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Tribal Stewardship in the Northern Great Plains #2

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Chippewa Cree Tribe of Rocky Boy
Creating sustainable projects for a better future on the Rocky Boy’s Indian Reservation.
WHO WE ARE:

1. Rocky Boy’s Reservation encompasses approximately 122,000 acres in Northcentral Montana. Our reservation was established by Congressional Act in 1916 as home to two bands, the Chippewa and the Cree Indians.
2. Our tribal lands are made up of approximately 92,000 acres of range land and 30,000 acres of forested land. Our forested lands contain a mosaic of various timber types and grasses.
3. We have approximately 6,500 enrolled tribal members, about half of whom live on the reservation.
4. We are a self-governance compact tribe which means we exercise control over most of our tribal programs.
WHAT WE DO:

1. It is our Mission to enhance, protect, and preserve all natural resources with integrity while protecting the rights of all tribal members, promoting sustainability, and providing for economic opportunity, security, and education.

2. NRD manages all aspects of natural resources on the Reservation including: Fish and game, Fire, Forestry, Range, Reality, Probates, Noxious Weeds, Fuels, Minerals and Gas, and other programs that provide services to our community.

3. We strive to manage our forest resources to provide a steady and feasible harvest level and continued forest productivity with great emphasis and value on our cultural resources.

4. We work closely with all other tribal departments to ensure our tribal resources are utilized in a responsible manner for the benefit of all tribal members and users.

5. NRD is responsible for collecting and storing information and data pertaining to tribal business leases, housing leases, infrastructure, ROWs, utility and transmission lines, water ways, wildlife, range leases, timber sales, oil and gas leases, etc.

6. We work together as a team to ensure our programs and resources are managed properly in a safe and efficient manner, while providing opportunities for our tribal members to sustain our way of life.
OUR MESO PROJECT:

1. Our submitted proposal was intended to kickstart a GIS mapping program at the tribal level, with the idea of developing a full service GIS Department.

2. The project includes collaboration with our tribal college, Stone Child College, professors and interested students.

3. Currently, our program operates under BIA and utilizes BIA software, licenses and programs. Currently, all of our maps come from BIA.

4. Equipment was purchased and one GIS specialist was hired.

5. Data collection has been on-going.

6. Will eventually develop a Tribal GIS Department and training center.

7. Overall goal is to become completely self-sustaining and to eventually produce all of our own maps pertaining to all resources on our reservation.
CHALLENGES AND SUCCESSES:

1. More training and funding is needed to make this project successful.
2. Has been difficult to get the Tribe to “buy-in” and commit year-to-year funding to develop the GIS Department.
3. We have purchased the equipment that is needed to get started and have obtained the licenses for the software.
4. Identified office space for the department and the equipment.
5. It has been challenging to find specialized/experienced staff to oversee the department.
6. COVID has presented several obvious challenges to the implementation and success of this project.
7. We rise to the occasion!
QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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Grant Opportunity

Tribal Stewardship in the Northern Great Plains Grant Opportunity

Grant Amount: $25,000-$30,000
Geographic Focus: Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota
Applications Due: Tuesday August 14, 2021 by 5 pm MDT
RFP: https://www.firstnations.org/rfps/tribal-stewardship-in-the-northern-great-plains-grant/

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