**NFF Collaborative Restoration Workshop Poster Abstract Submission**

**US Forest Service Research and Development Tribal Engagement Roadmap Highlights Report**

In March of 2015, USFS Research and Development (R&D) developed the R&D Tribal Engagement Roadmap, which supports the USFS-wide Tribal Relations Strategic Plan. The Roadmap objectives are to:

* Build new and enhance existing partnerships with tribes, indigenous and native groups, tribal colleges, tribal communities, and intertribal organizations.
* Institutionalize trust responsibilities and tribal engagement within U.S. Forest Service R&D.
* Increase and advance tribal and indigenous values, knowledge, and perspectives within Forest Service R&D, including both operational and research activities
* Network and coordinate within R&D and across deputy areas to increase agency and R&D program efficacy
* Through a collaborative and participatory approach with tribes and tribal organizations, advance research on topics of joint interest, such as: climate change, fire science and management, traditional ecological knowledge, water and watershed protection, fish and wildlife, forest products and utilization, non-timber forest products, restoration, social vulnerability, and sustainability.
* Develop and deploy research and technologies to support tribal decision making on natural resources issues

This poster will provide an introduction to the subsequent R&D *Tribal Engagement Highlights Report* which highlights 27 examples across the US at various scales (local to international) and presents a broad suite of benefits and values the agency is tasked to provide and protect. These provide examples of innovations in planning, the integration of science and action, collaboration, implementation, and monitoring. Tribal engagement highlights include:

* The use of Participatory GIS in mapping cultural values of tribal communities for the Colville National Forest CFLRP work in Washington
* Vegetation recovery, carbon dynamics, climate change, and post-fire management in Arizona
* Fisheries, Genetics, and Citizen Science in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington
* Agroforestry and traditional forest management for restoration in California
* Youth engagement and restoration in Maine
* Climate change adaptation, seed banking in North Carolina
* Forest Inventory and special/non-timber forest products in the Great Lakes region

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