainable Northwest has contracted with the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals at Northern Arizona University to enhance their tribal climate change website and increase the amount of resources for Pacific Northwest Tribes. The steering committee discussed specific ways in which the website could be augmented:

- Profiles will eventually be a part of the website
- Wendy will contact steering committee members to collect ideas on how the website can be strengthened, as well as ideas on how to disseminate information about the website to a wide variety of tribal interests.
- Sue: will work on PR for the website. Will include contacting organizations, contacting ATNI (will have an energy conference in warm stream next week)
- Kathy will write an email describing the partnership with ITEP so that steering committee members can forward it on to their networks and begin the dissemination strategy.
- Kathy will look into creating a facebook page, or networking with other organizations that have FaceBook pages.
- Sue would like ongoing feedback on ways to change the layout of the website so information is easier to access.
 - o Steve suggested adding powerpoint presentations and training courses
 - o Kathy suggested posting whitepapers developed by steering committee members

Forest Service Grants (Ellen)

- The Forest Service has awarded \$40,000 for the Forest Inventory and Analysis project. This project also includes coordination with two other Forest Service Research Stations that will be engaged in understanding tribal interests related to climate change.
- Project overview: research baseline distribution of trends of species and inventory monitoring. Will continue to be monitoring.
- Options for money: joint venture agreement with a tribal organization. Funds would support part time person coordinate tribes around region and nation. Data on variety of species, how long you would like, in what form. Coordinate with FIA and provide it to the tribe and others. Regional or national.
- Project ideas:
 1. Monitoring inventory of species
 2. FIA extend list of species to collect data. Additional list of culturally important resources and species.

Position details:

- No travel. Lots of phone calls, figure out who can do what, coordinate and liaison.
- Coordinate with tribes around nations (depending on a staff person). All go towards hire a staff person expand job description depending on scope.

- 20% match necessary to have a joint venture agreement. Agreement must be submitted by end of June.
- Steering Committee members with an interest in this project should contact Ellen as soon as possible. Funds must be obligated within a Forest Service agreement by June 30.

C. Tribal Profiles

The University of Oregon will produce a template for project profiles, and produce four profiles over the summer. Based on the presentations at the October Forum, we will do profiles of the Swinomish Adaptation Planning Effort and the Nez Perce carbon sequestration project. Two others will be identified with the help of the steering committee.

- The four profiles will be completed and ready for dissemination by the end of August
- What other tribes should we consider doing profiles for? (Hoh tribe, Quinalt)
- Will look at Steve's paper on the Swinomish Tribe from Evergreen State College

D. Additional Forest Service Grant Opportunity

Ellen has secured funding to conduct additional and more in-depth tribal profiles. These profiles would be intended to study effective planning strategies and challenges faced by tribes in trying to address climate change.

- Ellen hopes to partner with faculty members and students with an interest in this research. Ideal candidate would be graduate student that is a tribal member.
- Work with Evergreen or another university with interest in the area (Alan Parker)