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About the Western Region Tribal Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Work Group

Mission: To protect tribal natural and cultural resources through mutual understanding.

Approach: The Western Region Tribal Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Work Group works to protect tribal natural and cultural resources through expanding use of Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) is a form of IPM; by sharing tribal land management practices, along with the principles and values they are based on, the group serves as a bridge to promote understanding forest management from multiple cultural perspectives. In short, the work group assists in the articulation of tribal forest health issues, and identifies resources and partnerships to respond in a collaborative manner.

Collaborators and financial support: We are a west-wide multi-tribal, multi-agency workgroup: the target audience is a diverse, comprehensive group of participants from tribes, research institutions, non-profit organizations and government agencies. Leaders include environmental staff from the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians; University of California Cooperative Extension; USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station; US Environmental Protection Agency; and National Plant Diagnostic Network. Collaborators include the California Department of Food and Agriculture, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and the USDA Forest Service, Forest Health Protection. Financial support is provided by the Western IPM Center, USDA APHIS Farm Bill and the USDA Forest Service.

To learn more or get involved: Please see the work group website (<u>http://westernipm.org/index.cfm/center-projects/project-websites/tribal-work-group/</u>).

For updates, please sign up to join our moderated list serve (<u>https://lists.ucdavis.edu/sympa/subscribe/tribalipm</u>).

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