

# Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

## 2009 General Botany Accomplishments

**The Botany program supported a total of 41 projects this year...** with a wide range of needs, including sensitive species surveys, botanical assessments, invasive plant management, EIS's, EA's and categorical exclusions. Support spanned across many programs such as recreation, roads, timber sales, aquatics, wildlife, and lands, including Title II and legacy road projects. In addition we:

- Documented 43 new sensitive plant locations.
- Completed over 1534 acres of inventory.
- Monitored 11 sensitive plant populations (two in-house and 9 through our partnership with U of Washington)
- Trained 22 WA Native Plant Stewards, who in turn donate 2200 hours of native plant restoration.
- Coached 10 inner-city teens on careers in Botany.
- Facilitated technical working group to implement an MOU between the MBS and Tulalip Tribes for management of huckleberries and cedar.
- Signed Decision Memo (10/3/08) for Management & Monitoring Plan for the Enhancement of Big Huckleberry at Government Meadows, WA



Figure 1. Big huckleberry (*Vaccinium membranaceum*) is a sacred "first food" for tribes in Washington.



Figure 2. Forest Botanist engages teachers in defining what is a "native" plant or animal.

### 2009 Accomplishments

Acres	Funding	Activity
1534	NFTM	TES plant inventory
2	NFVW	TES plant monitoring
15	NFWF	TES plant monitoring

1551 TOTAL ACRES

1536 Integrated Acres

### Partners/Cooperators

Key partners in 2009 included University of Washington RareCare, Tulalip Confederated Tribes, Washington Native Plant Society, University of Washington Dept of Anthropology, Youth Environmental Leadership Institute, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe.

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