

NARA partners with Northwest Native American tribes for economic and educational opportunities

INTRODUCTION

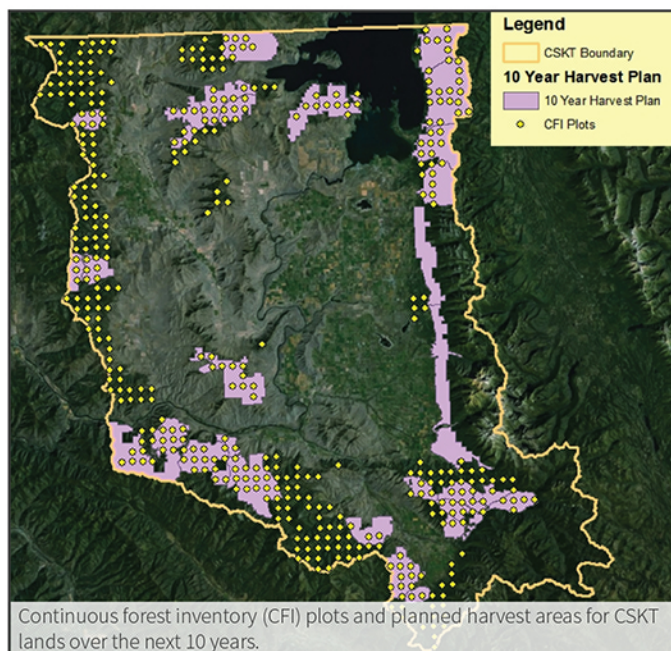
The Northwest Advanced Renewables Alliance (NARA) is a five-year project designed to determine the feasibility and provide an opportunity for using forest residuals in the Northwest to produce biojet fuel and other bio-based products.

NARA's Tribal Partnership Program (TPP) works with Northwest Native American tribes to deliver research on technical issues tied to the sustainable production and logistics of using woody feedstocks for conversion to value-added products. In addition, the program provides Native American graduate and undergraduate students research opportunities that prepare them for a bioenergy and bio-product economy.



Rod Couture (CSKT Forestry) describes biomass use on the Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribes' (CSKT) forest lands to NARA TPP students. L-R: Karl Olson (NARA WSU), TPP students: Ike Nwaneshiudu, Everett Isaac, Blake Hough, (2 unidentified WSU students), Rod Couture.

OUTCOMES AND ACTIVITIES



- An assessment was completed for the Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) that defines the total amount of biomass available for bioenergy use based upon the Tribe's 10-year management plan. This work provided a basis for a DOE Tribal Energy Grant to develop a combined heat and power plant. A copy of the assessment can be viewed at <http://goo.gl/ws8hrl>
- A second ongoing assessment measures biomass availability within CSKT's hazardous fuel corridor and explores the role of federal and tribal sources of woody biomass as they apply to renewable fuel standards.
- Fourteen college students are receiving or have received support from the Tribal Partnership Program, six of the tribal scholars have completed their undergraduate or graduate education.
- Additional Northwest Native American tribes are considering NARA TPP projects.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



TPP presentation at NARA annual meeting:
<http://goo.gl/UlfxQ7>

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