



UNDER TFPA,
*tribes are uniquely
positioned to
promote resource
restoration by
public agencies.*

*Pairing unique
knowledge and
skills with modern
management, tribes
collaborate with
community and
non-tribal groups
to produce real
accomplishments
and model
programs of
excellence.*

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The Tribal Forest Protection Act (TFPA) was authorized in 2004 to provide a means for tribes to propose projects on federal lands that are bordering or adjacent to tribal trust lands or resources, in order to address hazardous conditions that pose threats to tribal rights, lands, and resources from catastrophic wildfire, insects and disease or other threats. The TFPA offers a means of helping the United States fulfill its trust responsibilities to the tribes while promoting the restoration of healthy forest ecosystems on the landscape.

DRY STEWARDSHIP PROJECT RESTORATION, A "WIN-WIN"

In 2016, under the TPFA, the Yakama Nation and Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest entered a stewardship agreement to restore 548 acres of national forest lands in the Dry Creek drainage, Naches Ranger District. The project included road surface repair, road decommissioning, cattle guard removal and commercial thinning of overstocked stands. The tribe benefits by utilizing and processing the logs at their sawmilling facility, Yakama Forest Products, thus supporting the local economy. The area being treated is part of the Yakama Nation Ceded Lands, where the tribe has unique rights established under the Treaty of 1855. By implementing the project under the Stewardship authority, proceeds from the sale of timber by the USFS are retained by the Naches Ranger District and can be used to provide additional restoration treatments.

THE TAPASH SUSTAINABLE FOREST COLLABORATIVE

In the Central Washington Cascades, five major land managers (the State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, State Dept. of Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy, USDA Forest Service and the Yakama Nation) signed an MOU in 2007 to form the Tapash Sustainable Forest Collaborative (<http://www.tapash.org/>), to coordinate, fund and implement active restoration projects to achieve landscape restoration goals. While the Dry Stewardship project is accomplished by the Yakama Nation and the US Forest Service, it is within the Tapash landscape and is endorsed and celebrated by the Tapash because it achieves the goals and objectives of the Tapash Collaborative.

Tapash Sustainable Forest Collaborative

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

548

ACRES

commercial thin
timber sales

0.03

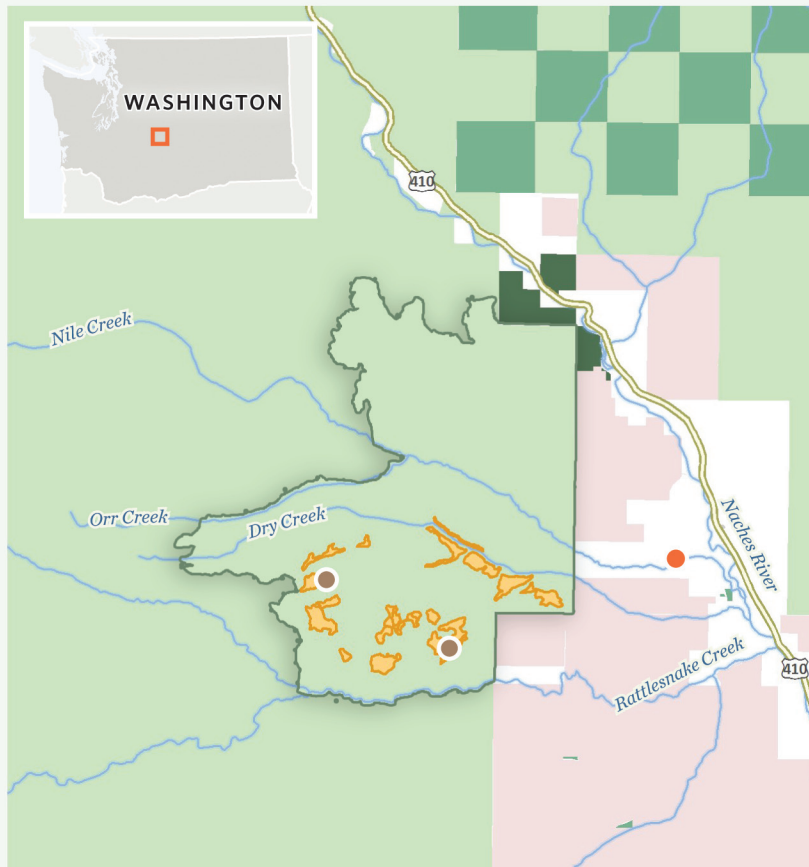
MILES

of road decommissioning

1

SITE

where the cattle guard
was removed



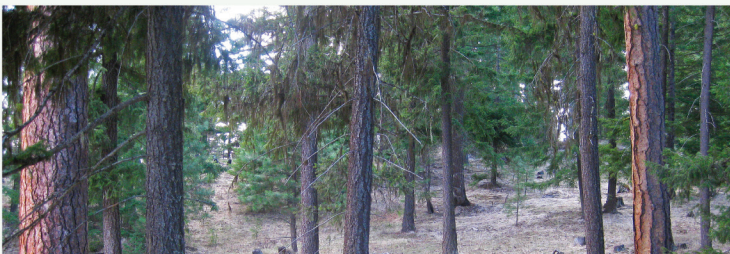
MAP LEGEND

- Dry Ridge Potential Landscape Treatment Area
- Dry Stewardship Harvest Units
- Road Decommissioning
- Cattle Guard Removal
- The Nature Conservancy
- U.S. Forest Service
- WA Dept. of Natural Resources
- WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
- Highway
- Stream

TAPASH PARTNERS



Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest | Washington State Dept. Of Natural Resources | Confederated Tribes & Bands of the Yakama Nation
Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife | The Nature Conservancy



TRIBES HAVE PRACTICED SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT FOR MILLENNIA and have found success in balancing social, ecological and economic needs. To learn more, visit www.yakamanation-nsn.gov.

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