



swədə?ǰali

Place of Mountain Huckleberries



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

Sustaining the Huckleberries

A Work In Progress

For thousands of years “swədə?ǰ”, or Big Huckleberry has served as an important food, medicine and trade good to the Coast Salish peoples. Big Huckleberry is most abundant in the middle to upper mountain elevations, and favors open conditions following disturbances like fire or logging. Prior to European settlement, native peoples managed the land by setting fire and by other means to create or maintain huckleberry habitat and gathering areas.

In 2016, The Tulalip Tribes began working cooperatively with the



swədə?ǰ or Big Huckleberry
(*Vaccinium membranaceum*)

U.S. Forest Service to sustain huckleberries at swədə?ǰali. Tribal youth, working with staff from the Tribe’s Natural Resources Department and the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, removed or pruned some

of the emerging conifer trees that would eventually shade out the huckleberry. The Tulalip Tribes and the Forest Service will continue to work throughout the swədə?ǰali area and monitor the results of our efforts.