



Final Project Update

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~Project information~

From the project:

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

This community-based environmental monitoring project worked 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 Nation community members working on this project are:

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

Together with the FT and ET, we are developing 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- huda ha'hut'en*, *trapping beaver- tsa ha tsayilh sula*, *fishing salmon- talo ha'hut'en*, *picking huckleberries-duje hoonayin*, and *harvesting soapberries for medicinal use- yoo ba ningwus hunulht'o*.

Elders & Forest Team Progress Update...

- The 3rd and final Elders and Forest Team meeting was held in Tache on August 20th, 2008.
- At this 3rd meeting, ET and FT members were presented with the Tl'azt'en Nation environmental measures developed during the analysis stage of the project. ET and FT members were presented with the measures, and group discussions took place to ensure that they were accurate and complete. The collaborative verification process that took place at this meeting was thorough and ensured that the Tl'azt'en Nation environmental measures were ready to be applied through a Tl'azt'en Nation community-based environmental monitoring method.



Above: Pictures from the wrap-up celebration dinner, October 16, 2008 in Tache.

Project Wrap-Up Celebration dinner...

•On October 16th, 2008 the project's wrap-up celebration dinner was held in Tache. This dinner marked and celebrated the achievements of the Elders and Forest Team members, and those of the project. It was a special day full of memories and fun, and was the last official event of the project.

•At the wrap-up celebration dinner, ET and FT members completed a final project evaluation, and were presented with applied examples of the Tl'azt'en Nation community-based environmental monitoring method for feedback and review.

•The project's community products, a book and DVD, were presented to ET and FT members at this dinner. The project's book and DVD are also available free of charge to the Tl'azt'en Nation community. Please phone Amelia Stark or Bev John at the John Prince Research Forest (250-996-0028) to receive your copy today!



These are pictures from our wrap-up celebration dinner, which took place on October 16th, 2008 in Tache.



Final community project presentation...

•Once the project's thesis and papers are complete, there will be a final community presentation in early 2009. Stay tuned!!