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# SHARED HORIZONS

**NAVIGATING TRIBAL  
CO-STEWARDSHIP AND  
CO-MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

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# SHARED HORIZONS: NAVIGATING TRIBAL CO-STEWARDSHIP AND CO-MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES CONFERENCE

**Presented by**  
First Nations Development Institute  
and Native American Rights Fund

The Shared Horizons Conference provides a national platform for tribal and federal representatives to collectively explore and advance the future of tribal co-stewardship and co-management. By sharing knowledge, resources, and experiences, we aim to inspire innovation and grow opportunities that will expand our shared horizons. We hope you find this conference valuable.

The conference is organized in three tracks: Trainings, Navigating Resources, and Shared Experiences. All three tracks run simultaneously over two days in three specified conference rooms. In addition, several breakout sessions are hosted to further discussions and networking on the topics of cultural fire and cultural resource and sacred site protections.

## TRACK 1: TRAININGS - AGAVE ROOM

Track 1 offers 10 training sessions covering a broad array of topics to develop, administer, advance, and support co-stewardship and co-management arrangements.

- **Authorities and Agreement Structures** explores different frameworks with tribal legal experts
- **638 Contracting** covers how these agreements can support tribal co-stewardship and co-management
- **Cultural Burning** shares a legal perspective to expand cultural burning through co-stewardship and co-management
- **Community Engagement Strategies Panel** highlights strategies for community stewardship and monitoring
- **Sacred Site and Cultural Resource Protection** shares how protections can be afforded through co-stewardship and co-management
- **Planning and Consultation** explores how tribes are utilizing plan amendments and consultation to shape their co-stewardship interest and influence public land management decisions
- Both **Intertribal Coalitions and Consortia** and **Landscape Approach to Co-Stewardship and Co-Management** focus on intertribal collaboratives and multijurisdictional approaches to co-stewardship
- **Tribal Data Sovereignty & Monitoring** addresses the need for tribal data sovereignty protocols
- **New Opportunities & Emerging Innovations** provides a current outlook on what is promising in the area of co-stewardship and co-management



## TRACK 2: NAVIGATING RESOURCES - CHOLLA ROOM

Track 2 focuses on sharing information and resources to access Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding. It consists of three parts described here.

- **Introduction to U.S. Forest Service Funding Opportunities** provides an overview of U.S. Forest Service grant programs, guiding participants through program priorities, eligibility, application processes, and compliance requirements. Led by experts from The Watershed Research & Training Center, this session equips attendees with the tools to develop effective partnerships and secure funding.
- **Navigating Federal Grants in the U.S. Forest Service** offers a step-by-step guide to apply for federal grants, covering everything from searching for opportunities to submitting proposals through Grants.gov. It is designed to help tribes become more comfortable applying for federal opportunities.
- **One-on-One Project Development Assistance**, by First Nations and The Watershed Research & Training Center, provides customized assistance for tribes interested in securing funding through the BIL and IRA. Participants can discuss funding opportunities, ask questions, and seek personalized guidance from experienced professionals.

**Learn more about First Nations' role as a Community Navigator on page 21.**

## TRACK 3: SHARED EXPERIENCES - WILLOW ROOM

Track 3 brings together tribal and federal agency representatives to highlight co-stewardship and co-management experiences on public lands across diverse landscapes. The panels are categorized by each federal land management agency (U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service). Presentations share lessons learned from developing agreements through implementation and monitoring. Sessions offer unique insights on how tribes and federal agencies are working together to steward public lands, waters, and wildlife.





# WELCOME FROM FIRST NATIONS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

**Michael Roberts**

*Tlingit*

President and CEO

First Nations Development Institute

Dear Shared Horizons Attendees,

Welcome to Shared Horizons Conference, co-hosted by First Nations Development Institute and Native American Rights Fund. This conference offers a space for tribal and federal representatives to share experiences, participate in trainings, and network about the topic of tribal co-stewardship and co-management.

We are deeply grateful to the Gila River Indian Community for hosting us on their homelands and welcoming us into their beautiful facility. We honor the ancestors of this land and recognize the profound cultural legacy that shaped this community and landscape. Their strength and resilience remind us of the importance of stewardship, as Native people continue to protect and steward the plants, animals, water, and land that are fundamental

to our way of life, the health of our planet, and future generations.

