



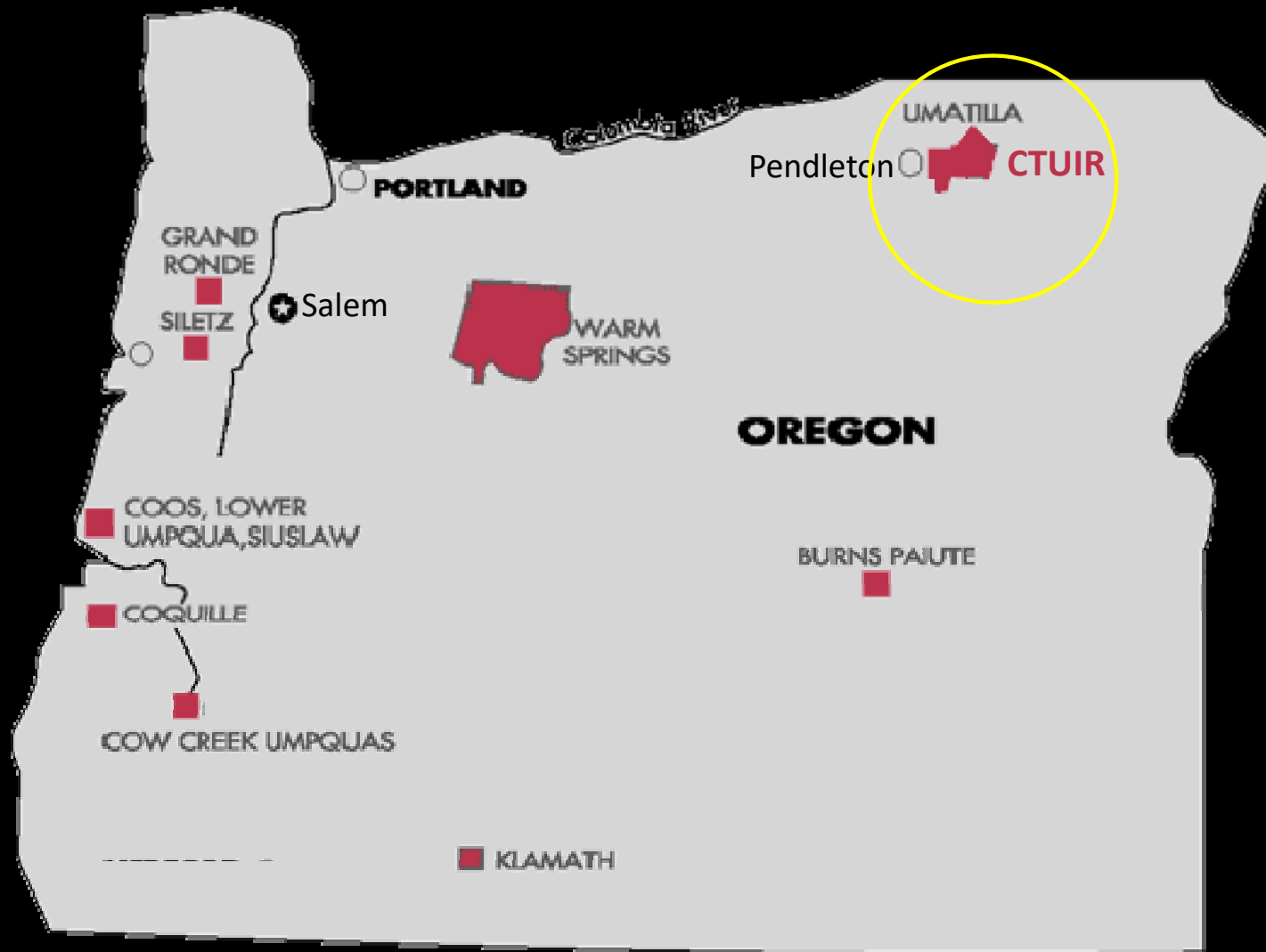
First Foods & Cultural Context of Elk

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

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Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

CTUIR Treaty of 1855

Confederation of:
 Umatilla;
 Walla Walla; and
 Cayuse.

