

**State and Private Forestry  
 FY 2010 Western Competitive  
 Resource Allocation  
 Single-State Project Proposal**

<b>Filename</b>	
AZ_Tribal	
<b>Administration Information</b>	
Dollar Amount Requested:	<b>\$176,000</b>
Matching Share:	<b>\$176,000</b>

<b>Applicant Information</b>	
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<b>Project Information</b>			
<b>Descriptive Title of Project:</b>	Arizona Tribal Outreach and Collaboration		
<b>Names of Partnering Agencies / Organizations:</b>	Arizona State Forestry, USFS-Region 3, NRCS In collaboration with multiple state and federal agencies: AZ State Land Dept, AZ Game & Fish Dept, AZ Dept of Environmental Quality, AZ Dept of Water Resources, US Fish & Wildlife Service, BIA, and all Arizona Native American Indian Tribes.		
<b>State(s):</b>	AZ	<b>Congressional Districts:</b>	1,2,5,
<b>Counties:</b>	Apache, Navajo, Coconino, Mohave, La Paz, Yavapai, Yuma, Pima, Pinal, Maricopa, Graham, Gila	<b>Forest Service Regions:</b>	R3

<b>Total Leverage</b>							
Please specify each 3 <sup>rd</sup> party contributor (partnering organizations and agencies, including other Federal) and the dollar value of each contribution. Please DO NOT show grant requested funds in this table.							
<b>Contributors:</b> (Please specify by name)	AZ State Forestry	USFS - R3	NRCS				<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Value of Contributions:</b>	\$176,000	\$24,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$200,000</b>

Project Budget					
	Grant Share (\$ requested)	Applicant	Non-Federal Contributors	TOTAL	
		Cash <sup>1</sup>	In-Kind <sup>2</sup>		
4	<b>Personnel / Labor:</b>	\$104,000	\$78,000	\$0	<b>\$182,000</b>
	<b>Fringe Benefits:</b>	\$30,000	\$25,000	\$0	<b>\$55,000</b>
	<b>Travel:</b>	\$18,000	\$16,000	\$0	<b>\$34,000</b>
	<b>Equipment:</b>	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0	<b>\$15,000</b>
	<b>Supplies:</b>	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0	<b>\$16,000</b>
	<b>Contractual:</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$ 0</b>
	<b>Construction:</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$ 0</b>
	<b>Other:</b>	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$0	<b>\$17,000</b>
	<b>Indirect Costs:</b>	\$0	\$33,000	\$0	<b>\$33,000</b>
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$176,000</b>	<b>\$176,000</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$352,000</b>

Project Duration	
5	What is the duration of this project? <input type="checkbox"/> One Year <input type="checkbox"/> Two Years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three Years

National Relevance	
6	Conserve Working Forest Landscapes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect Forests From Harm <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance Public Benefits From Trees and Forests <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Project Description	
7	<p>Maximum 5500 Characters Including Spaces – Clearly summarize the proposed project, including goals, objectives, measurable outputs, outcomes, and how grant funds will be used towards successful completion of the project.</p> <p>-The focus of this project is development of an integrated State and Private Forestry outreach program targeted at Native American tribal organizations throughout Arizona.</p> <p>The clear need: There are 21 federally recognized Native American Indian tribes in Arizona with lands accounting for 27% of the state’s area – more tribal land than any other state in the nation. In fact, there are five Arizona reservations larger than the state of Delaware- and the Navajo Nation alone is larger than nine states in the union. Combined, these Arizona tribal lands include over 30% of Arizona’s forestlands, and over 75% of the non-federal forestland within the state – A total of over 6 million forested acres. Each tribe is considered a sovereign nation, has its own unique government structure - customs, traditions, goals, priorities - and corresponding bureaucracies.</p> <p>In addition, tribal lands have been repeatedly identified in state level planning and prioritization efforts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 29 of Arizona’s identified Communities-at-Risk of wildfire are located on tribal lands.</li> <li>• The Statewide Strategy for Restoring Arizona Forests, a guiding document signed by Arizona’s Governor in 2007, identifies 9 major forested landscapes within the state - each of which includes American Indian land or a direct linkage to tribal communities.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> ‘Cash’ is the value of any qualifying match the applicant pays for such as cash, staff time, supplies, or equipment.

