

Webinar: Forest Carbon Projects for Tribes – What They Are and How They Can Benefit Tribes

Presented by the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) Climate Change Program

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This free webinar will take place on Tuesday, September 5th 2017 from 11 AM to 12:15 PM Pacific Daylight Time and is being hosted by the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) Climate Change Program. This webinar is the first installment of the *Topics in Climate Change Adaptation Planning* webinar series being launched by the [ITEP Climate Change Program](#).

Forest carbon projects utilize land management practices to restore or maintain forestland for an agreed upon period of time, and through legal agreements produce carbon credits which can be sold to into growing markets. These projects often rely on avoiding deforestation or reforesting areas to absorb carbon from the atmosphere, thus producing carbon credits.

Developing forest carbon projects can be a complex undertaking in which forest managers must navigate regulations and relationships with government and non-government stakeholders. In return, these projects can become lucrative economic development opportunities for tribes while at the same time offering many co-benefits related to ecosystem health and forest management.

Forest carbon projects can be used by tribes to reach broader climate resiliency goals. Forested areas that are committed to carbon credit projects continue to serve other purposes for the community, such as preserving forest health and subsistence gathering resources, providing a natural buffer from extreme weather, and acting as natural filtration systems that maintain water quality. Additionally, income may be used to fund climate change adaptation planning and/or other climate resiliency projects.

This webinar will provide an overview of forest carbon projects; including what they are, what benefits they provide, what they mean for forest management, and how a tribe can develop a project. Three speakers will share their perspectives on this topic, and there will be time at the end for audience questions.

Joshua Strauss – Vice President, Bluesource

Joshua Strauss is a forest carbon specialist whose primary responsibilities consist of the sourcing, analysis, and development of Improved Forest Management, Afforestation, and Avoided Conversion carbon offset projects. As Bluesource's Vice President Joshua manages the forest project implementation team, overseeing all aspects of project development, from initial contracting to the ultimate issuance of offset credits.

Ernie Neptune – Forest Supervisor, Passamaquoddy Forestry Dept

As the longtime Forest Supervisor for the Passamaquoddy Forestry Department, Ernie Neptune has been deeply involved in his tribe's forest carbon project from start to finish. As one of the only tribal foresters to be involved in every step of this process, he offers unique insight into forest carbon projects from a tribal perspective.

Matt Anderson – Forester, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Regional Office

Matt Anderson is a U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs Forester stationed in the Midwest Regional Office. In his position, he has been involved with tribal forest carbon projects and is currently working to draft new BIA guidelines on the topic.

There is no cost to attend the webinar, but advance registration is required. Use the link to register for the webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8665850757124579331>

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