



Session 3: Offset Types and Project
Types

Tribal Improved Forest Management Projects

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The Yurok Reservation and Ancestral Territory

The Yurok Tribe has multiple Improved Forest Management Projects totaling over 40,000 acres that will bring over 1,800,000 CCOs to market



Project Benefits

- Restore lands and waters degraded by past timber practices
- Land management consistent with culture and traditions
- Way to monetize differences in forest land management



A photograph of a dense forest with tall, straight trees and a path covered in ferns. The text is overlaid on the image.

Forestry Offset Projects in a Tribal Context

- Developing a project is a political issue
- Limited waiver of sovereign immunity
- Ongoing uncertainty in protocol interpretation as applied to Tribes
- Pre-registration risks rather than post-registration risks

Forestry Offset Project Challenges

- 100 year commitment
- Active or passive role
- Financial viability
- Project development
- Inventory design
- Invalidation § 95985
- Reversals § 95983
- Ongoing verification requirements
- Long term maintenance and land management



Offset Project Sales

- Credits issued annually upon verification
- Offset investors
- Finance and development entities
- Brokers
- Direct sales to compliance entities
- Forestry projects anticipated to be major percentage of initial offset credits



Conclusion

- Improved Forest Management projects can help Forest Owners finance land and natural resource management and restoration
- Long term forest project maintenance and management challenges can be minimized through careful project development