CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF
COOS, LOWER UMPQUA & SIUSLAW INDIANS

CTCLUSI FORESTRY SURVEY

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI) are soliciting input from Tribal members, including Tribal Youth ages 14 – 17 years of age, and adults 18+, to gather feedback to assist in the development of the CTCLUSI Forest Management Plan. This survey was prepared by CTCLUSI Forestry, with input from the Forest Planning Advisory Committee and Culture & Natural Resources staff, and approved by Tribal Council. Your assistance in completing this survey is greatly appreciated.

Background

The Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act was passed and signed into law in January 2018. Title II of the Act conveyed portions of federally-owned (previously Bureau of Land Management) lands amounting to seven parcels totaling 14,742 acres. Dispersed throughout the ancestral territory of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, each tract is culturally and/or economically significant and will play a vital role in the self-determination and sovereignty of the Tribe. Because these lands are held in trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the lands will be managed in accordance with applicable federal and tribal laws, and guided by the desires of the Tribal membership.

Survey Results

The results of this survey play an important role in guiding the management of the CTCLUSI forest lands. Responses are kept confidential.

Respond to Survey by: November 30, 2020

Return the Questionnaire and you will be entered into the CTCLUSI drawing for an Amazon Gift Card:

Adults:
- 1st Prize: $250 Gift Card
- 2nd Prize: $100 Gift Card
- 3rd Prize: $50 Gift Card

Youth:
- 1st Prize: $75 Gift Card
- 2nd Prize: $50 Gift Card
- 3rd Prize: $25 Gift Card

Prize Drawing: December 4, 2020

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FAQ - Frequently Asked Questions

Who can fill out the form?
Enrolled members of CTCLUSI, adults 18 years and older, as well as the Tribal Youth 14-17 years. If you turn 14 anytime in 2020, you can complete the form.

Are the forms different for adult and youth?
No, the form is the same.

Why do you ask my enrollment number?
The request only is used to ensure one survey per individual and information is not tracked by individual.

How is the information used?
The information helps in developing the CTCLUSI Forest Management Plan, and how your lands will be managed into the future. It also helps us to provide relevant information to you through newsletters, website or other media.

Will we be able to see the results of the survey?
Yes, once completed, forestry staff will prepare a summary and share the information.

What does the term “general public” mean? General public refers to non-tribal members, outside of the families of Tribal members. We recognize there may be family members who are not enrolled, but for this survey, those non-enrolled individuals who are part of a Tribal family are considered members.

How can I fill out the survey?
The preferred way is the on-line link found on the CTCLUSI website, but you can also download a hard copy or request a hard copy from CTCLUSI Forestry and we will mail you the survey.

Can I leave questions blank?
Yes, if you have no opinion or for any reason do not want to answer a question, feel free to leave that question blank.

Once I “submit” the on-line form, can I make changes or fill out another form?
No, once submitted, you cannot make changes or fill out another form.

Can I fill out the form after the November 30, 2020 deadline date?
If you have not completed the form, you can fill out a hard-copy if you request the survey from CTCLUSI Forestry. The information will not be included in the summary and you will not be entered for the prize drawing, but we would still like to hear from you.
SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

My enrollment number: ___________ (Answers not tracked by individual) □ Youth □ Adult

☐ Check this box only if you wish to decline being eligible for the random drawing of the Amazon gift card

1. I currently live:
   □ Within the CTCLUSI five county service area (Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane, Lincoln)
   □ Within the State of Oregon but outside the five county service area
   □ Outside the State of Oregon

2. How familiar are you with regard to the new forest lands conveyed to CTCLUSI under the Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act?
   □ Not familiar with the Act and no knowledge of the new forest lands
   □ Somewhat familiar and understand forest lands were returned to CTCLUSI
   □ Familiar with the Act and/or I have a good understanding of the location of one or more of the tracts
   □ Familiar with the Act and/or I have visited one or more of the tracts

