Inter-Tribal Ecosystem Restoration Partnership

The Inter-Tribal Ecosystem Restoration Partnership (ITERP) is composed of a Steering Committee and Participants representing regional tribes, tribal community leaders, federal and state agencies and non-profit conservation organizations throughout Oregon and Northern California. The goal of ITERP is to restore aquatic and terrestrial habitats, work collaboratively to plan and conduct landscape scale ecological restoration, and repair impacts to ecocultural systems that indigenous communities depend on for subsistence and survival.



The ITERP serves rural tribal communities, by leveraging the unique expertise and overlapping skills of each partner organization, working collaboratively toward the common goal of implementing a comprehensive approach to ecosystem restoration, tribal workforce capacity development and the creation of tribal community business infrastructure. ITERP is committed to the creation of ecological restoration jobs and the incubation of tribal businesses, supporting tribal members to work on their time immemorial, ancestral land bases as the first, best stewards.

This ITERP works toward incorporating Traditional Ecological Knowledge into forest and watershed restoration planning. ITERP combines an applied ecological restoration adaptive management approach, with science delivery and the Traditional Ecological Knowledge of the diverse and unique regional tribes. This effort will engage people to work towards a healthier, sustainable, subsistence lifestyle and protect and preserve our collective cultures and natural resources.

ITERP works to recover as much is recoverable, of the key historic precontact ecosystem structure, composition, processes, and function, along with traditional, time-tested, ecologically appropriate and sustainable indigenous cultural practices that helped shape ecosystems. **ITERP** works to simultaneously build-in resilience to future rapid climate disruptions and other environmental change, to maintain ecological integrity in a way that ensures the survival of both indigenous ecosystems and cultures.



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