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Native American Forestry Perspectives

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What is the connection of man and nature? Man as part of nature or separate from it. What's the proper policy for man's relationship with nature? Should man be in harmony with nature or separated from it? Native Americans take a hands on approach to land management – not a hands off approach. The concern becomes – What is the impact of those actions? Is it protection of timber values or cultural values? What is to be protected in the Pandora moth situation in Arizona ponderosa or Jeffery pines? The trees from damage by the moth or the moth from damage by man as Pandora moth is a food source for Native Americans?

Man is protecting or managing forests in most cases for whatever is valuable to man! Introduced species that are useful to man are acceptable in some cases while native species that are of no use or are undesirable are selected for control measures or eradication.

There is a mandate for us to know what human perspectives are being used to select the various forest management practices being conducted by mankind – be it Native Americans, USFS, NPS, BLM, etc. There has always been an underlying motivation derived from human experience that leads us to select our management options.