

PACIFIC NORTHWEST TRIBAL CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVE

<p>TRIBAL CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY TRAINING <i>TRAINING ON CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY ISSUES, INCLUDING CAP AND TRADE, CARBON MARKETS, AND ADAPTATION POLICY</i></p> <p>SEPTEMBER 14 – 15, 2009 UNIVERSITY OF OREGON IN PORTLAND WHITE STAG BLOCK; 70 NW COUCH ST. PORTLAND, OR</p>	<p>TRIBAL CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM <i>THE ROLE OF TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY, AND TRIBAL NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY AND ACTION</i></p> <p>OCTOBER 15 - 16, 2009 UNIVERSITY OF OREGON IN EUGENE MANY NATIONS LONGHOUSE EUGENE, OREGON</p>
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ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

The USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station is partnering with Sustainable Northwest and the University of Oregon's Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program and Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics to host two events this summer and fall aimed at building knowledge about climate change policy and fostering dialogue about the needs and opportunities for Native American tribes in the Pacific Northwest to engage in climate change policy, planning, and action. Representatives from the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, Columbia Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, the Intertribal Timber Council and the Portland State University Institute for Tribal Government, as well as the Coquille Indian Tribe and the Tualip Tribe, are participating on a steering committee to work with the convening organizations to help shape the two events and develop outreach strategies.

ABOUT THE EVENTS

September 14-15, 2009 – Portland, Oregon - Tribal Climate Change Policy Training

The Tribal Climate Change Policy Training will be held in the early fall of 2009 in Portland, Oregon. The Training will be designed to bring together tribal decision-makers and staff from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Northern California who have an interest in learning about the technical aspects of climate change policy, as well as the opportunities that tribes have to engage in climate change policy and action at tribal, national, and international levels. Tribal leaders and staff will be invited from federally recognized tribes and tribal organizations in Oregon, Washington, Northern California, and Idaho. There will also be an opportunity for people to participate via webinar or to view the training via podcast.

Who should attend: Tribal leaders and staff (e.g., natural resources, fisheries, and cultural resources staff) with an interest in learning more about climate change policy and programs.

October 15-16, 2009 – Eugene, Oregon – Tribal Climate Change Forum

The Tribal Climate Change Forum will focus on dialogue about the challenges and implications that tribes will face in regards to climate change policy at tribal, regional, national, and international levels, as well as opportunities tribes have to engage in climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts. The purpose of the Forum is for participants to identify needs and begin to develop key products that will assist tribal leaders and program officials in addressing climate change policy, adaptation, and/or mitigation. The format of this event will focus on facilitated dialogue among tribal participants, as well as commentary by tribal and university experts. The Forum will be coordinated during a visit by the University of Oregon's inaugural Oregon Tribes Professorship law chair, Dr. Rebecca Tsosie.

Who should attend: Tribal leaders and policymakers with an interest in identifying opportunities to increase tribal input into climate change policy.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

There will be no registration fee for either event, and most travel and lodging expenses for tribal participants will be reimbursed by the convening organizations. **Space is limited at each event to 40 participants.** We will hold space for representatives in each tribe in Oregon and Washington, as well as additional spaces for tribes from Idaho and Northern California. We have also included space on the form below for the names of additional staff from your tribe that may be interested in attending if space becomes available. After the initial registration date closes August 14, 2009, then we will invite the additional people identified by the tribes, based on the order the registration forms were submitted.

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2009

Note: One place will be held for each tribe until August 14. After that date, spots will open up for tribes to send multiple members (as requested on a first come, first serve basis). We will contact alternates after August 14.

Please send completed registration forms to Kathy Lynn at kathy@uoregon.edu or fax them to: 503-221-4495. Alternatively, you can mail hard copies of the registration form to: Sustainable Northwest – Attn: Kathy Lynn; 813 SW Alder, Suite 500; Portland, OR 97205. Questions can be directed to Kathy Lynn at kathy@uoregon.edu or call 541-346-5777.

Registration Form	
Tribal Climate Change Policy Symposium September 14 – 15, 2009 Portland, OR	Tribal Climate Change Forum October 15 - 16, 2009 Eugene, Oregon
Primary Person Attending Event: Name: Tribe/Organization: Title: Address: City, State, Zip: Email: Phone:	Primary Person Attending Event: Name: Tribe/Organization: Title: Address: City, State, Zip: Email: Phone:
Additional person(s) that would like to attend if space is available: Name: Tribe/Organization: Title: Address: City, State, Zip: Email: Phone:	Additional person(s) that would like to attend if space is available: Name: Tribe/Organization: Title: Address: City, State, Zip: Email: Phone:
Name: Tribe/Organization: Title: Address: City, State, Zip: Email: Phone:	Name: Tribe/Organization: Title: Address: City, State, Zip: Email: Phone:
<i>If you would like to list additional people interested in attending either event, please list them here. Note their full contact information and the event they would like to participate in here:</i>	
People that would like to participate via webinar <i>(we will notify you if this option becomes available)</i> Name: Affiliation: Title: Email: Phone:	<i>A webinar will not be available for the October forum</i>

