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George Desjarlais

West Moberly First Nations

The Peace/Williston Fish and Wildlife
Compensation Program Presents:



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Friday
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3:30 - 4:30

LECTURE THEATRE

7-212

MEET THE SPEAKERS
CANFOR WINTERGARDEN
4:30 - 5:30
REFRESHMENTS SERVED

The Seven Year Itch: Re-visiting and Adapting the Aboriginal Forest Planning Process (AFPP) for Fisheries and Wildlife Management

Setting the stage, George Desjarlais from the West Moberly First Nations will present his personal perspective and definition of what Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) is. George refers to TEK as "A Lived Knowledge" and will present examples from his own experiences and those canvassed from other First Nations communities. The intent is to demonstrate how TEK and "Western Science" can complement each other.

In the second part of the talk, Melanie Karjala will reinforce George's points by presenting the *Aboriginal Forest Planning Process (AFPP) Guidebook* as an example of how TEK was used, and can be used, in forestry and fish and wildlife management. The *Aboriginal Forest Planning Process (AFPP) Guidebook* was published in 2003 as a community-based strategic forest planning tool written for First Nations. The AFPP uses a systematic process derived from social science research techniques to harness Traditional Ecological Knowledge in support of the visioning and strategizing stages of the planning process. Expert reviewers of the AFPP at the time indicated that the process was adaptable to other natural resource and community planning processes other than forestry. Melanie's presentation will identify why First Nation participation is important, review the key goals and stages of implementing the AFPP, and provide examples of how the AFPP could be used for fisheries and wildlife management, including the benefits and realities of implementing such a project.