•Fuel Tank Maintenance Education

MSTC will conduct annual Fuel Tank inspections and home owner education workshops until we reach zero-leak status.

•Recycling Center Development

Our environmental program has participated in the development of recycling centers for both Chistochina and Mentastsa. We continue to provide maintenance services to both recycling centers.

• Regional Recycling Development

A successful community recycling program depends on the ease of which material can be stored and then transported out of the community. MSTC has partnered with a non-profit recycling organization ROAR, to assist with developing a sustainable recycling transfer center for the Copper River Region. This is vital to ensure the continued success of our community based recycling programs.

• Eco-Tourism Education

MSTC recognizes the impact of tourism in our area. The positive side of that is economic development, the negative side can include environmental and cultural damage. MSTC provides education to visitors to help them respect our communities. We also provide eco-tourism education opportunities locally & through the book "Tribal Tourism Development."

In 2001, MSTC received funding from the Environmental Protection Agency to develop capacity for a Tribal environmental protection program, that would serve both Chistochina and Mentasta. Today, this program encompasses a wide variety of environmental services and projects including: Recycling programs, tourism development & eco-tourism education, community planning, environmental education in the community & schools, habitat protection, pollution prevention through fuel tank maintenance, and water quality testing.

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• **Conference Opportunities**

MSTC has sponsored many people to attend conferences and training sessions that will further environmental knowledge and understanding among community members.

• **Habitat Protection**

MSTC is assisting Mentasta Traditional Council with developing a Habitat Protection Plan to protect sensitive fish habitat.

Sinona Creek (in Chistochina) habitat gained protection from a bridge that was installed across the creek to divert ATV traffic from the creek, and to open eco-tourism potential. The bridge project was funded through US Fish & Wildlife Service, but the grant proposal & permitting process was initiated by EPA Coordinator.

• **Lending Library**

MSTC is developing an environmental lending library. A list of books, magazines & videos will be distributed to both communities. The public can then check out the item they wish to view. This will be especially helpful for students.

• **Environmental Education**

MSTC's Environmental Program has provided environmental education activities & presentations in both communities through school visits, day camps, and during other events such as Health Fairs.

We provide environmental education on a regional and State (sometimes even National) level through events like the Earth Day Fair and at various conferences.

Have a question about an environmental issue? Contact your local environmental program representative. If we don't know the answer, we will find it!

Chistochina students play the salmon cycle game at an environmental day camp.

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