3. There were seven tracts of land returned to CTCLUSI. In any one year period of time, how many days might you visit specific tracts of land? (Indicate # visiting days anticipated for each tract)
   ___ Coos Head
   ___ Macy
   ___ Talbot
   ___ Umpqua Eden
   ___ Upper Lake
   ___ Smith River
   ___ Tioga
   ___ Unsure of which tract I may visit and/or # days I might visit

4. If you plan to visit any of the CTCLUSI tracts, how do you or will you use those lands (check all that apply):
   □ Check area out - become familiar with the location and what is on the tract
   □ Collect plants, berries, flowers, and other materials for foods/medicines/floral arrangements
   □ Collect plants and other materials for traditional tools and/or cultural basketry and/or making regalia
   □ Christmas trees, boughs
   □ Firewood and/or posts & poles
   □ Hunting/fishing in and/or around surrounding area
   □ Other: (please specify) _____________________________

5. Minor forest products (generally anything other than commercial and precommercial sized trees) may have commercial value (Example: Salal used in floral arrangements and/or firewood). How do you feel about Tribal members and family being allowed to gather minor forest products for commercial sale?
   □ Agree, members should be able to sell products under a commercial permit system issued by the Tribe
   □ Neutral, no opinion
   □ Disagree, members should not be allowed to sell products and no commercial permits should be issued

6. How do you feel about the general public (non-tribal members) gathering minor forest products for their personal use?
   □ Personal use free permits should be issued to non-tribal members when gathering small amounts (ie. mushrooms, berries, etc.) when doing so would not damage tribal resources.
   □ Paid permits should be issued to non-tribal members when gathering minor forest products.
   □ Non-tribal gathering should not be allowed and no permits issued.
7. Forest Management on the CTCLUSI forest lands can provide many different things. How do you feel about active management to provide for benefits that would include generating revenue through an active timber sale program?

☐ I would support generating revenue for the Tribe through a timber sale program
☐ I am opposed to a timber sale program to generate revenue for the Tribe
☐ No opinion

8. How do you feel about active management that would provide for benefits other than primarily economics, such as improvement of forest heath, decrease the risk of wildland fires, maintain and improve culturally important plants/foods and other products?

☐ I would support active forest management that provides for non-economic benefits
☐ I am opposed to active forest management for these other benefits
☐ No opinion

9. The CTCLUSI forest lands consist of seven separate parcels. Rank, in order of importance to you, from 1 to 7, the parcels that you believe you will visit and utilize the most, second most, third, etc. (Leave blank or rank fewer than 7 if no opinion or unfamiliar with tracts.)

☐ Coos Head
☐ Macy
☐ Smith River
☐ Talbot
☐ Tioga
☐ Umpqua Eden
☐ Upper Lake
☐ Check here and leave others blank if unsure of parcels you believe you will visit

10. Each tract of land is unique and may provide for different opportunities. The Smith River and Tioga tracts are best suited for active timber sales for various reasons – timber marketability, limited critical habitat relating to endangered species, accessibility, and other factors. How do you feel about active timber sale projects on these two tracts?

☐ I would support timber sales to maximize economic opportunities on these tracts
☐ I would support timber sales, but with careful protection of other resources and reduced economic levels
☐ I would support timber sales, but only with economics as a secondary benefit, with the primary benefit being reduction of fire risk, improvement of cultural plants, salvage of dead/dying trees, etc.
☐ I would not support any active timber sales on the Smith River and/or Tioga tracts
☐ No opinion

11. Some of the CTCLUSI tracts contain trees older than 100 years. How do you feel about harvesting older, larger sized trees?

