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Subject: Ely Ranger Pinenut Report

Importance: High

On Sunday July 19 I spent the entire day in parts of the White Pine and Ward Mountain Ranges reviewing the condition of the pinenut resources. I am sharing this information with all of you as agreed upon during previous Tribal Meetings and Discussions. We had been hoping that this year was going to be a bumper crop based on what we were seeing last fall. That has not materialized in the areas I reviewed. The following is what I saw over the weekend:

- Pinyon Stands to the north and east of the ghost town of Hamilton had good quantities of pinenuts (the area between Hamilton and Illipah Reservoir), however, the quality of the pinenuts was only fair because a lot of the cones were smaller. There is sufficient pinenuts here to gather for personal use. This is a commercial sale area (Monte Cristo), but may not have commercial quantities.
- There is no pinenuts in the vicinity of the Belmont Mill near Mount Hamilton.
- There are little to no pinenuts in any of the pinyon stands between the town of Hamilton and the White River Drainage. There were a few trees with pinenuts in the main White River Drainage, however, they were very limited. I would not make the trip here even to pick for my personal use, it is not worth it.
- The area between White River and the Current Creek Drainage are popular gathering sites for residents in Duckwater. There are no pinenuts in the Currant Creek area this year.
- On the West side of Ward Mountain along the Upper Terraces Road there was also little to no Pinenuts available.
- There are a few pinenuts within the Ward Mountain Campground and along the Ski Hill Road. The quantities are limited and these are areas popular for the public to gather so they wont last long. Ward Mountain is not open for any commercial sales of any kind and only personal use picking is allowed.

I hope this helps to share this information. As time allows I am going to try and get information on the Northern Schell Creek Range, Connors Summit, and possibly the area near Cherry Creek in the Grant/Quinn Ranges. As I get that information I will forward. Melyssa, can you please forward this email to other tribal contacts that may be interested. Others please feel free to forward to anyone else that may be interested.

Thanks



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