Throughout the conference, I encourage you to share your experiences and innovative ideas. The conversations we have and the relationships we establish here will help advance our collective work to improve stewardship of our public lands, waters, and wildlife. Together, we are creating a future where Tribal sovereignty and stewardship are fully recognized and respected. Thank you for your commitment to this important work.

***Gunalchéesh (Thank you),***



***Michael E. Roberts (téix sháach tsín)***





# GREETINGS FROM NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND

**John E. Echohawk**

*Pawnee*

Executive Director

Native American Rights Fund

It is my honor and privilege to welcome you to the 2024 Shared Horizons Conference, co-hosted by Native American Rights Fund and First Nations Development Institute. The “Navigating Tribal Co-Stewardship and Co-Management Opportunities” conference represents a critical moment in our ongoing efforts to assert Tribal sovereignty and protect the natural and cultural resources that are central to our identities and ways of life.

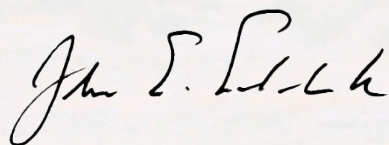
I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to our relatives in the Gila River Indian Community for hosting us on their ancestral lands and for welcoming us to this terrific facility. As we gather to discuss co-stewardship and co-management, it is important to reflect on how these opportunities can empower Tribal nations to protect and manage our homelands in partnership with others, while maintaining

the integrity of our sovereignty and cultural heritage. The knowledge and experience each of you brings to this space will help shape the path forward, ensuring that our voices are heard, respected, and centered in these efforts.

The Native American Rights Fund remains committed to advocating for the rights of Tribal nations and supporting the critical work of co-stewardship. I look forward to the discussions and collaborations that will take place during this conference, and I am confident that the outcomes will inspire meaningful progress toward a future where our natural resources are protected, our sovereignty is respected, and our communities thrive.

Thank you for being here and thank you again to the Gila River Indian Community for being such generous hosts.

*Sincerely,*



**John E. Echohawk**



# AGENDA AT A GLANCE

MONDAY NOVEMBER 18	
5 to 7 pm	Registration
5:30 to 7 pm	Welcome Reception
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 19	
7:30 to 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:30 to 9 am	Welcoming Prayer & Opening
9 to 10 am	Opening Plenary: The State of Co-stewardship and Co-management: Updates from the Federal Agencies
10 to 10:15 am	Networking break
10:15 am to 12:30 pm	Trainings, Presentations, Discussions
12:30 to 1:30 pm	Blessing & Lunch
1:30 to 3 pm	Trainings, Presentations, Discussions
3 to 3:30 pm	Networking Break
3:30 to 5 pm	Special Tracks
5 to 6 pm	Adjourn/ Optional Discussion Groups
6 to 7:30 pm	Blessing & Dinner
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20	
7:30 to 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:30 to 10:30 am	Trainings, Presentations, Discussions
10:30 to 10:45 am	Break
10:45 to 12 pm	Trainings, Presentations, Discussions
12 to 1 pm	Blessing & Lunch
1 to 3 pm	Special Tracks
3 to 3:15 pm	Networking Break
3:15 to 4 pm	Facilitated Discussion Groups and One-on-One Technical Assistance
4 pm	Closing, Door Prize (Big Prize), Closing Prayer

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## FIRST NATIONS CODE OF CONDUCT AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

At First Nations Development Institute our values guide the way we work with our community partners and supporters. We strive to create respectful, compassionate, and vibrant spaces to strengthen Native American communities and economies. First Nations is committed to the highest ethical standards when conducting events to provide learning environments free from discrimination. Please refer to First Nations Code of Conduct and Guiding Principles documents, which were provided at registration, for more information.



# TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
7:30 to 8:30 am	Breakfast	Palo Verde Room
8:30 am	<p><b>Welcoming Prayer &amp; Opening</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b>            Bobby Stone (Akimel O’otham), Gila River Indian Community, Lt. Governor            Jackie Francke (Navajo), First Nations Development Institute</p>	Palo Verde Room
9 am	<p><b>Plenary Panel</b></p> <p>The State of Co-Stewardship and Co-Management: Updates from the Federal Agencies</p>	Palo Verde Room
10 am	Networking Break & Door Prize	Palo Verde Room
Training 10:15 to 11:23 am	<p><b>TRACK 1: Authorities and Agreement Structures</b></p> <p>Agreements are a necessary part of intergovernmental relationships and essential to shaping a successful partnership. There are various mechanisms available to tribal nations that differ in purpose and scope, even to distinguish between co-stewardship and co-management. This session introduces federal laws, policies, and legal mechanisms that authorize tribal co-stewardship, along with agreement structures.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Noah Lee (Ho-Chunk Nation), Native American Rights Fund</p>	Agave Room
Training 11:23 am to 12:30 pm	<p><b>TRACK 1: 638 Contracting</b></p> <p>Public Law 93-638, the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA), was passed in 1975 to give tribes more autonomy and involvement in the services provided to them by the federal government. During this session, learn about resources and examples for utilizing 638 contracts to support co-stewardship opportunities with the federal government.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Diana Bob (Lummi Nation), Native Law LLC</p>	Agave Room

