



Representatives from the Havasupai, Hualapai, and Hopi Tribes, Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians, Moapa Band of Paiutes, Forest Service, National Park Service, and Bureau of Land Management at the Kaibab's Annual Intertribal Meeting.

Kaibab National Forest

Tribal Relations Accomplishment Report, Fiscal Year 2012

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Accomplishments

“Describe one or two of your primary accomplishments to successfully work through challenges, barriers or impediments which improved program delivery to Tribes you work with.”

Bill Williams Mountain is a Traditional Cultural Property to Havasupai, Hopi, Hualapai, Navajo, and Yavapai people. The Kaibab has worked closely with these tribes to develop the *Bill Williams Mountain Restoration Project EIS*. The Forest and tribes have collaborated on the protection of important tribal cultural and natural resources. These tribes support landscape-scale restoration of the mountain to ensure its availability for future traditional use.



Above) Lee Wayne Lomayestewa, Hopi Cultural Preservation Office, monitors the condition of medicinal plants in the Bill Williams Restoration project area.



Below) Archaeologist Erin Woodard discusses the Bill Williams Mountain Restoration Project with representatives of the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe during a site visit to the summit of the mountain.

Accomplishments

Forest Plan Revision: The Kaibab has worked extensively with seven federally recognized tribes to develop its revised Forest Land Management Plan and was the first Forest in Region 3 to release its draft Plan. The Plan includes proactive management direction on a variety of tribal issues including the management of sacred sites, and the ongoing accommodation of traditional cultural uses. One tribal representative called the Kaibab Draft Plan “ground-breaking” in integrating tribal and federal land management concepts.

Below) An outdoor workshop to discuss the Kaibab's Draft Forest Plan with representatives from seven Tribes.



Economic Benefits

“What has been the resulting economic benefit to Tribes and surrounding landscapes based on these successes?”

Western Navajo Fuelwood Permits: There is a high demand for fuelwood on western Navajo Nation lands. Historically, tribal members wanting fuelwood permits had to drive 120-miles roundtrip to the Tusayan District Office. Considering rising fuel costs, tribal members did so at significant expense. Over the last several years, the Forest Navajo Liaison has developed a fuelwood permit program in Cameron, AZ. This program is now issuing 250 to 300 permits per year to tribal members, saving permit holders both time and money. In addition, this program has greatly increased the Forest’s ability to conduct outreach on fuelwood regulations and Travel Management Rule implementation in western Navajo communities.

Below) Navajo Liaison Mae Franklin issuing fuelwood permits on Navajo Nation in Cameron, Arizona.



Economic Benefits

Hualapai Tribe Cultural Plant Surveys: During consultation on the *Bill Williams Restoration Project* (See Above) several tribes expressed an interest in expanding inventories of culturally important plants within the project area. In collaboration with the Hualapai Tribe, the Kaibab applied for, and received, a grant for approximately \$18,000 from the Coconino Resource Advisory Committee (Secure Rural Schools Act). The grant enabled the Forest to fund the Hualapai Tribe to conduct several weeks of fieldwork to inventory the project area for rare and culturally important plants. The results of these surveys will be shared with other tribes. In 2013, the Forest anticipates it will receive an additional \$8,000 in funding to extend the project.



Above) As part of the Hualapai Plant Survey project, about 25 tribal youth visited the Williams Ranger District to learn from tribal elders about Hualapai traditional use of the Forest and identification of cultural plants.



Left) Kaibab and Hualapai staff conduct a field visit to the project area to discuss logistics for the Hualapai Plant Survey project.

Economic Benefits

Yellow Belly Ponderosa Program: In FY 2011 the Kaibab worked with numerous partners on the Yellow Belly Ponderosa Program, an educational youth outreach program focused on forest health. In FY 2012, that partnership received a grant from the Coconino Resource Advisory Committee (Secure Rural Schools Act) to bring the program to rural schools in tribal communities. The Forest is working with Tribes and partners to incorporate Native American themes. The program has already been scheduled for performances at Hopi and Navajo schools.

For more information on the web, see:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOXBynagsTY>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3EuOF5Qvk8>



Left) High School students at Flagstaff Arts and Leadership Academy listen to presenters, including Kaibab Tribal Relations staff, during development of the Yellow Belly Ponderosa Program.

Effective Collaboration

“What have you done to develop partnerships and successfully manage barriers to effective communication, collaboration and consultation? How have line officers been involved?”



