



- **Did you know that Native Americans have been managing most of our nation's forests, woodlands and rangelands for more than 10,000 years?**
- **Were you aware that the 305 forested Indian reservations in America practice some of the most progressive forest conservation and management techniques currently found anywhere in the world?**

**Historically, tribes have successfully interacted with the land guided by their belief that they are part of nature, not separate from it...they manage their lands for food, forest health, community health, economic benefit, clothing, shelter, medicines, and spiritual renewal.**

**Tribal Forestry techniques are rooted in traditional knowledge passed from one generation to the next by tribal elders. We practice this traditional stewardship, in accordance with current science to manage our lands not only for those here now, but for the generations yet to come.**

**We seek the opportunity to share with you the many spiritual, cultural, historic, environmental, and economic benefits of forestry as we practice it on our lands. We call our forests managed in the traditional way Anchor Forests.**

**Anchor Forests are lands where the application of tribal forestry practiced over multiple ownership landscapes for the benefit of all. This collaborative approach allows us to mitigate the growing risks to our forests resulting from climate change and limited capacity to manage federal lands.**

**We must act now to address the health of our forests beyond the boundaries of ownership to reverse the trend of insect infestation, disease, and invasive species, worsening drought conditions, and escalating wildfire destruction.**

**Anchor Forest's spiritual, ethical and scientific underpinnings draw on our eons of experience with land and place, lighting the way to more effective means of risk mitigation, land management, and long term sustainability in our forests - for future generations.**

**Please take a moment to learn more:**

- You will find a contact list that will direct you to key individuals for interviews and personal tours of our lands.
- The link to our Anchor Forests landing page contains a wealth of information on Anchor Forests.
- Peruse our social media sites to see what is current in the Anchor Forests discussion.
- Take a moment to view the four short informational videos on the history, practice, and impact of Anchor Forestry. We feature two pilot projects in Washington State, on Yakama and the Colville tribal lands.

We hope you share the material we have developed and welcome your further interest in our story.

Best wishes,  
Philip Rigdon, President  
Intertribal Timber Council



With your help we can share the potential of Anchor Forests with a broader audience