Memorandum of Understanding between the Intertribal Timber Council and the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2020

The Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies (F&ES) seeks to provide graduate degrees (MF, MS, and PhD) to all qualified students who contribute to the diversity of its community, including Native American and Native Alaskan students. In order to increase enrollment of Native American and Native Alaskan students at F&ES through greater representation in applicant pools and increased financial accessibility, F&ES will collaborate with the Intertribal Timber Council (ITC).

Through its Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program, ITC provides $2,500 to selected college students who wish to pursue postgraduate study in the area of Natural Resources. ITC will encourage recipients of this scholarship to apply to the following F&ES graduate degree programs: Master of Environmental Management (MEM); Master of Forestry (MF); Master of Forest Science (MFS); and Master of Environmental Science (MESc). F&ES will review all such applications in accordance with its admissions criteria. If a student who is a recipient of the Picard Scholarship is admitted, F&ES will review the admitted student’s financial aid application to determine need, in accordance with its financial aid policies and procedures, and will endeavor to award a financial aid package sufficient to permit the student to enroll at F&ES, up to and including full tuition.

Students enrolled in F&ES graduate degree programs that meet eligibility requirements (i.e., full-time status, good academic standing) will be able to apply for additional F&ES funding, and other scholarships and fellowships.

In addition, ITC and F&ES commit to effective ongoing collaboration and communication in order to advance our shared goal of increasing Native American and Native Alaskan enrollment in higher education. ITC acknowledges that F&ES decisions regarding admissions and funding for ITC scholarship recipients will be made on a case by case basis in accordance with F&ES policies.

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ITC Executive Board

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Date 3/18/2019

Date 3/31/2019