

# Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Forest Big Huckleberry\* Study 2012

***Do you pick or harvest big huckleberry  
on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest?***

***We'd like to hear from you!***



**What is this study about?** The big huckleberry harvester study is examining big huckleberry harvesting practices, abundance and accessibility on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, and we need your help. Your voluntary participation will help us to understand the social, economic, and cultural significance of big huckleberry to the people who pick and harvest them, as well as barriers to harvesting on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Forest.

**Why is this study important?** Big huckleberry harvesters have expressed concern about potential loss of habitat, effects of road closures on access, and growing interest in big huckleberry harvesting. This study will help us to better understand current levels of harvesting on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Forest, and the importance of big huckleberry to the

people who harvest them.

**Who should participate?** Anyone who picks or harvests big huckleberry on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Forest, and is over the age of 18, and would like to share their perspectives is invited to volunteer.

**How can I participate?** You can participate in this study by:

- **Taking a 10-minute online survey:** <http://tinyurl.com/huckleberrysurvey>
- **Participating in an interview** about your big huckleberry harvesting experiences on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Forest.

**How will information gathered in this study be used?** Over the next decade, the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Forest will be developing management plans that have the potential to affect abundance of, and access to, big huckleberry gathering areas. We hope that the study results will help to ensure that big huckleberry harvester values and concerns are taken into account in planning and decision-making processes.

**Who is conducting the study?** This study is a collaborative effort between the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Forest and the Tulalip Tribes. Joyce LeCompte-Mastenbrook, Environmental Anthropologist, University of Washington, has been contracted to conduct the study.

**To participate in this study, or for more information, contact:  
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**\* Big huckleberry (*Vaccinium membranaceum*), also known as mountain, black, or thin-leaf huckleberry occurs on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Forest from 2,500 to 6,000 feet in elevation. Big huckleberry matures in late summer.**