

What the Policy Covers

The Policy covers culturally-utilized non-timber plants and fungi, including agave, beargrass, hazel, redbud, sedge, sumac, willow, and yucca.

Free use without permits may be granted at the local level for personal, community, and other non-commercial uses.

- **Ensures Access** to gathering areas.
- **Expands Opportunities** for involvement in local land management decisions to enhance traditional plant populations.



Making Your Needs Known

If you are having issues with accessing gathering areas on lands covered by this policy, please contact CIBA, CIFFMC, or local staff at the Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management.

Traditional Gathering Policy

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- It shall be the policy of the agencies to support traditional native cultural practitioners in gathering culturally utilized plants for personal, community, or other noncommercial traditional use on lands administered by the agencies, consistent with applicable laws, regulations, and policies. Gatherers shall have access for traditional practices to lands managed by the agencies.
- Local units shall consider prioritizing local traditional native gathering in land management plans and should consider prioritization in other management documents.
- Free use, without permit, of culturally important plants may be granted for traditional cultural gathering. Local agreements are encouraged to support such gathering.
- Decisions and issues regarding identification of traditional native cultural gatherers are access, sustainability, and other concerns associated with gathering in the implementation of this policy. These will be addressed by local units in consultation with traditional practitioners, Tribes, and tribal communities.
- Local managers of the agencies shall work in collaboration with Tribes, tribal communities, tribal organizations, and traditional practitioners to identify, restore, and enhance traditionally important plant resources.
- Local managers of the agencies, in consultation with Tribes, tribal communities, and native traditional practitioners, will identify opportunities and tribal partnerships to incorporate tribal traditional management practices to restore, enhance, and promote ecosystem health.

How Was the Policy Developed?

The Traditional Gathering Policy was developed in consultation with tribal governments and in coordination with the California Indian Basketweavers Association, California Indian Forest and Fire Management Council, and agency staff.

Input from "Listening Sessions" held with tribal members throughout the state also helped develop a policy that addresses local needs, while encouraging local implementation and issue resolution.

Tribal governments, tribal organizations, individuals, and agency personnel from various regions of California provided valuable contributions to the Policy.

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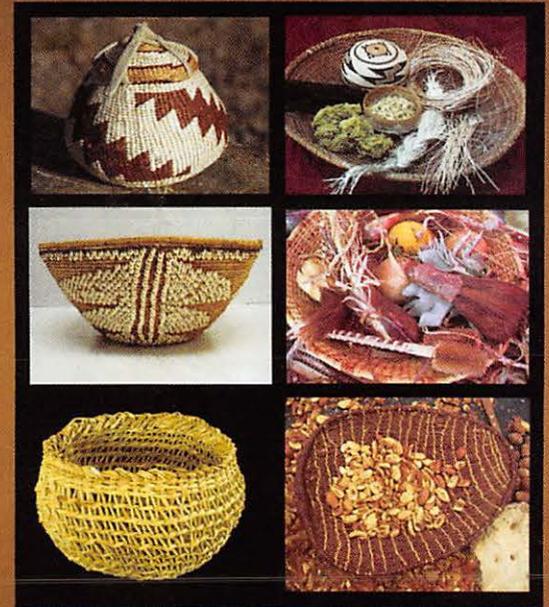


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