FINANCIAL AID

The Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station is providing funding to support participants for most travel and lodging costs associated with attending both events. However, there is a limited amount of funding available. In order to ensure all participants receive some reimbursement, we may only be able to award partial funds for travel and lodging, depending on the total amount requested by participants. We will send a confirmation letter after receiving registration forms to confirm the total costs we will be able to reimburse all participants.¹ Please only request the amount you will need to attend the meeting.

Your Name:			
Event: Tribal Climate Change Policy Training, September 14 – 15, 2009 - Portland, OR			
		Estimated Expenses	Financial Aid Request
Transportation	Gas or Mileage		
	Airfare		
	Parking/Taxis		
	Car rental		
Lodging, hotel fees, and taxes			
TOTAL			
Participant contribution toward expenses:		\$ _____	
Total amount of assistance requested:		\$ _____	

Your Name:			
Event: Tribal Climate Change Forum, October 15 - 16, 2009 - Eugene, Oregon			
		Estimated Expenses	Financial Aid Request
Transportation	Gas or Mileage		
	Airfare		
	Parking/Taxis		
	Car rental		
Lodging, hotel fees, and taxes			
TOTAL			
Participant contribution toward expenses:		\$ _____	
Total amount of assistance requested:		\$ _____	

To Estimate Expenses:

- **Gas Mileage** = (___ # of miles) x (\$.55)
- **Hotel costs:** The in-state travel reimbursement rate for all Oregon cities is currently \$113/per night.
- **Hotel Options:** We will send detailed information about the blocks of rooms reserved for each event after receiving registration forms.
- **Note:** Both events will include some catered meals, including 1 evening reception, 1 breakfast and 1 lunch, as well as coffee/tea and snacks.

¹ Travel and lodging costs will be reimbursed by Sustainable Northwest after the September 14-15 training, and by the University of Oregon after the October 15-16 forum. Participants will need to pay for all costs out of pocket and then submit a reimbursement form with itemized receipts to receive a reimbursement. You will only be reimbursed for your actual expenses and you will not receive more than the amount noted in your confirmation letter, which will be sent once we receive your registration form. Please contact us if you have questions about this arrangement.

ABOUT THE STEERING COMMITTEE

The steering committee is helping to guide the focus and structure of these two events, as well as assisting with outreach. Members of the steering committee include representatives of the following organizations and tribes:

- Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians
- Columbia Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
- Institute for Tribal Government, Portland State University
- Intertribal Timber Council
- Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
- Coquille Indian Tribe
- Tulalip Tribes

ABOUT THE SPONSORS

The *USDA Pacific Northwest Research Station* is providing the primary funding to sponsor the Pacific Northwest Tribal Climate Change Initiative and these two events. Climate change is one of the key challenges for forest management identified by the Chief of the Forest Service. In response, Forest Service Research has developed a ten-year Global Change Research Strategy. The strategy balances research across a range of management, science, and technology transfer actions aimed at developing adaptation and mitigation approaches to sustain healthy trees and ecosystems.

<http://www.fs.fed.us/pnw/>

Sustainable Northwest will host the September Tribal Climate Change Policy Symposium in Portland, Oregon. Sustainable Northwest helps people and communities restore and maintain ecological health, balance diverse interests, and promote economic opportunities. We're headquartered in Portland, Oregon. Through collaboration, we bridge rural and urban interests, encourage entrepreneurship, and build trust in sustainable natural resource management and utilization in the western U.S. This project helps fulfill the mission of Sustainable Northwest by promoting knowledge and learning about climate change among Native American tribes in the Pacific Northwest. <http://www.sustainablenorthwest.org/>

The *University of Oregon Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program* and the *Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics* will host the October Tribal Climate Change Forum in Eugene, Oregon. The *Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program* pioneered the earliest academic curriculum in public interest environmental law and, for nearly a quarter century, has been working to advance Indian law and native issues. The *Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics* invites distinguished scholars and advocates to the University of Oregon to carry on the tradition of Wayne Morse. The theme of inquiry for the Center for 2009-2011 will be Climate Ethics and Climate Equity. The two-year inquiry aims to examine overarching ethical issues involved with climate change as well as solutions that focus on equity and environmental justice, both domestically and internationally. <http://enr.uoregon.edu/> ♦ <http://www.uoregon.edu/~morse/>

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