



United States Department of Agriculture

Tribes and Climate Change Research

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The “all stations” coordinated approach to tribes and climate change research works in partnership with tribes and intertribal organizations to address climate change vulnerabilities and support sharing of insights in ways that are driven by tribes themselves.

Research Objectives

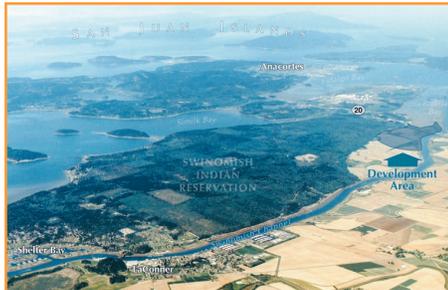
- Identify key tribal climate change research and information needs
- Build a robust portfolio of integrated and collaborative research projects on climate change with Native American, Native Alaskan, and Native Hawaiian communities, tribal colleges, and intertribal organizations
- Share research results with forest managers, tribes, and research scientists

Accomplishments

- Create and facilitate networks of tribes and intertribal organizations for exchange of information on climate change
- Conduct workshops that provide training on climate change policy and support efforts by tribes and intertribal organizations to identify their information needs.
- Develop and disseminate climate change information resources
- Contribute to the National Climate Assessment



Above: Bernice Brown in Golovin, Alaska gathering berries. Below: The diverse landscapes and natural resources that the Forest Service works on. Credit for all photos: Ellen Donoghue & Mark Twery



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Potential Future Research

- Identification of long-term ecological datasets and development of accessible user interfaces in support of the climate change planning efforts of tribal leaders and natural resource professionals
- Facilitation of an indigenous peoples' phenology network
- Development of methodologies for climate change related research for application across tribes and federal and state agencies
- Survey of consultation practices at the Forest Service (National Forest System, Research & Development, State & Private Forestry) relative to tribes and climate change. Based on results, develop education and training materials.



The Forest Service works with diverse stakeholders to preserve tribal culture and natural resources in the face of a changing climate. Credit: Ellen Donoghue

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