

Restoration as Community Resilience: Buffalo Restoration and Tribal Communities

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This proposal focuses on synthesis and communications products to ensure broader impacts of the Restoration as Community Resilience effort, a MtnSEON- and IoE-supported collaboration among tribal, academic and NGO partners. Since research focused on outcomes of buffalo restoration at Fort Peck began in 2012, the collaboration has grown and has produced a series of important research and community organizing milestones. We are requesting funds to ensure that teachers, tribal communities and other researchers have access to the lessons learned through this unique collaboration, both about outcomes of restoration and about challenges and opportunities of a CBPR model to social-ecological research.

Specifically, we request to support for MSU and FPCC personnel to: analyze existing data for publication; catalog and curate a portfolio of audio visual assets (existing photographs, video and audio); develop final digital communications tools including slide shows and edited videos; and present at 2 national conferences.