1,500 members (BIA Census)

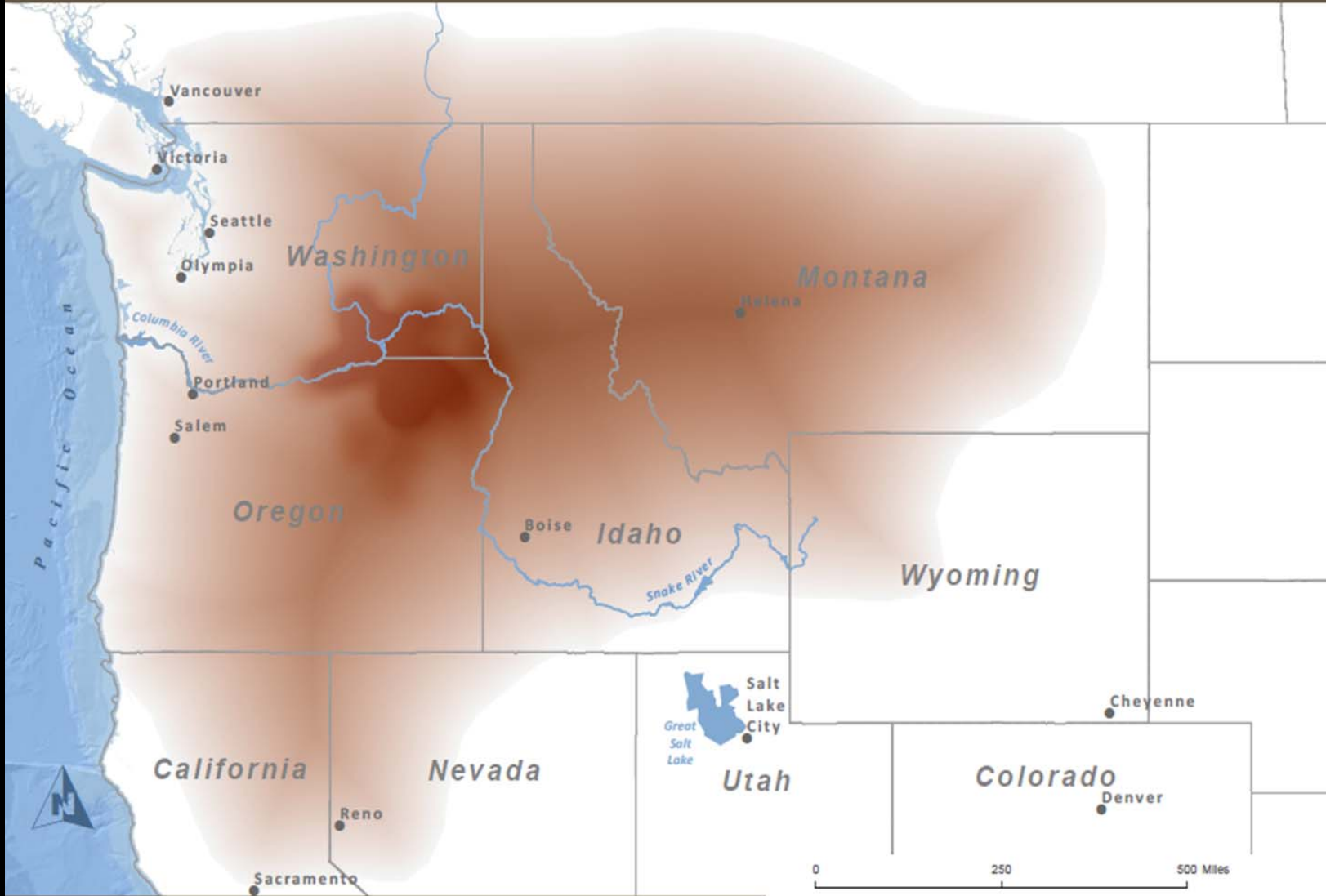
6.4 million acre Ceded Lands

UIR Land Base
 1859 Survey - 254,699 acres
 Dawes Allotment Act: 158,000

Restoration: 172,000
 “checkerboard”
 ownership

Currently about 3,080 members

Traditional Use by the Cayuse, Umatilla, Walla Walla Tribes





First Foods Mission

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We will accomplish utilizing traditional ecological and cultural knowledge and science to inform:

- 1) population and habitat management goals and actions; and
- 2) natural resource policies and regulatory mechanisms.

