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Héen Latinee Experimental Forest enters into Memorandum of Understanding

Alaska Region, University of Alaska Southeast, Tlingit and Haida tribes to help manage site

JUNEAU, Alaska. April 11, 2013. The U.S. Forest Service’s Pacific Northwest Research Station has partnered with the Forest Service’s Alaska Region, the University of Alaska Southeast (UAS), and the Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (CCTHITA) to collaboratively manage the Héen Latinee Experimental Forest near Juneau, Alaska.

“Héen Latinee provides a unique opportunity to study many different types of landscapes, from ridge to reef and glacier to estuary,” said Rob Mangold, acting Station Director. “The agreement is the first official step in formalizing the relationship between the four organizations and will enrich everyone involved.”

The Héen Latinee (heen la-tee’-nee) Experimental Forest is located within the Tongass National Forest and was established in 2009 to support research on how coastal temperate rain forests function. The name of Héen Latinee, which means “River Watcher” in the Tlingit language, was offered to the research station by a group of CCTHITA elders.

“The experimental forest will benefit from the fresh perspectives and research proposals from UAS and CCTHITA, and Héen Latinee will provide research opportunities for UAS students and educational programs to introduce Native youth to careers in natural resources,” said Rick Edwards, a research aquatic ecologist with the station and lead scientist at Héen Latinee.

The Pacific Northwest Research Station—headquartered in Portland, Ore.—generates and communicates scientific knowledge that helps people make informed choices about natural resources and the environment. The station has 11 laboratories and centers located in Alaska, Oregon, and Washington and about 390 employees. Learn more online at <http://www.fs.fed.us/pnw>.

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