

Washington Forest Protection Association

Issue: Cultural Resources

WFPA members made a commitment in the Forests and Fish Report to develop a consensus-based solution to cultural resource issues associated with forest practices.

Background: WFPA has been an active participant in the Timber/Fish/Wildlife process since its inception in 1987 and more recently we were a party to the Forests and Fish Report leading to significant new forest practices rules protecting salmon and other fish habitat on state and private forestlands. Along with the TFW effort, our individual members are committed to improving relationships with their tribal neighbors, especially in the area of cultural resources. To support this commitment, WFPA initiated a series of workshops to improve private landowner's understanding of native people and Indian culture. Feedback from workshop attendees has been extremely positive. The forest managers who attended have a better understanding of cultural resources and a new respect and appreciation for the importance of these resources to living tribal cultures. We learned that there are differences among tribes in the resources that they value and their capability to identify and manage these resources, but have a great deal of common ground in the value they place on the cultural aspects of tribal life and history. We also learned that as large land managers, tribes and timber companies have some common concerns regarding cultural resource management.



Action: The Washington Forest Protection Association initiated a program to improve understanding of Cultural Resource issues on private forest land. And help improve relationships between landowners and their tribal neighbors.

Result: WFPA is hosting a series of workshops around the state for senior managers, field foresters and tribal members.

- Fifteen of the twenty largest forest landowners and five tribes participated in a workshop at the Squaxin Island Tribal Center.
- A contact directory was compiled to assist in developing one-on-one relationships between tribes and private forest landowners.
- WFPA will be sponsoring additional workshops around the state.

For more information, contact: Pete Heide, Director of Forest Management, pheide@wfpa.org

Washington Forest Protection Association

724 Columbia St. NW, Suite 250
Olympia, WA 98501

Phone: 360-352-1500
Fax: 360-352-4621
Email: info@wfpa.org
Web: www.forestsandfish.com



We're managing private forests so
they work for all of us.®