<sup>2</sup> ‘In-Kind’ is the value of any qualifying match contributed by a non-federal 3<sup>rd</sup> party contributor such as donated time, supplies, or equipment.

- Arizona's Statewide Strategy for Restoring Arizona Forests also includes several specific recommendations for improved communications and coordination with local tribes.

It is clear that Arizona's forested tribal lands must be considered an important piece of any comprehensive forestry effort in this state. However program outreach to tribes for State and Private Forestry is extremely limited, and related funding for which tribes are eligible is not being utilized effectively. Resources within Arizona's State Forestry organization do not allow for the development of new outreach efforts to reach this unique population and land ownership base without additional focused funding support.

The proposed project: This is a 3 year project focused on development of resources, materials, and expertise within the Arizona State Forestry Division in partnership with Region 3 of the US Forest Service and in collaboration with tribal, federal, local, and other state cooperators. The outreach and related support will be targeted at Native American tribal organizations throughout Arizona – with specific emphasis on identification of synergistic opportunities for ongoing partnerships and collaboration. Improved communications between tribal governments and other state forestry organizations and efforts will be key, and collaboration on multiple statewide priorities will be an end goal.

Grant funds will be used to assist with several specific components:

- Hiring of at least one full-time staff dedicated to this project for up to 2 years - to develop a comprehensive forestry outreach program to reach Native American Indian tribes in Arizona.
- Time and materials for assistance from existing State Forestry staff.
- Focused outreach activities including travel for multiple one-on-one visits to each of Arizona's tribal organizations to identify partnership and collaboration opportunities. Additional emphasis will be placed on tribal lands with large forest holdings and identified opportunities for collaboration.
- Research and documentation of tribal outreach efforts in other states to identify proven methods and activities.
- Multiple presentation/workshops to share and discuss information about all statewide forestry programs, technical assistance efforts, and funding opportunities available to tribal entities. Information will be shared on all applicable forestry assistance programs – Fire Management, Forest Health, Urban & Community Forestry, Forest Stewardship, etc. Emphasis will also be placed on gaining an insight and appreciation for tribal programs and priorities – and identifying ways to integrate these priorities into statewide efforts.
- Development of written materials and documentation for an ongoing tribal outreach program. These materials will include a tribal outreach manual with contact information, detailed lessons learned, and specific timelines for ongoing communications and outreach activities to enable the Arizona State Forestry Division to continue expanded outreach efforts with minimal or no additional outside funding. Complete documentation materials will be made available to other states and partner agencies for use in their areas.
- Development of specific recommendations for ongoing tribal coordination work - and identification of resources required for implementation.

The result of this expanded tribal outreach will be improved communication and collaboration between all Arizona tribes and Arizona's state forestry agency. Through program integration and implementation, all of the USFS National Themes will be addressed: Protecting Forests from Harm - by increased information sharing and expanded implementation of assistance programs, Connecting People with Forests – through increased understanding of Arizona's forest resources, and Conserving Working Forest Lands - through broader multi-ownership and landscape scale implementation of planning and program delivery.

In addition, identified tribal needs and issues will help drive Arizona's ongoing Forest Resource Strategies and will help inform priority investments of state and private forestry funding into the future.

## Program Integration

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**8** The US Secretary of Agriculture recently emphasized that our nations forests as a whole are enormously important and that we "must adopt an all-lands approach..." to encompass "all of America's forests, including state, tribal, and private ones." This project will improve our ability to take this fully integrated approach for protecting and enhancing priority landscapes in Arizona by pursuing a truly collaborative approach. Establishing and building upon critical relationships with natural resource leadership within tribal governments will allow for improved collaboration and promote development and execution of Arizona's statewide assessment and strategy efforts.

The project will promote all possible S&PF programs - Forest Health, U & C, Stewardship, Fire Assistance, etc - to be more fully implemented on tribal lands. Work with NRCS and NRC Districts will promote integration of programs like EQIP and WHIP. Other integration opportunities include work with the Farm Service Agency on programs like BCAP (biomass) , etc.

The project will also achieve integration of critical landscape priorities beyond tribal lands by bringing to light the critical perspectives and priorities of tribal governments to other agencies.

## Collaboration

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Increased collaboration truly defines the intent of this project.

The objective of this proposal is the development of an integrated State and Private Forestry outreach program targeted at improved coordination and collaboration with all 21 Native American tribal organizations in Arizona.

