

Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California Tending and Gathering Garden

Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit

2011 Accomplishments

This collaborative project establishes a traditional native plants tending and gathering garden and restores 0.25 acres at the USFS Tallac Historic Site on the south shore of Lake Tahoe, California. Fifteen culturally significant plant species for the Washoe Tribe and native to the Lake Tahoe Basin will be planted in the garden.

This is a significant project for the Washoe Tribe and the LTBMU because Tribe currently has few places within the Lake Tahoe Basin to practice their traditional land management techniques. This project provides a new education opportunity for Lake Tahoe residents and visitors, by highlighting culturally significant native plant species and their traditional uses.

2011 Accomplishments include:

- Developed garden sign for fall of 2011 installation;
- Developed a draft walking brochure;
- Identified seed collection and needed preparation for 2012 plantings;
- Washoe Tribe built Galis-dungal – a typical Washoe camp site;
- Further developed the garden with native plant species, soil amendments, etc.;
- Constructed path; and
- Installed sprinkler system.



Figure 3 (above): FS Crew removing trees.
Figure 4 (below): Generation Green, Washoe Tribe, and FS employees prepare the garden site and incorporate compost into the soil.



Figure 1 (left): Site preparation completed.
Figure 2 (below): Galis-dungal



Year Awarded: FY2011
Report number: 2 of 3
Expenditures (FY2010): \$17,000
Expenditures (FY2011): \$ 9,000
Funding to date: \$26,000

Partners/Contractors/Coop: The Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California.

2011 Volunteer Time: Over 400 volunteer hours including intern, Generation Green high school students, Tallac Historic Site volunteers, and FS crew



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