Community Values



"We need cold, clear, pure water and salmon"
- *á*tway Louie Dick, CTUIR Member, 1981-82

"You're always talking about the men's foods.
Who is going to take care of the women's foods?"

- Marie "Butch" Dick, CTUIR Member and wife of Louie, 1988-89

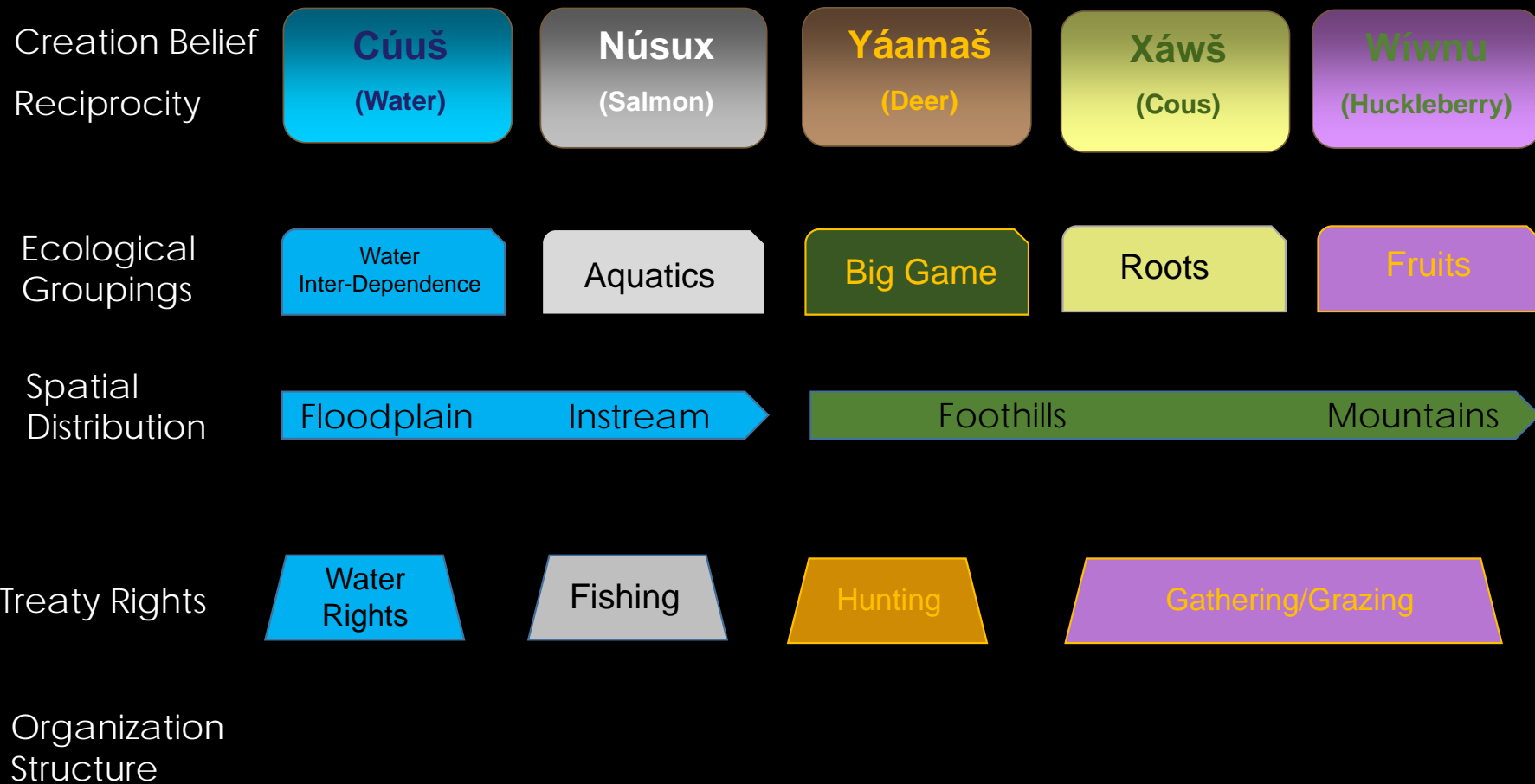




First Foods Feasts



First Foods Management Approach



Treaty of 1855, Article 1

....Provided, also, that the exclusive right of taking fish in the streams running through and bordering said reservation is hereby secured to said Indians, and at all other usual and accustomed stations in common with citizens of the United States, and of erecting suitable buildings for curing the same; the privilege of hunting, gathering roots and berries and pasturing their stock on unclaimed lands in common with citizens is also secured to them.

Treaty of 1855, Article 1

taking fish

**hunting,
gathering roots and berries and pasturing their stock**

First Foods Cultural Expressions



Celery Feast: February

Salmon Feasts: April, Celilo, Columbia River

Root Feasts: April – May

Huckleberry Feasts: July - August



First Foods Cultural Expressions



Celebrations/War Dances

New Years Celebration
Root Feast Pow-Wow
Treaty Day Celebration
4th of July
Round Up



Men's Round Bustle

Sometimes First Kill Ceremony
Requirement

Women's Basket Hat (Buckskin Dresses)

Sometimes First Digging/Picking
Requirement



First Foods Cultural Expressions

Men's Foods
First Salmon
First Kill



Women's Foods
First Digging
First Picking

Food-Dependent Culture

DNR: First Foods Physical
& Ecological Processes

Access



Reciprocity:
Sharing;
Care

Teaching
Learning
Harvesting
Preparing



Consumption
Celebration



Treaty Right Links

Cúuš

(Water)

Núsux

(Salmon)

Yáamaš

(Deer)

Xáwš

(Cous)

Wíwnu

(Huckleberry)