**9** Partnering with Region 3 of the US Forest Service, NRCS, and other agencies will allow broad sharing of information and resources to achieve greatly improved access to technical and funding assistance by Arizona tribes. Collaboration will occur with many state and federal agencies - AZ Environmental Quality, AZ Game & Fish, AZ Water Resources, NRCS, BIA, US FWS, US FSA, Inter-Tribal Council of AZ, Intertribal Timber Council, and many others - in addition to all Arizona Indian Tribes.

Note: Arizona tribal representatives have offered encouragement for implementation of these outreach efforts - and they are anticipating improved forestry and natural resources coordination this program can provide.

## Leverage

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**10** This program will work to integrate landscape-scale forestry efforts across the entire state of Arizona – effectively completing the “landscape puzzle” by filling in the missing pieces. Initial leverage will include contributions by Region 3 of the Forest Service, NRCS, and other partners. Further leveraging will occur through coordination of large and small projects across multiple land ownerships, increased implementation of State and Private Forestry programs across tribal lands, and carry-over of improved communication to other forestry and non-forestry programs.

The USFS Region 3 Tribal Liaison (located in neighboring New Mexico) will work closely with the AZ state outreach staff, share resources, and provide expertise. NRCS is committed to identifying synergies with Arizona State Forestry for strategic delivery of programs to tribal and other lands - and may provide additional funding and other support. Over the duration of the project, as additional opportunities are identified with partners and collaborators, additional leveraging opportunities will occur.

<b>Meaningful Scale</b>	
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Maximum 1250 Characters Including Spaces</b></p> <p>The scale of this project is large – both in geography and execution – but it is very achievable. We must make this critical effort to clear this obstacle to landscape-scale implementation of forestry programs across large areas of Arizona.</p> <p>Tribal lands in Arizona include some of the most significant and diverse natural resources in the region - from the the largest contiguous pine forest in the nation and broad Pinyon-Juniper woodlands to critical riparian forests. And over the years, some of Arizona's largest wildland fires have involved tribal lands - Carrizo (1971), Rodeo-Chediski (2002), Kinishba (2003) and others - burning hundreds of thousands of acres and having tremendous impacts on Arizona's populations and natural landscapes.</p> <p>As stated in the Project Description - the need is clear: There are 21 federally recognized Native American Indian tribes in Arizona with lands accounting for almost a third of the state’s area – more reservation land than any other state in the nation. Combined, these Arizona reservations include over 30% of Arizona’s forestlands - and over 75% Arizona's non-federal forests. The scale is undoubtedly significant.</p>

<b>Sphere of Influence</b>	
<b>12</b>	<p><b>Maximum 1250 Characters Including Spaces</b></p> <p>This project will initially have a statewide impact – with many possibilities for broader influence in other states and regions. Though Arizona has the largest share of Indian Reservation land in the country, there are over 500 Indian Tribes and over 300 individual reservations in the U.S. sprinkled across 25 states.</p> <p>This project is intended to have a significant positive impact in Arizona as well as creating, or at least influencing, a model for other states to use. It is clear that tribal lands in America are a critical component of our nation's forest resource. This project will include transportable documentation - including measures of success, lessons learned and critical benchmarks. It will also include survey input from tribal partners so they can provide appropriate feedback for this project - and other similar projects that may be developed in other states or regions.</p> <p>Note: Though extent varies greatly, all continental western states and several eastern states are home to Native American tribes. All should be able to take advantage of developed materials and lessons learned from this project.</p>

<b>Sustainability of Outcomes</b>	
<b>13</b>	<p><b>Maximum 1250 Characters Including Spaces</b></p> <p>This project is achievable – and the program and resulting benefits will be sustainable.</p> <p>Breaking through the initial communications and cultural challenges of coordination with tribal entities will result in improved future collaboration. The developed relationships and understanding will be sustainable through continued and ongoing efforts by the AZ State Forestry Division and partner agencies.</p> <p>To ensure continued success, specific activities and resources required for sustainability will be identified as part of this project. This will include identification of resources within State Forestry - but also resources and capacity building opportunities for the individual tribes. In addition, sustainability will be improved by building tribal capacity to identify and take advantage of grant and other assistance programs. The focused collaboration and improved relationships will have a long-term benefit for all forest resource in Arizona by ensuring that all lands and all cultures are included in establishing and executing critical landscape priorities.</p>