



FORESTRY NEWS



Indian Forest Management Assessment Team (IFMAT)

“Indian forests are vital to tribal communities. They are a source of employment and income and a setting for recreation. They provide habitat for fish and wildlife and sanctuaries for worship and religious ceremonies. They provide materials for shelter, fuel, canoes, clothing, housewares, native medicines and foods, artistic expression, and tribal forest product enterprises.” So begins the published report covering the first IFMAT study by a distinguished panel of experts looking at forest practices throughout Indian Country.



Forest Managers Jonathan Brooks and Robert Lacapa discuss forest practices with team members.

This 1st document, published in 1993, includes six photos of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and compares the management of Indian forests

with that of public lands. The IFMAT Team returned last month for the 3rd assessment which will also be published. This type of study is required



Salvage operations occurring at Sunrise were discussed.

by the National Indian Forest Resources Management Act to occur every 10 years.

Forestry practices displayed here may once again help set national trends and lead to even better forestry and natural resources management across all of Indian Country in the future.



District Ranger Ed Collins talks about work done by the tribe on adjoining Forest Service land.



Part of the team assembled for the IFMAT review of forest programs and practices on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.