Water Rights

Fishing
Rights

Hunting
Rights

Gathering/Grazing
Rights



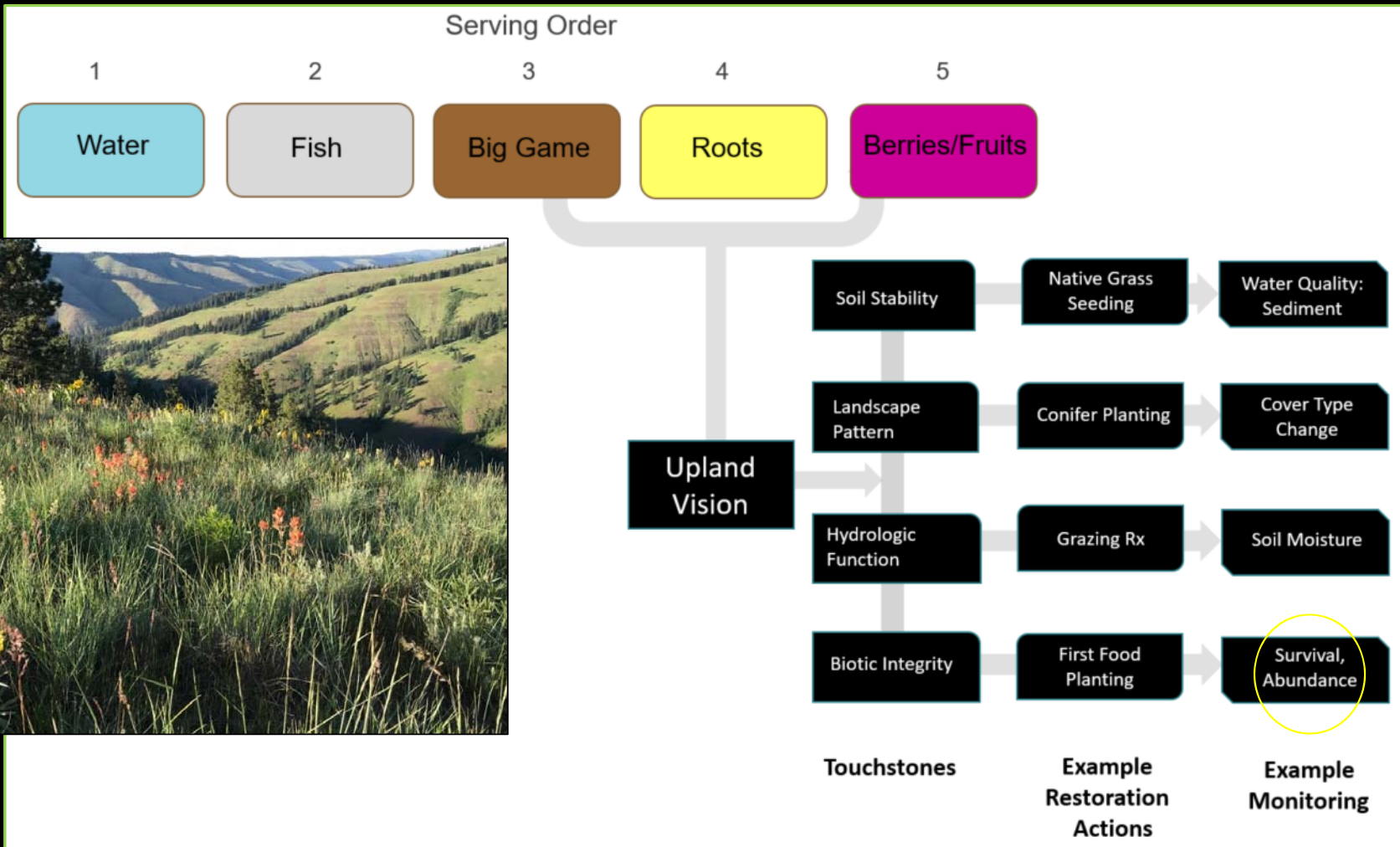
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Upland Vision



“In what ways might OSU seek to fulfill its Land Grant mission by advancing greater and deeper relationship and understandings with Native nations..”

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My research seeks to identify and understand factors influencing vegetation structure, composition and dynamics management. Currently, my research focus on a range of issues including invasive plant science and management actions and alterations in disturbance regimes, and plant-animal interactions. I currently have an act centered on:

1. Ecology and management of forest rangelands
2. Perennial bunchgrass ecology, management and restoration
3. Invasive species ecology and management

Other research interests include the ecology and management of economically and culturally important plant species, community-based resource management, and international natural resource management.

First Foods Upland Vision



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
Department of Natural Resources

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Vision: Healthy, resilient and dynamic upland ecosystems are capable of providing First Foods that sustain the continuity of the Tribe's culture.

