

**Workshop for Tribal Natural Resources
Improvement and Management Workshop Report
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Reno, NV 89502**

On June 3rd, 2010, I attended a workshop put together by US Fish and Wildlife Services. The workshop was attended by about 10-20 people from different bureaus and programs. There were a couple of speakers unable to make it, so there were a few subjects left uncovered. We began the morning workshop with main speaker Gerald Jones. After each listed person, is a bulleted summary of what they spoke about throughout the workshop.

Gerald Jones, Assistant Regional Forester, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Region-

- 638 Contracting & Leveraging Funds
 - Executive Order 13175-Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments
 - 25 U.S.C. 450 (j)-1(j)- Use for funds for Matching or Cost participation requirements
 - “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a tribal organization may use funds provided under a self-determination contract to meet matching or cost participation requirements under other federal and non-federal programs”
 - 25 CFR, Part 900-Contracts under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act

David Wooten, Tribal Partnerships Specialist, Tribal Wildlife Grants-

- Tribal Wildlife Grant
 - FY 2010 Grant Cycle-
 - \$7,000,000.00 in TWG
 - Approximately 1/3 (31%) of all proposals were funded (nationwide)
 - 38% of Region 8 proposals were funded
 - \$2 million dollars in Region 8
 - TWG Format-making sure that when you put the grant together, it has to be in order down to the last page, making sure you don't leave **anything** out, because that could eliminate it from being approved. Stressed that 20 pages or less in a grant is the best way to go.

Paulette Balluette, Resource Conservationist, Natural Resource Conservation Service-

- NRCS- Natural Resource Conservation Service
 - Offers a wide variety of financial programs to assist agricultural producers and other entities to apply conservation practices on both private, Tribal, and public lands
- EQIP, WHIP, and AMA-
 - 3 main programs assisting producers in addressing many resource concerns on private and Tribal lands
 - For those who switched to organic farming, this is a great program (AMA)
- CSP- Conservation Stewardship Program
 - For agricultural producers that are ready to take extra step in addressing resource concerns

Roberta Gerson, Region 8, Transportation Coord. and Acting Section 7 Coord.-

- Endangered Species Act and Tribes
 - Take-“To harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct.”
 - Harm-Habitat modification or degradation
 - Harass-Annoyed to the extent of disrupting the life of the species
- The definitions are the main focus of what the Endangered Species Act is about, they make sure that no species of living creature is endangered with the modification of land surrounding certain species.
- Sections & Agreements:
 - Sec. 7- 7 (a)(2)-
 - Agencies that authorize, fund, or carry out must not jeopardize the continued existence of listed species or adversely modify critical habitat.
 - Sec. 9 Prohibited Acts-
 - This act is geared toward plants, with plants as a species, there is no such thing as “take”, this section is a list of plant species that are on a threat list.

Dr. Kurt Russo, Executive Director, Native American Land Conservancy-

- Non-Profit/ Tax Exempt inter-tribal organization
- Ensure protective management
- Provide cultural enrichment program
- Educate public on culture and history
- Develop partnerships

Landscape Conservation Cooperatives-

- Groups that have complementary goals & agree to work together in common interests.
 - Climate Effects in the Southwest:
 - More frequent droughts
 - Less snow
 - More wildfires
 - Changes in plant and animal distributions
 - Large Scale Changes:
 - Climate change
 - Habitat loss
 - Invasive species
 - Wildlife disease
- LCC provide an opportunity for partners to work together for common future. They are trying to think of new ways to approach people to bring them together and get involved in protecting the landscapes all over the US, Central America, and the Pacific Islands.