Tribal Gathering & Local Private Forestlands:
TFW-FFR Provisions to Foster and Use

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Private Forestland In Watersheds
(Large Landowners)

• Private Forests Dominate In Many Watersheds
• Private Forests: Managed per Rules & Policies
• Forest Practices WACs: Incl. Cultural Resources
• “ “ “ Policies: Incl. Cultural Resources

➢ Tribal/Landowner Voluntary Protection Plan
  [per TFW Agreement & WAC 222-20-120(2)]
➢ TFW Biologist(s) Could & Should Be Included!
U.S vs. Washington ("Boldt" Decision)

- Timber/Fish/Wildlife (T/F/W) Agreement (1987)
  - Federally-Recognized Tribes
  - Washington State Government
  - Private Forest Landowners (Large & Small)
  - Local Governments
  - Federal Government
- “Forests and Fish Report” w/ Appendix O (1999)
Timber/Fish/Wildlife Agreement (1987)

- Introduction/The Results

  - Archaeological and Cultural Goals
    - ...to inventory, evaluate, preserve and protect traditional cultural...spaces and assure tribal access.
Opportunities:

✓ “...Cultural resources include both religious and social uses...”
✓ “...there may be traditional cultural activities that have not been practiced for some time (due to access problems, site conditions, etc.)
✓ “...These activities may be re-established.”
T/F/W Agreement (cont.)

• Components of System/Archaeological and Cultural Resources

- Measures:
  ✓ “...Forest practice applications will be cross-checked...”
  ✓ “...Should the proposed practice coincide with an identified cultural [or archaeological] resource...the appropriate tribe will be contacted immediately...”
  ✓ “...the landowner is required to meet with the affected tribe with the objective of developing a plan for protecting the archaeological/cultural values.”
WAC 222-16
(Forest practices board/Definitions)

• WAC 222-16-010 General definitions.

➢ “Cultural resources” means archaeological and historic sites and artifacts, and traditional religious, ceremonial and social uses and activities of affected Indian tribes.
WAC 222-20
(FPB/Application and Notification)

• WAC 222-20-120 Notice of forest practices to affected Indian tribes

(2) “Where an application involves cultural resources the landowner shall meet with the affected tribe(s) with the objective of agreeing on a plan for protecting the archaeological or cultural value...”
TFW/FFR
“Cultural Resources Protection and Management Plan (CRPMP)”

• CRPMP Purpose
  ➢ 4. **Improve access to tribal cultural resources**
    ✓ “...so that affected tribes have a better opportunity to maintain and perpetuate their traditional values and practices.”
TWF/FFR
“Cultural Resources Protection and Management Plan (CRPMP)”

- Cultural Resources Guidance
  - Historic Sites - etc.
  - **Traditional Places** - “...are landscapes, sacred sites, legendary areas, indigenous uses and objects...”. **Examples include groves used for gathering edible/medicinal plants.**
  - **Traditional Materials** - “...are the resources used by Native peoples to sustain their culture.” **Examples include traditional materials (such as some of the plants utilized by tribes – e.g. bear grass, tule, and cedar and birch trees).**
  - Archaeological Resources – etc.
TFW/FFR “Cultural Resources Protection and Management Plan (CRPMP)”

• Appendix A/Cultural Resources Module
  ➢ Assessment of Cultural Resources
    ✓ Tribal Cultural Resources/The Inventory of Tribal Cultural Resources
    ✓ Investigative Techniques/Interview Questions
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“CRPMP – Cultural Module”

• Tribal Informant - Interview Question Categories
  ➢ Geographic Resources
  ➢ Critical Resources
  ➢ Fish
  ➢ Hunting
  ➢ Collecting Food
  ➢ Collecting Materials
  ➢ Settlement Sites
  ➢ Traditional Use Sites
  ➢ Historical Ecology
  ➢ Artifact Locations
  ➢ Mythic and Supernatural Sites
  ➢ Historic Locations
  ➢ Named Sites
TFW/FFR - “CRPMP Cultural Module”
Tribal Informant Questions

- **Critical Resources**
  - What are the most important traditional foods and materials that are taken from this area?
  - Do or did you or the people fish anywhere in the area?
  - Hunt? Collect food? Collect medicines?
TFW/FFR – “CRPMP Cultural Module”
Tribal Informant Questions (cont).

- Collecting Food
  - What foods are collected in the area: roots, berries, sprouts, other edibles, mushrooms, eggs?
  - What are the most important of these foods?
  - What are the native names?
  - Where are the places that each is gathered?
TFW/FFR – “CRPMP Cultural Module”
Tribal Informant Questions (cont.)

• Collecting Materials

➢ What materials are still gathered in this area: types of wood, weaving materials, household materials, raw materials for dyes and other uses, medicines, ceremonial plants?

➢ Are any of them considered to be especially important “critical resources”? 
Tribal Gathering & Local Private Forests

- **Federal Land Habitats**: Hi-Elevation (& Steep Slopes)
- **TFW-FFR Rules & Policies Exist**: Foster & Use!
- **Rules**: Cultural resources means “...social uses and activities”. Protect via tribal/landowner voluntary protection plan.
- **Policy**: Assure tribal access. Cultural activities that have not been practiced for some time may be re-established. **CRs include traditional places & traditional materials** (incl. plants).
- **Questions**: Include Collecting (Food/Materials)
Tribal Gathering
via TFW-FFR Provisions

• *Specially Prepared For Tribal Communities: FOSTER & USE*

• Communication & Commitment: *Are Vital!*

• Cooperation With Landowner(s): *Is Key*

• Consultation With Non-Tribal Agencies: *Is Key*

• Coordination Within Tribe: *Is Key (Community, Committees, Programs, Departments, Council)*

• Protocols/Regulations/Enforcement: *Are Key*
Tribal Gathering: “CRPMP” Guidance Documents

- TFW Cultural Resources Roundtable (Co-Chairs: Jeffrey Thomas/Peter Heide - via WDNR/FPB webpage: www.dnr.wa.gov)

- Potential Categories or Topics
  - Treaty Rights/Responsibilities: Legal frameworks- Regulations-Managing public (and private) lands
  - Tribal Government: Traditional practices & knowledge-Food sovereignty-Sharing the harvest
  - Tribal Programs: Traditional plant programs-Tribal food/medicine gardens-Propagating cultural plants
  - Non-Federal Lands: State DNR lands-Private lands-Tribal/Landowner voluntary protection (and access) agreements

- Federal Lands Projects or MOA: National Parks-National Forests