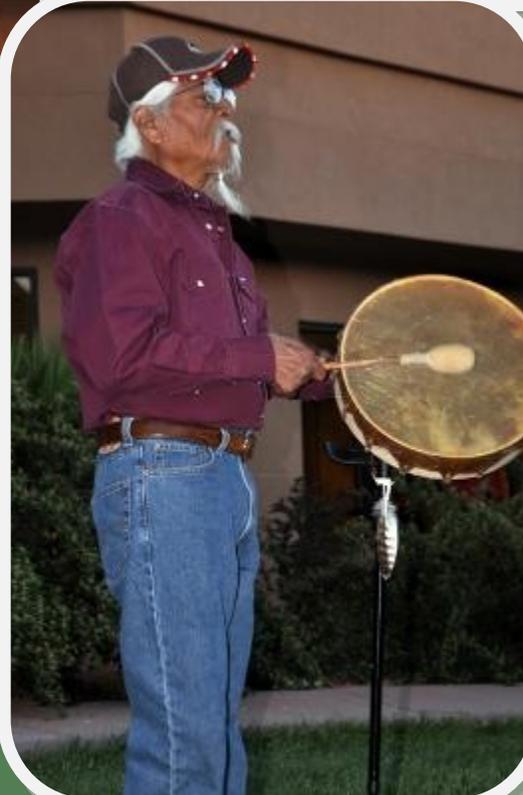
Above Tusayan District Ranger Nick Larson discusses historic Navajo ceremonial use of the Forest with a Navajo cultural advisor during consultation on the Watts Thinning Project.

The Kaibab coordinates and participates in a wide range of consultations, field visits, outreach programs, collaborative projects, and partnerships with tribes. This year, the Kaibab had more collaborative projects and more time spent on the ground working with Tribes than any previous year. Forest Supervisor Mike Williams, and/or District Rangers met with Tribes 17 times to consult on Forest projects or conduct field visits on the Forest. Many additional meetings were conducted at the staff level in support of this program. In addition, the Forest developed new internal training on the Native American Collection Policy and implemented this training across the Forest. The following pictures from FY 2012 portray the range of collaborative projects being conducted by Forest line officers and Tribal Relations staff.

Effective Collaboration



Top Left) Kaibab National Forest, Hopi Tribe, Hopi Cultural Resource Advisory Task Team, Hopi Cultural Preservation Office, and filmmaker Victor Masayesva win the 2012 Windows on the Past Award for excellence in Heritage Preservation. Top Right) South Zone Archaeologist Neil Weintraub discusses how the Kaibab protects tribal ceremonial sites from wildfires with members of the Havasupai Tribe. Bottom Left) Wildlife Biologists of the Hopi Tribe and the Kaibab National Forest on their way to survey for wintering bald eagles. Bottom Right) Havasupai elder Rex Tilousi opens the 5th Annual Intertribal Meeting on the North Kaibab Ranger District.



Effective Collaboration



Top Left) Employees of the Kaibab National Forest and the Navajo Nation Forestry Department gather near a planned timber sale in the Chuska Mountains to talk about forestry practices. From left to right: Robert Billie, Navajo Forester, Josh LeDuc, North Kaibab Assistant Silviculturist, Garry Domis, North Kaibab Silviculturist, and Nelson Roanhorse, BIA Timber Management Officer.

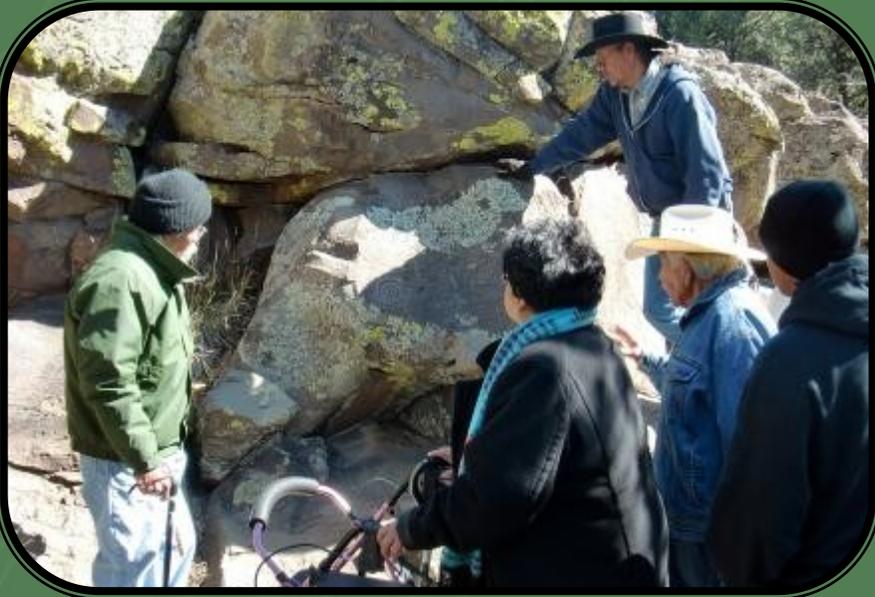


Top Right) Cultural advisor Glendora Homer (Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians) discusses the protection of Paiute ancestral sites with Forest representatives on the North Kaibab Ranger District.



