

Enhancing and Restoring Huckleberry Areas in a Healthy Watershed Approach to Management

June 10-11, 2008

Kah-Nee-Ta Resort, Warm Springs

June 10, 2008 – Day 1

Moderator: Steve Fitzgerald, OSU Extension Service

10am – 10:30am

Welcome – KJ Silverman, MTH Deputy Forest Supervisor and Bobby Brunoe, CTWS General Manager
Natural Resources & Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Opening Ceremony – Fred Wallulatum, CTWS Tribal Longhouse Leader

Keynote Speaker – Don Motanic, Intertribal Timber Council - 20 minutes

"A Huckleberry Trust Walk: Monitoring the Effectiveness of the Federal-Tribal Trust Relationship under the Northwest Forest Plan"

10:30am - Noon

Awareness – importance of the huckleberry resource (tribal perspective, balancing ecological, recreational and cultural needs, bringing together research and current knowledge)

Heather Erickson PNW Research Ecologist - 20 minutes

Brief summary of published research – huckleberry ecology, management, responses to wildfire.

Cultural Panel – 60 minutes

5 tribal perspectives of the importance of the huckleberry resource and cultural needs.

Jessica Bochart – archaeologist, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians

Robert Kentta – cultural resource director, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians

David Lewis – cultural resource manager, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

Ruth Jim – Tribal Council, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation

Viola Kalama – Tribal elder, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Noon – 1:30pm

Buffet Lunch, slide show presentation, network time

1:30pm – 3pm

Joyce LeCompte-Mastenbrook graduate student, environmental anthropology - 20 minutes

Will present her dissertation proposal and preliminary results of a comparative study looking at factors that contribute to sustainability & equitable management of huckleberries and barriers.

Frank Duran RO Forest Products - 20 minutes

National and regional special forest products policy from a management perspective, what forests are doing in their permitting systems or should be doing. And, policy and our ability to work with the tribes as related to huckleberries and special forest products.

Huckleberry Management – who is doing what? (tools, techniques, opportunities, knowledge gaps)

Tony Farque WIL Archaeologist - 20 minutes

Will present the Cougar Rock Huckleberry Enhancement project, Title II project, thinning/pruning/hand piling; focus is on increasing collaboration with Grand Ronde & Siletz tribes.

Bruce Holmson GIP Silviculturist - 20 minutes

Will present the Mowich Commercial Thin/Underburn project

3pm – 3:30pm

Break

3:30pm – 5pm

Steve Boyer GIP Silviculturist - 20 minutes

Will present RAC project with PCT in lodgepole for fuels reduction and huckleberry enhancement. Monitoring effectiveness of PCT to enhance huckleberries.

Mt Hood Meadows Ski Resort – Matthew Drake - 20 minutes

Partnership formed with CTWS elders for berry picking areas protected (on volunteer basis) from the general public.

Cheryl Mack GIP Archaeologist - 20 minutes

Will present the Sawtooth Huckleberry Restoration project, a landscape-level approach to restoring the Sawtooth Huckleberry fields, a place of recognized cultural importance to the Yakama Nation. The project plans to treat 1200 acres using a variety of methods for reducing tree canopy cover. The cultural importance of the Sawtooth area will be discussed, along with historic records describing Indian use of fire in managing huckleberries.

Susan Charnley PNW - 20 minutes

Integrating traditional and local ecological knowledge into forest biodiversity conservation in the PNW

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Salmon bake dinner

Poster Session/Papers, etc available all day in the poster session room

June 11, 2008 – Day 2

7:30am – 8:30am

Buffet Breakfast and checkout

9:00am – 3pm

Jim Rice/Matt Jimenez MTH Timber planning/ BIA planning forester

Field trip to the Warm Springs Reservation site and the Summit commercial thinning project on the Mt Hood NF. Review of a huckleberry enhancement project using winter logging (over snow) to protect established huckleberry plants. Includes discussion on stewardship contracts, opportunities and workshop wrap-up. After the site visits, return to vehicle staging area near Hwy 26 and disperse for home units.

4:30pm

Arrival back to Kah-Nee-Ta Resort for those returning to Warm Springs.