

# Forest Team Update



From the project:  
*Evolving Co-management Practice: Community-Based Environmental Monitoring with Tl'azt'en Nation on the John Prince Research Forest*

## ~ Project information ~

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This community-based environmental monitoring project is working with two groups of Tl'azt'en Nation community members to create a way to monitor and protect important plants and animals on the John Prince Research Forest, a part of Tl'azt'en territory.

The two groups of Tl'azt'en community members working on this project are:

- the Forest Team (FT)
- the Elders Team (ET)

Together with the FT and ET, we will develop a community-based environmental monitoring method that incorporates the needs, beliefs, and concerns of the community.

This project is focused on developing environmental monitoring method for *hunting moose*, *trapping beaver*, *fishing salmon*, *picking huckleberries*, and *harvesting soapberries for medicinal use*.



2nd FT meeting in Tache  
on Sept.20, 2007.

## Forest Team Progress Update...

•Since the 1<sup>st</sup> FT meeting, FT members have been busy taking pictures out on the land related to *hunting moose*, *trapping beaver*, *fishing salmon*, *picking huckleberries*, and *harvesting soapberries for medicinal use*.

•At the 2<sup>nd</sup> FT meeting, FT members selected some of their photos and shared their knowledge and stories about them. This meeting was a special time of learning and teaching with one another.

•The photos and knowledge shared at this 2<sup>nd</sup> FT meeting has helped us to better understand what the signs and signals are that people use to tell whether a plant, animal, or environment is healthy or not. This information will be used to create a Tl'azt'en community-based environmental monitoring method.

## Community Products Development Workshop...



•On November 1, 2007 Elders Team and Forest Team members met to work together on the development of community products from this project. Some of the exciting community products being developed by team members are a book and a DVD (see other side of this update for a sneak peak of the book). These products are expected to be complete in the spring of 2008. ET and FT were really excited for this opportunity to share and learn with Mr. McKay's grade 4,5,6,7 class from Eugene Joseph Elementary School.

~Some Pictures from Forest Team Members... a book sharing the knowledge, stories, and photos of ET and FT members will be made in 2008. The photos below are a glimpse of some of the FT's photos taken on the land showing different aspects of environmental health.



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