Upland Vision



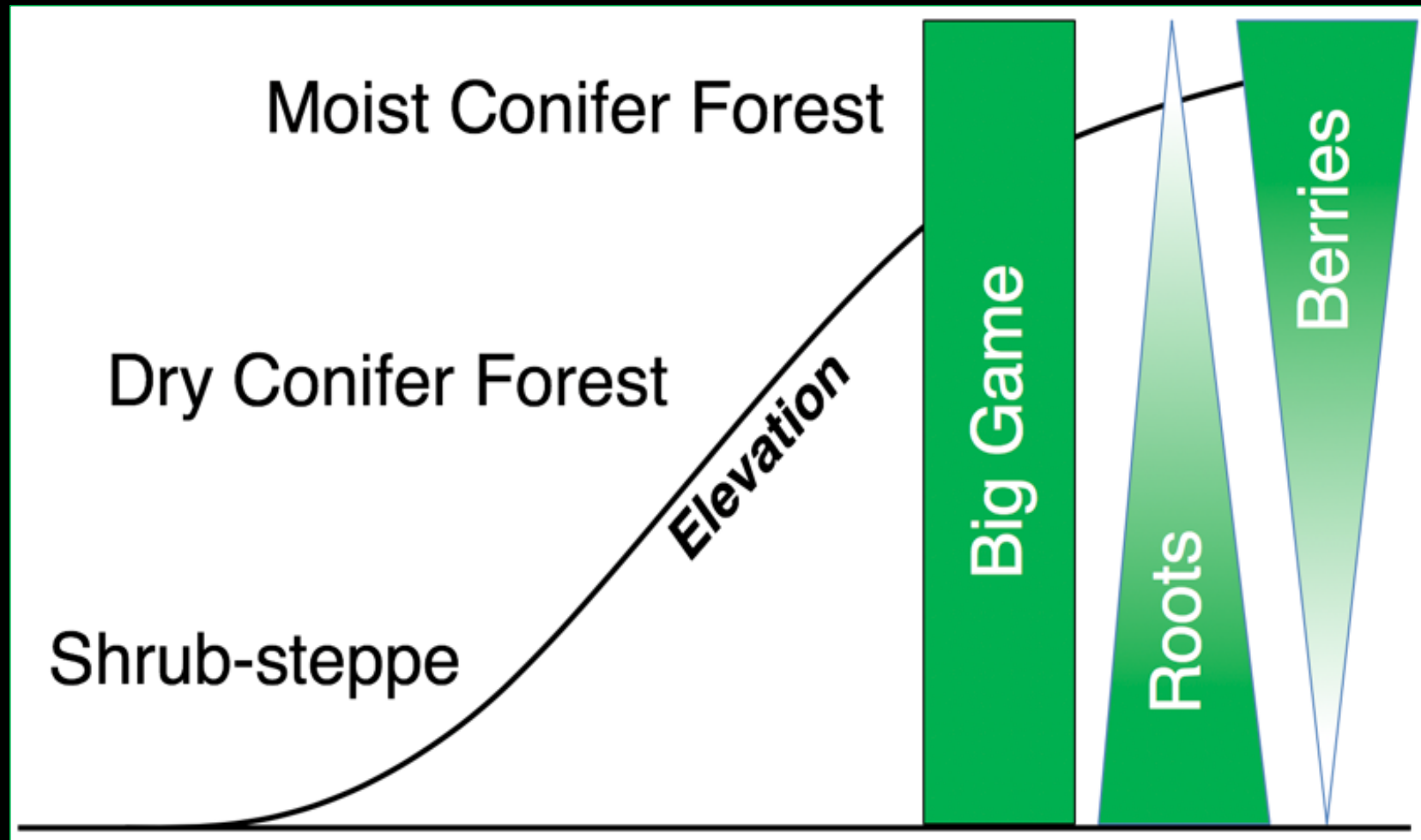
Landscape Pattern

Hyrdologic Function

Soils

Biota

CTUIR Upland Vision



Big Game



Co-Management



Rainwater Wildlife Habitat Management



Pre treatment (March 2017)



Post mastication (Sept 2021)

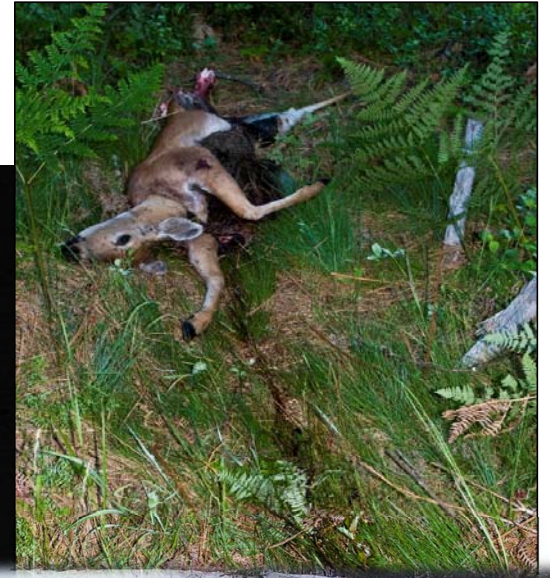


Prescribed burning (Oct 2021)

