



ANNOUNCING THE 2011 REGIONAL RESIDENCY FELLOW

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Keala will be using tens of thousands of forest inventory tally sheets from the Klamath Indian Agency. These represent rare quantitative descriptions of historical forest structure and composition. Supplementing these tally sheets are correspondence, reports, and maps from the Klamath Indian Agency and the Portland Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Descriptions of the dataset, analysis, and conclusions will be submitted for publication in peer-reviewed journals of science, ecology, or forest management. As part of the research for her dissertation, Keala will use this uniquely spatially extensive dataset to quantify historical density and composition of these forests and then to correlate patterns in the spatial distribution of these variables with the topographic, soil characteristics and plant association variables used by resource managers in developing restoration plans.

We are excited that the holdings of the National Archives in Seattle will be used in this innovative manner and hope that the research will encourage others to use our holdings in non-traditional ways.