

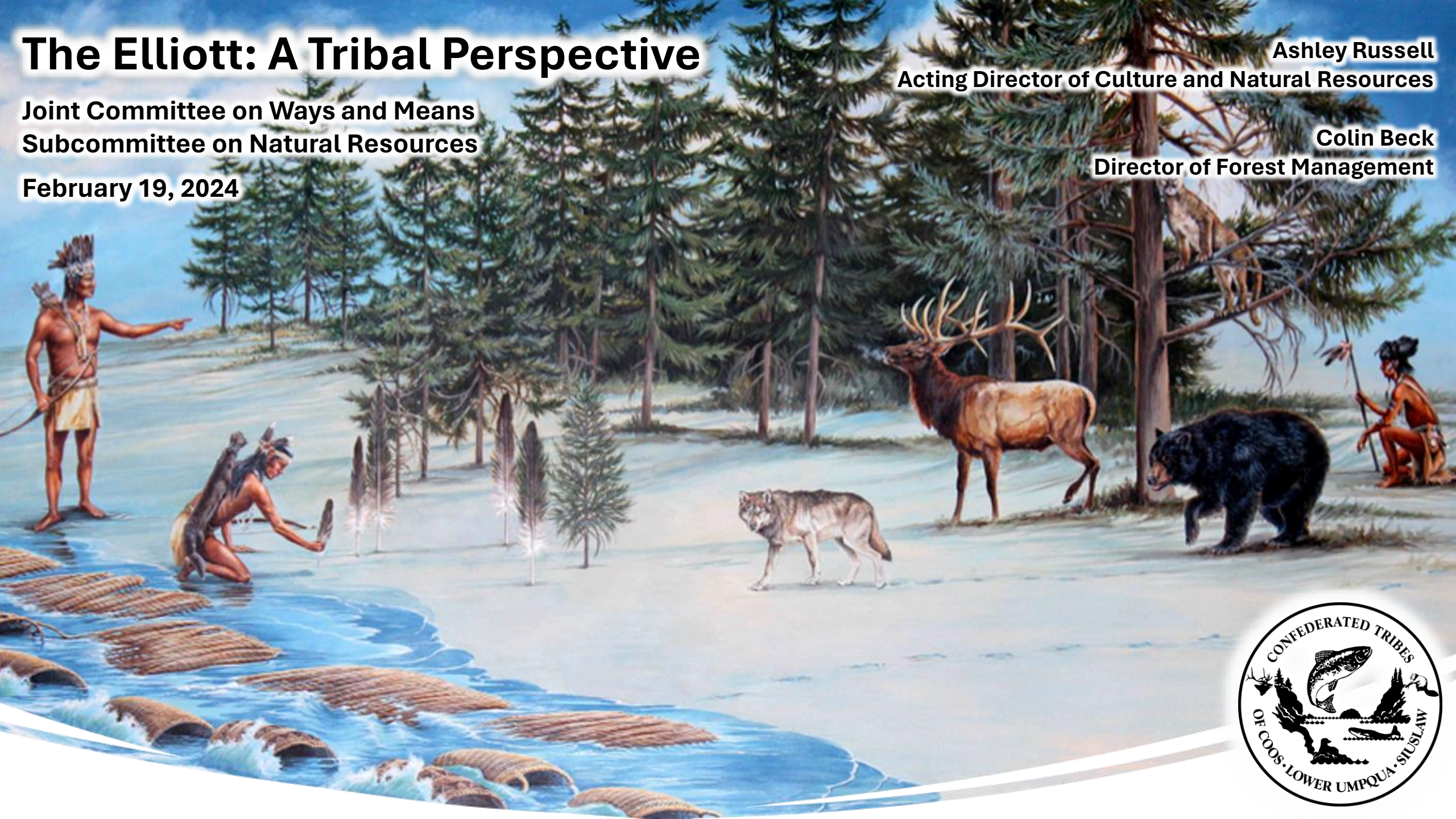
The Elliott: A Tribal Perspective

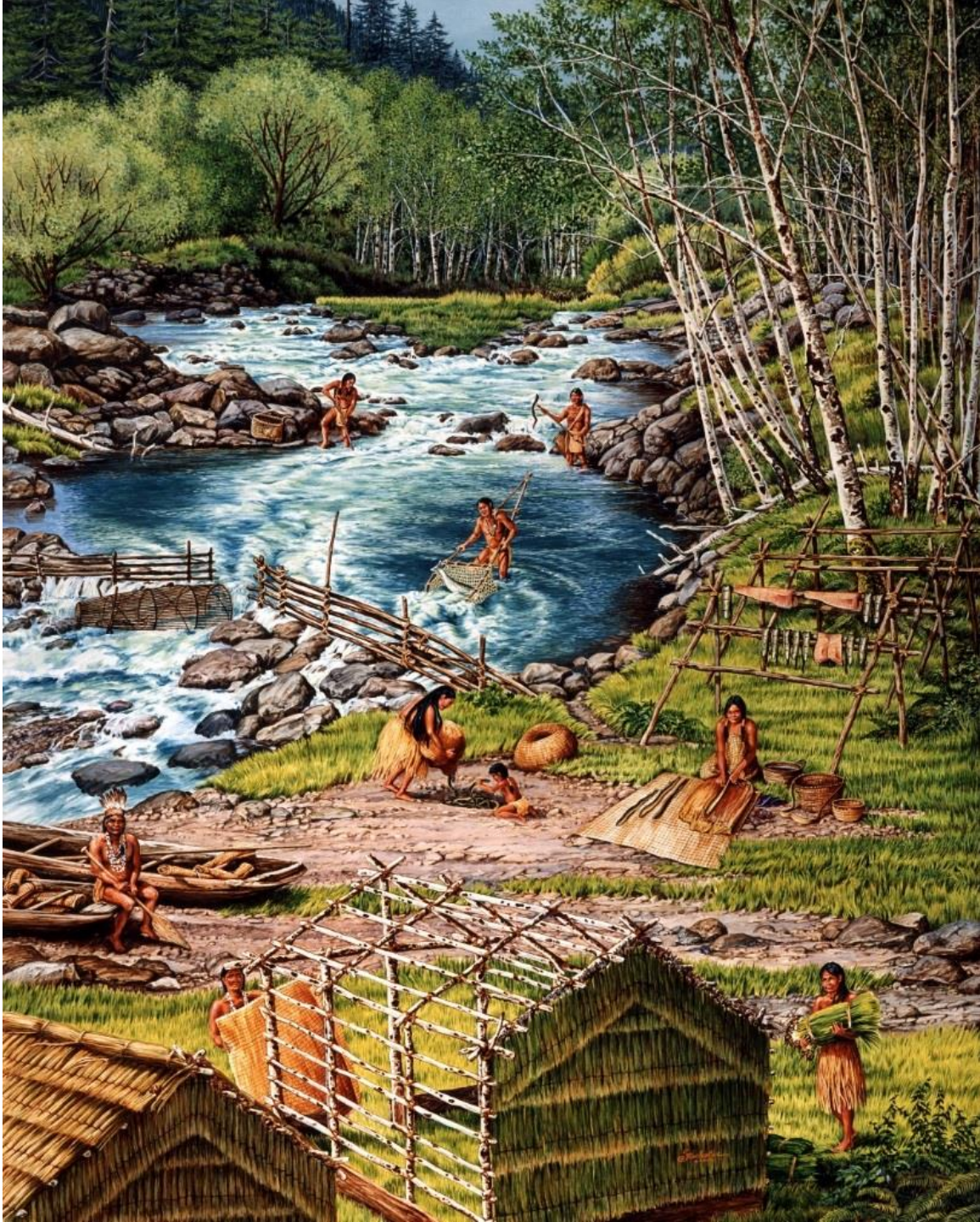
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Subcommittee on Natural Resources


