Cougar Rock
Huckleberry Enhancement Project
Sweet Home Ranger District
Willamette National Forest
Site Characteristics

- 4690 feet elevation
- Mostly plantations
- Site class V – lots of rock
- Rough road – 1.5 hour drive time
Cougar Rock Special Interest Area

- Central Cascades Adaptive Management Area
- Surrounded on three sides by private land (read: no burning!)
Project Goals

• Facilitate resumption of traditional practice
• Establish a tribal camp for gathering huckleberries
• Limit access to the area so that commercial pickers don’t find it
• Restore traditional cultural landscape
Molalla Trail

Legend
- Mollalla Trail
- Streams
- Roads
- Forest Service Ownership
- SIA

1 inch equals 1,320 feet

Cougar Rock Special Interest Area

Molalla Kate dressed in full regalia
Enhancement Activities

- Huckle Bough Sale – bought by Tanya Harding!
  - Requires pruning flush to the bole below 4 feet to get more light to berry bushes
  - Limbs above 4 feet not flush cut
  - 12 acres
  - Remove competing shrubs
Huckleberry Enhancement Projects

Precommercial Thinning

Pruning

Bough Sales
• Huckle Bough (2007)
• Husky Bough (2010)
- Opened an Access Road
- Created a campsite
- Created Multiple Informal Trails
How did we get here?

• Great huckleberries!
• Special spot
• Put management and tribal elders together in that special spot = meeting of the minds
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