



**Yakama Nation Proposal for FY04 USDI Fish and Wildlife Service  
Tribal Wildlife Grants CFDA 15.634**

**Proposal Title: Year 2 Survey Groundwork Program for a Yakama Reservation Wildlife Management Plan**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

This Program proposes to continue the Yakama Reservation focal species survey and habitat mapping work begun in 2004 under FY02-03 Tribal Wildlife Grant funding, in order to provide basic information needed for a long-term comprehensive Forest and Range Wildlife Management Plan. This plan will provide direction and guidelines for management of wildlife species and their habitats on the Reservation. Management could thus move beyond merely attempting to mitigate impacts of timber harvests, and toward enhancement and restoration.

The Projects proposed within the Year 2 Wildlife Plan Groundwork Program will build upon the work begun in 2004 by further refining mapping of extent and condition of suitable habitat (for western gray squirrels, beavers, mardon skippers, and lynx), beginning reintroduction of bighorn sheep based into habitat mapped in 2004, providing information on rare species' presence (for sensitive bats, amphibians, carnivores) and location of breeding sites (for mardon skippers, sandhill cranes, bats, and amphibians), while increasing emphasis over the previous year on establishing population monitoring baselines for sensitive species found in 2004 and identifying habitat threats and restoration opportunities. Newly added for this proposal is an Old Growth Mapping Project, consistent with our previously stated Year 2 Groundwork Program objective of beginning the wetland, meadow and old growth portions of the Comprehensive Forest and Range Wildlife Management Plan.