Bottom) Tribal Relations Intern Leigh Carter on a medicinal plant collecting trip with the Zuni Cultural Resources Advisory Task Team.

Effective Collaboration



Top Left) Havasupai Tribal members examine historic rock writings at the Laws Spring Interpretive site on the Williams Ranger District.

Top Right) Archaeologist Erin Woodard talks with Havasupai tribal members during an interpretive hike on Red Butte.



Bottom) Kaibab Navajo Liaison Mae Franklin describes the Kaibab's collaborative work with Tribes to visitors from Chile hosted by the Forest Service's International Forestry Program.

Unit Structure

“In addition, provide a brief narrative about the characteristics of your unit in relation to Tribal interests. What other issues and challenges do you face?”



Unit Structure: The Kaibab employs a Forest Tribal Liaison that provides recommendations to leadership and ensures that the Forest fulfills its consultation requirements. In addition, the Kaibab funds a Navajo Liaison position with support from the RO that works with Navajo individuals and communities bordering the Forest. In addition, the North Zone Archaeologist serves as the Liaison to the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians.

Tribal Relations are supported by Forest leadership, and a wide range of other positions and functions on the Forest. Forest Supervisor Mike Williams, and District Rangers Martie Schramm, Randall Walker, and Nick Larson directly participate in the consultation process. As many tribal concerns on the Forest involve cultural resource issues, all Forest Heritage Resources staff are heavily involved in the Tribal Relations Program. Other Forest staff, including Forest planners, biologists, timber staff, fire staff, range specialists, and front liners, regularly work directly with tribal members or staff on a variety of issues.

Left) Lands and Minerals staff Tom Mutz chats with a Hopi cultural advisor during a field visit.

Future Challenges



Above) Havasupai traditional practitioner Dianna Sue Uqualla at a consultation meeting for the Canyon Uranium mine. Right) Kaibab staff and members of the Havasupai, Hualapai, Navajo, Hopi and Zuni Tribes during a field visit

Future Challenges: The Kaibab is currently consulting with Tribes on impacts to the Red Butte Traditional Cultural Property related to the Canyon Uranium Mine. The Forest is beginning analysis of a grazing allotment which is contested by one of the tribes. The Tusayan Ranger District is being heavily impacted by trespass horses and cattle from both the Havasupai and Navajo reservations. Implementation of 4FRI is expected to greatly increase the consultation workload on the Forest.



Tribal Relations Activity Log for the Kaibab National Forest, FY 2012

Government-to-Government Consultation Meetings

- In FY 2012 the Navajo Liaison attended 25 Navajo Chapter and community group meetings to update Navajo community members on Forest projects and issues.
- During the month of October, 2011, the Forest Tribal Liaison contacted area Tribes with updates on the Canyon Uranium Mine.
- On November 28 and 29, the Forest Supervisor, Tusayan District Ranger, and other Forest staff travelled to Supai, AZ to review the Forest SOPA with the Havasupai Tribe and update the Tribe on the Canyon Uranium Mine.
- On December 12, 2011, the Forest Tribal Liaison met with members of the Havasupai Tribal Council and Havasupai attorneys in Flagstaff to discuss the Havasupai Place Names Project and water rights issues.
- On December 14, 2011, the Forest Supervisor and other Forest staff held a conference call with an attorney for the Havasupai Tribe to discuss water rights issues.
- On January 10, 2012, the Forest Supervisor and other Forest staff held a conference call with representatives from the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians to provide an update on the Canyon Uranium Mine.
- On January 11, 2012, the Forest Supervisor and other Forest staff held a conference call with a representative from the Navajo Nation to provide an update on the Canyon Uranium Mine.
- On January 11, 2012, the Forest Supervisor and other Forest staff held a conference call with representatives from the Hualapai Tribe to provide an update on the Canyon Uranium Mine.
- On January 11, 2012, the Forest Supervisor and other Forest staff held a conference call with a representative from the Pueblo of Zuni to provide an update on the Canyon Uranium Mine.
- On January 26, 2012, the Forest Tribal Liaison met with a representative from the Navajo Nation to discuss the Bill Williams Mt Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project and other Forest projects.
- On January 26, 2012 the Forest Supervisor and other Forest staff met with the Hopi Tribe in Williams, AZ to discuss the Canyon Uranium Mine.
- On February 2, 2012, the Forest Tribal Liaison attended a meeting with BLM and the Zuni Tribal Council to brief the council on the Canyon Uranium Mine.
- On February 8, 2012, the North Kaibab District Ranger and Tribal Liaison attended a meeting with the Kaibab Paiute Band of Indians environmental staff to provide an update on the Canyon Uranium Mine in conjunction with consultation efforts by the Arizona Strip BLM.
- On February 26, 2012, the Forest Supervisor and Forest Tribal Liaison attended a meeting with the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians Tribal Council in Pipe Springs, AZ to brief the council on the Canyon Uranium Mine.