☐ Older trees and stands of similar trees should be included in a harvest plan to maximize revenue for the Tribe. The extent of older stands will decrease over time, but there will always remain a component of older trees
☐ Older stands should be off-limits to management. The extent of older stands may increase over time, stay the same or decrease over time depending on disturbances such as fire, insects and disease
☐ Older stands should be sustainably managed to provide for forest health, revenue generation, and habitat diversity. The forest should be grown on long harvest intervals, so that the extent of older forests is stable or increases over time
☐ No opinion
12. How do you feel about using herbicides in forest management?

- I oppose using herbicides on the CTCLUSI forest lands
- I support the use of selected herbicides only to control the spread of the most damaging invasive species such as Scotch Broom and Gorse
- I support the use of selected herbicides to control the spread of invasive species, and to manage for a diversity of vegetation that meets the current and future needs of the Tribes, including herbicide use in forest plantations to improve seedling growth and development
- I support the broad use of available herbicides, both ground and aerial applications, to aid in the control of invasive species and noxious weeds, expand management options, and maximize economic return of the timber resource
- No opinion

Any comments about herbicide use: ________________________________________________

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13. Closing roads, through the use of gates, barricades, or other means, may be an option when considering restricting access because of environmental concerns, protection of species and/or specific sites, and other reasons such as restricting non-tribal access. How do you feel about the use of gates, barricades or other measures to prevent and control access by tribal members?

- I want access to all available lands and I would be opposed to the use of gates, barriers or other means limiting my access, but I recognize other non-members might also access the same area
- Some use of gates and barricades are necessary to protect areas, but should rarely be used and only as a last resort, therefore my access and non-member access would be more limited
- Gating is necessary and I support the use of gates, but only if members can obtain keys to access specific gated area
- No opinion

14. The three bigger tracts of land (Upper Lake, Smith and Tioga) are about 5,000 acres in size and could be large enough to sustain a level of hunting. Which best would describe your thoughts on hunting on these lands?

- I oppose any hunting by both non-tribal (general public) and tribal members
- I support hunting by tribal members, but oppose hunting on tribal lands by non-tribal (general public).
- I support hunting by both non-members (general public) and tribal members
- No opinion

15. The use of signs to notify the tribal membership and general public has been discussed. There may be advantages and disadvantages to signing the property to inform people when they are on tribal lands and tribal laws apply. What is your view on placement of signs on lands and roads informing the visitor(s) they are on tribal lands?

- I oppose the placement of tribal signs on these lands
- I support the placement of signs on these lands
- No opinion

16. How would you feel about establishing designated camping sites which would include a fire pit in specific areas of CTCLUSI lands?

- I support the establishment of designated camping sites
- I do not support the establishment of designated camping sites
- No opinion

Any comments about camping sites: ________________________________________________

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17. The use of prescribed fire can be a powerful tool, but with it brings both risks and benefits, and is sometimes complicated with regulatory issues relating to smoke management. Two broad classifications would include project burns and traditional burns. Examples of project fires would include burning slash piles or site preparation for reforestation, while traditional burns might include broadcast burning of meadows or cultural plants to enhance animal habitat and/or gathering sites. Which statement most accurately reflects your view on using fire as a forest management tool?

- I support using fire for both projects and traditional use
- I support the use of project fires but oppose the use of fire for traditional use
- I oppose the use of project fires but support the use of fire for traditional use
- I do not support the use of fire as a management tool
- No opinion

Any comments about the use of fire: ___________________________________________________________

18. How would you feel about establishing trails in specific areas of CTCLUSI lands?

- I support the establishment of trails
- I do not support the establishment of trails
- No opinion

Any comments about trails: __________________________________________________________

19. CTCLUSI has a number of ways to provide information to their membership. What is your primary source to get information on CTCLUSI forestry related activities?

- CTCLUSI Newsletter (newspaper)
- CTCLUSI Website
- Discussions with other members
- Calling or meeting with staff
- Other: Please specify __________________________________________________________

20. General Comments: Please provide any feedback you might have on the use, management, protection or other issues relating to the CTCLUSI forest lands. (Use additional paper if necessary.)

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