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WORKING EFFECTIVELY

WITH AMERICAN INDIANS TRAINING

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

The Working Effectively with American Indians training is hosted by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Washington Association of Conservation Districts, and the Stillaguamish and Tulalip Tribes.

Course Information

Date: August 15-19, 2016

Location: Stillaguamish Indian Reservation, Arlington, WA

Who: Training is open to federal agencies, Washington Conservation Districts and tribes. Others may be considered if room permits.

Cost: No registration fee. Participants are responsible for food and lodging costs. A block of rooms has been reserved at Angel of the Winds Hotel in Arlington, WA.

Registration: Click **here** to register.

Deadline to register is July 30, 2016

In this week-long course, participants will enjoy learning from local tribal representatives and NRCS employees from across the country who have many years of experience working with tribal nations.

Discover a working knowledge of:

- *Traditional tribal ways, the role of tribal elders, and cultural dos and don'ts;*
- *The history of American Indian Tribes, treaties between tribes and the US government, executive order, laws, acts, policy, and tribal land status;*
- *What is federal trust responsibility, consultation, and protocols when working with federally recognized tribes as a government representative;*
- *What it means to work nation to nation and/or government to government with sovereign nations, how to build partnerships with tribes, and an understanding of tribal law and tribal governments*
- *How to identify and navigate around obstacles/barriers to working with tribes by using tools such as the Nine Steps of Conservation Planning, the guiding principles of federal employees' roles and responsibilities, the Indigenous Stewardship Guide, and agency general manual.*

Space is limited. For more information, contact Jennifer Johnston at jennifer.johnston@wa.usda.gov or Mark Craven at oldhalloween@yahoo.com. Visit the Washington NRCS website to view the draft agenda.

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