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- On February 28, 2012, the Forest Supervisor and other Forest and Regional staff met with the Havasupai Tribal Council to discuss the Canyon Uranium Mine.
- From May 9th to May 11th the Forest hosted its fifth annual Intertribal Meeting on the North Kaibab Ranger District.
- On September 6, 2012, the North Kaibab and Tusayan District Rangers and other Forest staff met with the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians in Pipe Springs, AZ to discuss the Canyon Uranium Mine, Forest Plan Revision, the Bill Williams Mt Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project and other Forest projects.
- On September 10, 2012, the Forest Tribal Liaison met with members of the Havasupai Tribe to discuss the Havasupai Digital Archives and Place Names projects.
- On September 17, 2012, the Forest Tribal Liaison met with the Hualapai Tribe regarding the Hualapai cultural plant survey project on Bill Williams Mt.
- On September 19, 2012, Forest Supervisor Mike Williams and other Kaibab staff met with the Hopi Tribe in Kykotsmovi, AZ on the Canyon Uranium Mine and Forest Projects.
- On September 20, 2012, Forest Supervisor Mike Williams and other Kaibab staff met with the Navajo Nation in Window Rock, AZ on the Canyon Uranium Mine and Forest Projects.
- On September 20, 2012, Forest Supervisor Mike Williams and other Kaibab staff met with the Pueblo of Zuni in Zuni, NM on the Canyon Uranium Mine and Forest Projects.



Right) Forest Tribal Liaison Mike Lyndon with colleagues (Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation) during the Kaibab's Annual Intertribal Meeting.

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Left) Hopi Filmmaker Victor Masayesva captures footage of the 5th Annual Intertribal Meeting

Field Visits Conducted on the Kaibab National Forest



- On October 27 and 28, 2011, Forest staff conducted site visits on the Forest with ten members of the Havasupai Tribe as part of the Havasupai Place Names project and in support of the Bill Williams Mt Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project.
- In January of 2012, the Navajo Liaison coordinated field trips to historic Navajo sites on the Forest with Navajo elders, tribal youth, and educators.
- On April 9, 2012, Forest staff accompanied Hualapai Tribal Historic Preservation Office staff on a field visit to Bill Williams Mt to plan for upcoming cultural plant surveys for the Bill Williams Mt Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project. The Forest Tribal Liaison provided the tribe with a copy of the draft Forest Land Management Plan and discussed plan components and asked for comments.
- On April 11, 2012, the North Kaibab Assistant Zone Archaeologist conducted a field visit to cultural resource sites with seven representatives from the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians.
- On May 4, 2012, Forest staff conducted field visits to cultural sites with 7 members of the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe in the Bill Williams EIS Project Area.
- On June 12, 2012 the Tusayan District Ranger and other Kaibab staff conducted site visits with members of the Havasupai, Kaibab Paiute, Navajo, Hopi, Zuni, and Hualapai Tribes on the Tusayan Ranger District. On June 13, 2012 Kaibab staff conducted site visits with members of the Havasupai and Navajo tribes in the Cameron area.

- On July 20, 2012, the Tusayan District Ranger and other Kaibab staff conducted field visits with two cultural advisors from Navajo Nation to discuss the Watts Thinning Project.
- On August 2, 2012, the Forest Tribal Liaison conducted site visits on the Tusayan Ranger District with a representative from Navajo Historic Preservation Department. Tony Joe, Navajo Nation Supervisory Anthropologist provided ethnographic data on traditional cultural properties, Navajo history and material culture.
- On August 8, 2012, Kaibab staff conducted field visits with ten representatives from the Zuni Cultural Resource Advisory Task Team and Zuni Tribal Council and visited the Red Butte Traditional Cultural Property to discuss ceremonial plant collection and the Canyon Uranium Mine.