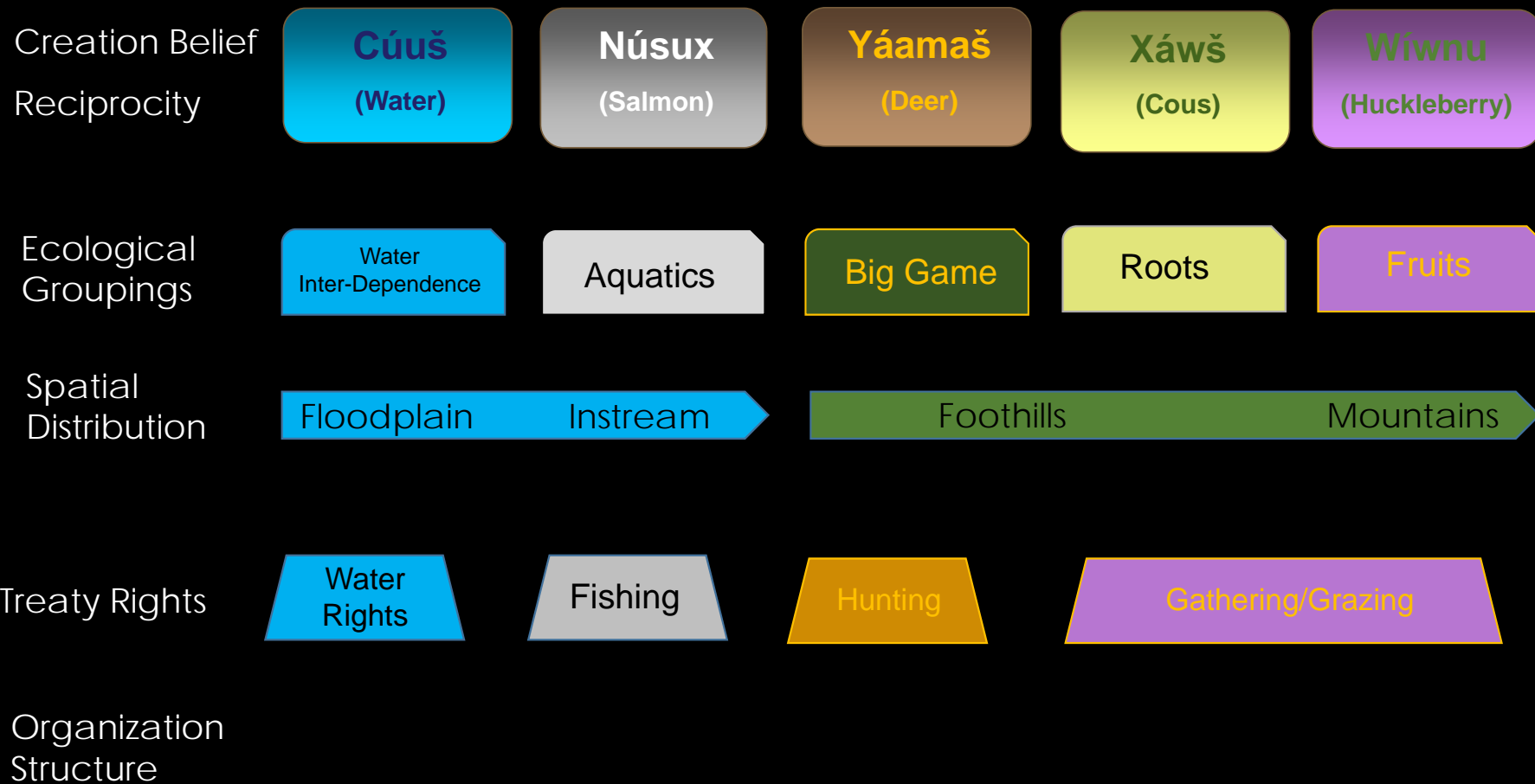


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Predation



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Herd Health & Recruitment



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Commission for Invitation!