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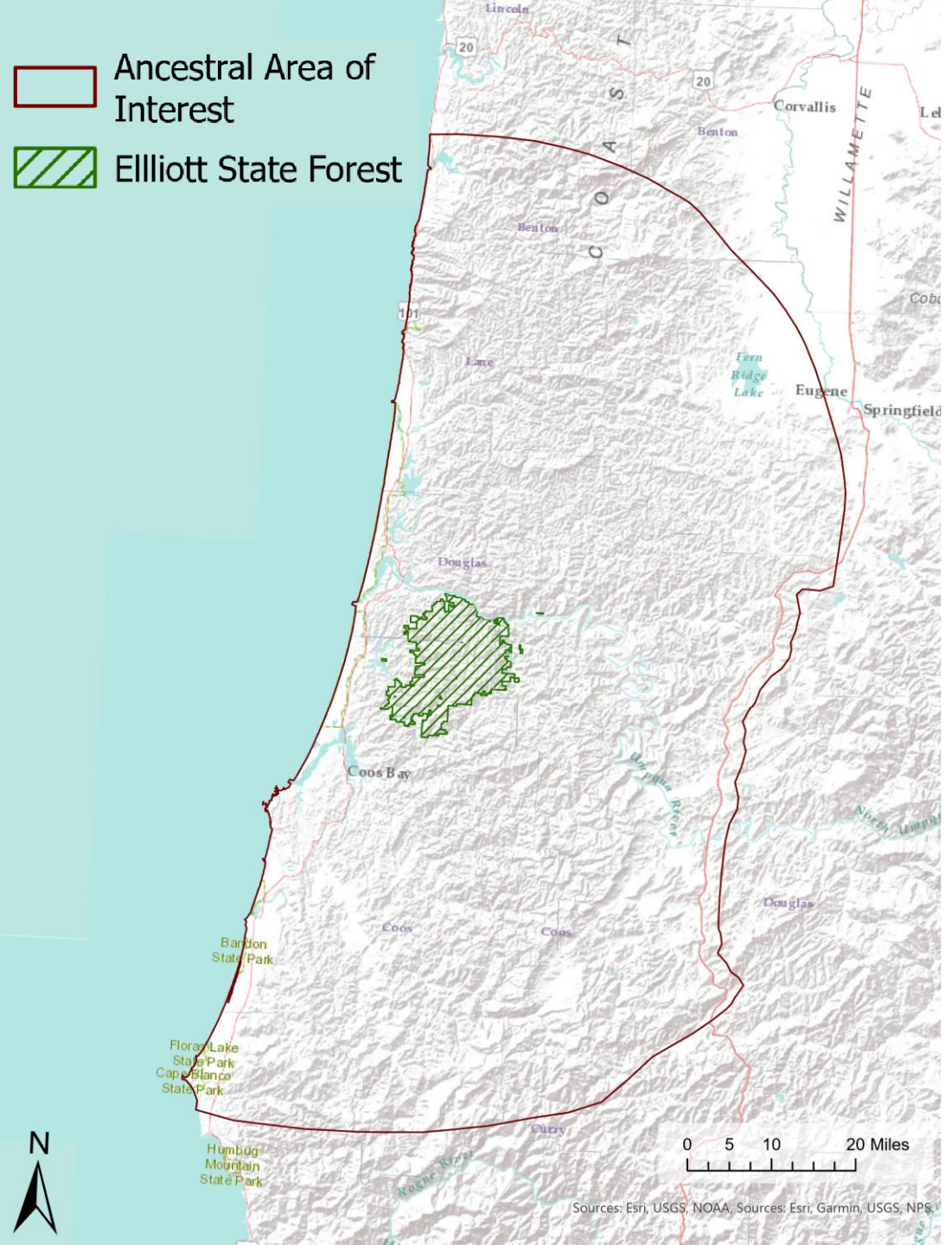
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-  Ancestral Area of Interest
-  Elliott State Forest



Windy Peak - 1938





Senate Bill 1546 (2022)

The Tribes supported SB 1546 and expected to continue working with DSL, OSU, and the Advisory Committee to resolve outstanding issues.

The Tribes were clear regarding concerns and outstanding issues that needed to be addressed:

- Financial viability
- Operational viability
- Flexibility for experimental research
- Role of adaptive management
- Support for Tribal stewardship



What's Happened Since SB 1546 Passed?

- DSL's current proposal is not financially viable.
- DSL has not addressed operational feasibility issues.
- DSL has negotiated additional management constraints outside of the collaborative process that would constrain stewardship, research, and adaptive management.
- DSL is pushing revenue-focused management on the few acres that are available for active management.
- DSL is pursuing a carbon sale that would constrain adaptive management and research while contributing to fossil fuel emissions.
- DSL is no longer engaging with the Tribes or OSU in a productive way.
- DSL and some interest groups are focused on “reserves” and the exclusion of human stewardship rather than on habitat and ecological needs.

Missed Opportunity: Dividing the Pie

Current DSL Proposal