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Tribal Outreach, Relationship Building and Collaboration

- On October 5, 2011, Forest Tribal Liaison Michael Lyndon and Havasupai Tribal Council Member Carletta Tilousi presented the paper “Red Butte TCP: Collaborative Management of Traditional Cultural Properties on the Kaibab National Forest” to approximately 160 people at the Cultural Landscapes Workshop in Denver, CO.
- A group of Kaibab National Forest employees spent Oct. 18-19 meeting with members of the Navajo Nation Forestry Department to share information and discuss ways to coordinate resources.
- On October 26, 2011, Forest Tribal Liaison Michael Lyndon participated in a panel discussion entitled “Natural Resources, Landscapes, and Cultural Values: Using Film to Show Native Perspectives of the Land” at the 11th Biennial Conference of Research on the Colorado Plateau in Flagstaff, AZ. The Forests collaborative film project with the Hopi Tribe entitled “Snake Gulch” was shown during the session.
- In January of 2012 the Navajo Liaison coordinated a career workshop with Navajo Workforce Development.
- On April 12, 2012, the Forest Tribal Liaison met with the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians to plan for the upcoming Annual Intertribal Meeting.
- On June 14, 2012, the Kaibab Tribal Liaison co-presented a paper with Leigh Kuwanwisiwma, Director of the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office, at the Arizona Historic Preservation Conference in Prescott, AZ. The paper focused on the Bill Williams Restoration Project.
- In July 2012 the Kaibab successfully executed an Agreement with the Hualapai Tribe to provide funding to conduct surveys of cultural plants for the Bill Williams Restoration Project.
- On July 9, 2012, Kaibab staff attended the Hualapai Tribal Language Camp in the Hualapai Mountains and conducted interpretive programs for approximately 50 youth. Smokey Bear also attended.
- On July 11, 2012, Kaibab staff led a group hike for 15 youth and 5 adults from the Havasupai Tribe of Red Butte, a traditional cultural property to the Havasupai people. Kaibab staff presented information on cultural resources and Forest Service careers.
- In February 2012, the Forest Tribal Liaison developed a new internal training on the *Kaibab and Coconino National Forests Official Policy on Forest Products for Traditional and Cultural Purposes*. From February to May 2012, the Forest Tribal Liaison conducted internal trainings on the policy on all Districts on the Coconino and Kaibab National Forest.
- The Forest Tribal Liaison and Navajo Liaison provided briefings to USDA Deputy Under Secretary Butch Blazer. The Navajo Liaison facilitated intertribal meetings with Mr. Blazer in Flagstaff, AZ.
- The Forest Tribal Liaison and Navajo Liaison assisted with a grant to fund the Yellow Belly Ponderosa outreach program to schools in tribal communities incorporating Native American themes.

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Navajo Tribal Liaison – RO Support

- Helped coordinate Forest Service Sacred Sites consultation with Hopi communities and provided purchase expertise to secure the facilities for consultation. Coordinated with native news media for the meeting.
- Assisted with the visit of NRE Deputy Under-Secretary. Reported to Deputy Under-Secretary the cooperative projects with Navajo communities, at his visit to the Tusayan Ranger District.
- Conducted outreach to all tribes in Arizona and extended an invitation and follow up to the Small Woods Conference in Flagstaff.
- Attended the Society of Rangeland Society to discuss feral horse management on Navajo Nation and worked with Cameron Chapter to identify a site adjacent to the Forest Service lands to conduct a horse round up in the future.
- Attended the Wood Harvester's Workforce Training Program in Flagstaff and invited two southwest local businesses interested in working in the woods. Introduced business owners to Forest contacts and Regional contacts including Regional contract officers.
- Accompanied a visiting Chilean delegation on the Kaibab NF, visited the Bill Williams Mountain and discussed integrating Native American perspectives into land management.
- Coordinated a visit to Navajo for a non-profit, the World Wood Organization, from Japan. They're interested in indigenous knowledge regarding the use of wood. Tour will include a visit to the forest to pick pinion and preparation of the nut for consumption, and visits to Hogan and sweat lodge structures at a Navajo residence.
- Assisted Kaibab National Forest to identify and contact Bill Ferranti from Alamo School Board. He is contracted to conduct 200 acres of thinning/restoration work on the Tusayan Ranger District using a Navajo crew.
- The Navajo Boundary Fence is scheduled to be reconstructed between Cameron Chapter/Navajo Nation and Kaibab National Forest by Bureau of Indian Affairs-Tuba City Natural Resource office, using a conservation group this fall.