



Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

NAME OF AGENCY: Pacific Rim Institute for Environmental Stewardship
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GENERAL GOALS: We seek to restore the ecological integrity of our remnant prairie and other ecosystems on Whidbey Island because we understand restoration to be part of a dynamic planet. There is intrinsic value in all creation and seek to forge meaningful relationships between individuals and Creation.

SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

On November 20, 2013, we received a generous gift from the Tulalip Charitable Fund in response to a request to help cover costs of native prairie restoration. The funds equipped us to enhance our native seed processing and propagation, invasive weed control and training of restoration interns. Here we'll share some of the work that the Tulalip Charitable Fund helped support and how it related to our mission of equipping people and communities to live sustainably and care for Creation. Under the supervision of our Land Steward, and with the help of volunteers and restoration interns, we now have another 106 Garry oaks growing in our Native Plant Center to be planted out next fall and spring. We currently have 171 Garry oak trees on our property as a part of our prairie and savanna restoration activities. The Garry oak is a native tree that contributed to savannah and prairie ecosystems throughout much of the Puget Sound region. This project not only enhances the quality of the local environment by increasing the diversity and resiliency of the prairie/savanna ecosystem, it also provides critical outdoor classrooms and field experiences for interns, volunteers and students.

For more information regarding the specific uses of the award, see the following pages from Pacific Rim Institute for Environmental Stewardship.



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September 23, 2014

Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund
Marilyn Sheldon
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Dear Marilyn Sheldon,

Thank you so much for entrusting us with your financial support. The donation that you sent to us in November of 2013 has been put towards the important work of our prairie restoration and stewardship. Your partnership in these efforts has made a wonderful impact and attached you will find some of the projects that your funds supported.

We are grateful for the support of the Tulalip Charitable Fund and we hope to have the opportunity to partner with you again in the future. Thank you for helping Pacific Rim Institute restore this endangered prairie ecosystem! Please come and visit our site – we'd be thrilled to have you see your work first hand.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert K. Pelant".

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2014 Grant Report: Pacific Rim Institute

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Native Prairie Expansion:



In January 2014 we planted six acres of formerly degraded land with Roemer's fescue (*Festuca roemeri*), a native bunch grass. An important portion of this was funded through the gift from the Tulalip Charitable Fund. After four years of working to eliminate the invasive plants from the plots, we broadcasted 48 lbs. of seed. We are following this up with a controlled burn and additional native plant seeding this fall. The direct expansion of the prairie moves us towards our long-term goal of 100 acres of prairie restored for the purpose of protecting an extremely rare ecosystem, preserving ecological heritage, and providing unique, field based learning opportunities for students of all ages.

Native Plant Center Expansion:



Over the past few years we gradually expanded the capacity of our Native Plant Center through a variety of grants and donations. The Tulalip Charitable Fund, along with several other fund sources, helped make critical improvements in the winter and spring of 2014. We increased the area of our propagation beds by 1,340 square feet (which is a 25% increase overall). There are 16 native species currently being grown in our propagation beds. We installed a new shade house for hardening plants off between the greenhouse and out-planting in the prairie. We also purchased new equipment to help make our native plant processing and growing more efficient. Our Native Plant Center supports all of our restoration projects and enables us to grow our own plants, produce our own seed and cost-effectively restore our prairie.