

Workshops for Tribal Nations and National Forests to support indigenous co-stewardship



Summary

The Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science (NIACS) and Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) are working to facilitate greater collaboration between Tribal Nations and associated National Forests. We intend to conduct workshops for interested tribes and National Forests to develop shared priorities for climate change adaptation projects. An outcome of this project is to refine project proposals to implement through the Tribal Forest Protection Act (TFPA).

Background

The TFPA allows federally recognized tribes to propose projects to be conducted on Forest Service land to reduce threats to tribal lands and values. Tribes and National Forests are encouraged to work together to develop project proposals.

The Tribal Adaptation Menu (TAM) is a resource to integrate Indigenous culture and perspectives into climate adaptation planning. These workshops will be modeled on previous workshops utilizing the TAM.

GLIFWC and the TAM author team will work with interested Tribal Nations (not limited to GLIFWC tribes) and National Forests to convene the workshops.

Workshop Goals

- Workshops will be driven by tribal priorities and interests
- Discussions will include a focus on adapting to climate change in culturally appropriate ways
- The target deliverable is to help tribes develop concrete plans for TFPA proposals, but the larger goal is to support collaboration and indigenous co-stewardship of National Forests.

A Flexible Process, Based on Your Needs

Workshops will follow a flexible curriculum. You and your partners choose where to begin:

Phase 1: Introduction to TFPA and co-stewardship agreement types

Phase 2: Climate change adaptation concepts and developing collaborative project ideas, using the *Tribal Adaptation Menu*

Phase 3: Finalizing ideas and preparing TFPA submissions



Get the *Tribal Adaptation Menu*:

www.glifwc.org/ClimateChange/TribalAdaptationMenuV1.pdf

Let us know if your tribe is interested to host or participate in a co-stewardship workshop!

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Curriculum Details

Participants interested in these workshops may be in different starting places when it comes to familiarity with climate change adaptation, the Tribal Adaptation Menu, and the specific details of the Tribal Forest Protection Act. Our goal is to increase awareness of these tools and support broader collaboration and indigenous co-stewardship opportunities, so we are designing a flexible curriculum with multiple ways to be engaged.

Phase 1: Introduction

Format: Virtual series of presentations and discussions

Schedule: Weekly sessions in September 2022

Audience: Anyone from an interested tribe or National Forest (broad participation encouraged!)

Session 1: Background on TFPA and Climate Adaptation

- 2 hours (Recorded)
- Overview of the effort
- Introduction to climate change adaptation and TFPA
- Deep dive into TFPA process, requirements, and agreement types

Session 2: Real-World Experiences Using TFPA

- 2 hours (Recorded)
- Examples from Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and Chippewa National Forest, Inter-Tribal Timber Council
- Outcomes and lessons learned
- Questions and discussion

Phase 3: Finalizing Ideas

Format: Follow-up support to finalize TFPA project submissions

Schedule: TBD based on needs of participants

Audience: Project proponents from tribes and National Forests

Support available from Tribal Adaptation Menu author team, USFS Office of Tribal Relations, and others as needed

Phase 2: Workshop

Format: Webinar followed by an in-person workshop

Schedule: TBD based on needs of participants

Audience: Staff from individual National Forest and interested tribes who are engaged in developing project ideas. Can include multiple project teams.

Webinar: Workshop Preparation

- 2 hours (tailored session for each workshop)
- Limited to participants in an upcoming workshop
- Overview of the Tribal Adaptation Menu & Guiding Principles
- Sharing project ideas, gathering information

Workshop: Developing Project Ideas

- Identify mutual climate adaptation priorities
- Follow the Adaptation Workbook process to document and refine project ideas
- Use Tribal Adaptation Menu to reflect tribal perspectives
- Begin completing TPFA project template

