



QIR Forest Management Plan

December 1, 2011

The Quinault Indian Nation and the Bureau of Indian Affairs are working together to update the current Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the Quinault Reservation. As a stakeholder, you have an opportunity to provide input into the process by documenting how you use the natural resources on the Reservation, what benefit you derive from them, and how their management will impact you. Completing and returning the enclosed questionnaire is one of your opportunities to participate in the FMP update process.

Gathering this input is the first step towards completing a forest management plan that considers **ALL** of the forest resources (including timber, fish, wildlife, water quality, and cultural resources) and how their management will affect the people that use them. As either an enrolled member of the Quinault Nation or an allotment owner on the Quinault Reservation, we want to hear what your priorities are for the Reservation's forest resources. Please take a few minutes to answer the questions and return the completed form to Nancy Eldridge, QIN Planning Forester, in the envelope provided. You could also drop completed questionnaires in a box located in the lobby of the Quinault Division of Natural Resources (QDNR) building in Taholah.

Please note that for question #3 we have asked that you choose your three highest uses and for question #4 we have asked that you choose your top five priorities. If you select more than we have asked, we will not be able to use your input from those two questions.

In an attempt to reach as many stakeholders as possible, we have drawn contact information from several sources and so you may receive multiple mailings. Please disregard any duplicate questionnaires or pass them along to someone else. If you would like additional copies of the questionnaire, they are available on the QIN website and at the QDNR building. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Nancy Eldridge at (360) 276-8215, extension 344 or neldridge@quinault.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Fawn Sharp in black ink.

Fawn Sharp, President
Quinault Indian Nation

Handwritten signature of Gregory Masten in blue ink.

Gregory Masten, Superintendent
Taholah Agency



QUESTIONNAIRE

Update of Forest Management Plan Quinault Indian Reservation

Please take a few minutes to provide us with your opinion. **ALL information provided will be kept in the strictest confidence.** You should be able to complete the questionnaire in less than 20 minutes. Thank you for your time.

1. **PERSONAL INFORMATION.** Please provide the following information to help with interpretation and follow-up. **Again, ALL information provided will be kept confidential!**

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Tribal Affiliation: _____

Occupation or title: _____

Age: _____ 0-17 _____ 18-29 _____ 30-54 _____ 55+

Education: _____ K-6 _____ 7-9 _____ 10-12 _____ High School graduate
_____ College _____ # years of College

Do you live on the Quinault Reservation? _____ yes _____ no

Do you or your family own land on the Quinault Reservation? _____ yes _____ no _____ unknown

If yes, is your land held in Fee or Trust? _____ Fee _____ Trust _____ unknown

2. **ECONOMIC USE OF THE RESERVATION.** Does your household benefit financially from the Reservation's natural resources? This question will help us understand how you and your family derive an income from the resources of the Reservation. **Please check all that apply.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural resources tribal enterprise employee | <input type="checkbox"/> Income from Land/Allotment (timber harvest, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> QDNR employee | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Razor clam digging | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Guide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting Guide | <input type="checkbox"/> Logging and related jobs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tree planting | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree thinning crew |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cone picking | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire crew |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cedar salvage operator/crew | <input type="checkbox"/> Brush/mushroom picking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain): | |
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3. **PERSONAL USE OF THE RESERVATION.** How do you and your family USE the Reservation? This question is limited to non-commercial, non-economic uses of the Reservation. Please place a check mark next to your **THREE highest uses:** (If you check more than three, your response to this question will not be considered.)

- Hunting (personal use, i.e., subsistence)
 - Fishing (personal use, i.e., subsistence)
 - Digging razor clams (personal use, i.e., subsistence)
 - Gathering plants (personal use, i.e., subsistence)
 - Gathering firewood, posts/poles, or Christmas trees for personal use.
 - Other cultural use (medicinal, spiritual, etc.)
 - Recreation such sightseeing, hiking, camping, etc.
 - Other (please explain):
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4. **MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS.** We manage for many things other than commercial timber. **What do you consider to be the most important management objectives for the Reservation's forest lands?** Please place a check mark next to your **FIVE highest management priorities.** (If you check more than five, your response will not be considered.)

- Economic return for the landowner (income from timber sales, etc.)
- Economic return from cedar salvage
- Job opportunities in the timber industry
- Job opportunities in the special forest products industry (harvesting brush, mushrooms, etc.)
- Job opportunities in the fishing/hunting industry
- Water quality, fish habitat, and fish runs
- Habitat for deer, elk, and other game animals
- Habitat for animals listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).
- Cultural resources (canoe logs, cedar bark, beargrass, medicinal plants, etc.)
- Recreational values of the forest (sport fishing, hiking, camping, etc.)
- Spiritual values of the forest
- Firewood
- Other (please explain):
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5. **ROADS.** Reducing the amount of open roads on the Reservation would provide environmental benefits to fish and wildlife, and may also protect against trespass, poaching, vandalism, garbage dumping, etc. However, open roads do provide easier access to hunting and fishing areas.

Would you prefer to see more or less open roads? More Less

6. **HARVEST RESTRICTIONS.** Do you believe that harvest restrictions on the Reservation should be more restrictive, less restrictive, or the same as timber harvest restrictions that our state, federal, and private neighbors are required to follow? Examples include restrictions around culturally and/or ecologically sensitive or important areas in an attempt to protect water quality and fish/wildlife habitat. Examples include buffers on streams and wetlands; special protection for floodplains, sensitive cultural or wildlife areas, etc.

Harvest restrictions should be: More Restrictive Less Restrictive Same

7. **FOREST MANAGEMENT DEDUCTION (FMD).** Currently, 6% of net revenue from timber sales on allotments is held and invested back into the forest to pay for forest development activities such as reforestation and timber stand improvement. Most other Tribes withhold 10%. Would you be willing to increase the FMD from 6% to 10% to accommodate improvements in forest development?

_____ Yes

_____ No

8. If we have questions or require additional information, may we contact you?

_____ Yes

_____ No

REMINDER: If you select more than three choices for question 3 or more than 5 choices for question 4, your responses will have to be thrown out.

The above questions are concerned with resource issues on the Quinault Reservation. If you have comments or would like to voice additional resource concerns, please use the space provided below.

Thank you for participating in the update of your Forest Management Plan! Please return your questionnaire by January 31 to:

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Taholah, WA 98587

If you have additional questions or would like to actively participate in the update process,

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