



## Restoring Coquille Tribal Lands and Oregon's South Coast Economy

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### Our Lands

Since time immemorial, our tribal ancestors inhabited Oregon's South Coast. This place will forever be our homeland. For our survival as a Tribe and the welfare of our grandchildren, we must create a sustainable Oregon South Coast Ecosystem and Economy that balance job creation and environmental protection. The restoration of Coquille Tribal Forest Lands is a key step towards this goal.

### Restoring More Than Tribal Lands

When Restored Management of Coquille Tribal lands will:

- **Revitalize Coquille Tribal Culture** by providing an ancestral land base where present and future Coquille people can reconnect to their traditional life ways.
- **Create Stronger Environmental Protection** by monitoring the potential environmental effects of all forest disturbance activities.
- **Substantially increase habitat restoration for aquatic and terrestrial plant and animal species** by implementing restoration projects identified in the Coquille Basin Plan, written by the Tribe, and tapping into funding sources that are not available to the federal government.
- **Resolve the Coos County Funding Crisis** by dedicating up to one half of the revenue generated to Coos County for the next two decades, twice the amount payable under the O&C regime.
- **Increase forest legacy** by identifying special plant, trees, and areas that need to be favored or perpetuated.
- **Increase biodiversity and forest health and vigor** by letting cultural and ecological values guide management through time.
- **Decrease risk of fire and disease** by focusing forest health thinnings that reduce hazardous fuels in areas that have overstocked, monoculture stands
- **Create a renewable source of energy** through biomass utilization

### Vision for the South Coast, Including Coquille Tribal Lands

Our vision for Coquille Tribal Lands emphasizes sustainable ecosystems, where wildlife, recreation and cultural values are priorities.

- *Open areas (grasslands) consist of mostly native species that provide abundant wildlife forage.*
- *The forests represent a variety of age classes and canopy configurations with varying densities throughout the landscape.*
- *In areas less suitable for timber production, wetlands, open meadows, and mixed hardwood stands are predominate.*
- *Streams run clear, and riparian areas are productive, diverse, and function to store water and trap sediment.*
- *Riparian areas do not appear overly dominated by dense brushy shrub cover.*
- *There is a diversity and abundance of fish and wildlife.*
- *The line between ownerships becomes less significant than the overall cooperative goals between the parties, including the needs to provide consistent habitats, viewscapes and experiences.*



Above, (Left) Coquille Tribal Chairman Ed Metcalf and staff from the Lands Resources and Environmental Services Department speak to Tribal youth about the cultural, economic, and environmental values of Coquille Forest Lands, during the Kids in The Woods Event in March 2007. (Right) Tribal youth participate in the regeneration of the Coquille Forest by planting a diverse mix of tree species.



Above, (Left) Inside of the Long House at the University of Oregon during its opening. (Right) Front of the Long House. Note: all of the logs used for the interior were donated by the Coquille Tribe.



Above, (Left) The diverse understory of the Coquille Forest. (Right) Legacy Trees are retained during harvest for wildlife habitat and large wood recruitment for streams.

