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A U.S. Forest Service and Tulalip Tribes Co-Stewardship Area

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In 2007, The Tulalip Tribes signed a historic agreement with the U.S. Forest Service, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest to work together for the long term and wise stewardship of our ancestral lands that are now national forest. As part of our agreement, swada?xali, a two square mile area in the Upper Skykomish River Watershed was designated as a co-stewardship area, where Tulalip and the Forest Service will combine resources and expertise to restore impaired habitat and conserve and enhance the abundant mountain huckleberries in the meadows.

We are committed to doing all that we can to ensure the integrity of these natural areas so that future generations can experience them, continue their respectful relationships with the plants and animals that our culture teaches us, and exercise our gathering rights as our ancestors reserved in the 1855 Treaty of Point Elliott.

In partnership with the U.S.
Forest Service, we are striving to create and sustain treaty cultural gathering opportunities, and at the same time contribute to the long term ecological health of these public lands that benefit us all.