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
<p>Navigating Resources 10:15 am to 12:30 pm</p>	<p><b>TRACK 2: Welcome by First Nations, Introduction to U.S. Forest Service Funding Opportunities, and Community Navigator Initiative</b> This session provides an overview of current BIL/IRA grant offerings available through the U.S. Forest Service, the various pathways to access partnership and funding opportunities, and important aspects of grant readiness for applicants of federal funding. Information and resources will be shared related to the Forest Service’s Community Navigator Initiative and the Grants and Agreements Outreach and Partnership Engagement branch, which help connect communities with current and future federal opportunities. Attendees have a chance to discuss their questions, challenges, and lessons learned about working with federal grants and walk away with resources for grant navigation and capacity-building.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Emily Troisi, The Watershed Research &amp; Training Center Sean Foran, U.S. Forest Service Emery Cowen, The Watershed Research &amp; Training Center Heather Mansukhani, U.S. Forest Service Office of Outreach &amp; Partnership Engagement Robin Taylor-Davenport, U.S. Forest Service Office of Outreach &amp; Partnership Engagement Sarah Valencia, U.S. Forest Service Office of Outreach &amp; Partnership Engagement</p>	<p>Cholla Room</p>
<p>Shared Experiences 10:15 am to 12:30 pm</p>	<p><b>TRACK 3: U.S. Forest Service</b> <u>Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians</u> An Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians representative will share cultural resource research, cultural burning, and other projects supported by a co-stewardship agreement with the U.S. Forest Service. <u>Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians &amp; U.S. Forest Service</u> Representatives from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the U.S. Forest Service will share about their co-stewardship work on the Hiawatha National Forest to restore adaptive management and cultural burning practices. <u>Tule River Indian Tribe &amp; U.S. Forest Service</u> Tule River Indian Tribe and U.S. Forest Service representatives will speak on their co-stewardship agreement that provides for the protection of ceremonial and traditional activities, food sovereignty, and incorporation of traditional knowledge into Forest Service land management decisions.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Tommy Cabe (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians), Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Eric Clark, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Karl Malcolm, U.S. Forest Service William Garfield (Tule River Indian Tribe), U.S. Forest Service</p>	<p>Willow Room</p>
<p>12:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Blessing and Lunch</b></p>	



TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
Training: 1:30 to 3 pm	<p><b>TRACK 1: Cultural Burning</b>                      Through a legal and policy lens, this session explores the practice of cultural burning and its relationship to prescribed fire and other fire management practices and opportunities. Also explored are barriers to expanding its use through co-stewardship and co-management agreements, and how such agreements with state and federal agencies might address some of these barriers.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b>                      Sara Clark, Shute, Mihaly &amp; Weinberger LLP</p>	Agave Room (Open Discussion to follow in the Palo Verde Room)
Navigating Resources: 1:30 to 3 pm	<p><b>TRACK 2: One-on-One Project Development Assistance</b>                      Join First Nations and The Watershed Research and Training Center for open office hours to discuss funding opportunities for tribes through the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b>                      Sean Foran, U.S. Forest Service                      Emily Troisi, The Watershed Research &amp; Training Center                      Emery Cowen, The Watershed Research &amp; Training Center                      Sarayl Shunkamolah (Navajo), First Nations Development Institute                      Valencia Tsosie (Navajo), First Nations Development Institute</p>	Cholla Room
Shared Experiences: 1:30 to 3 pm	<p><b>TRACK 3: National Park Service (NPS): Yurok Tribe, Miccosukee Tribe, Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa</b>  <u>Yurok Tribe &amp; the National Park Service: ‘O Rew-The new Southern Gateway into Yurok Country and Redwood National and State Parks</u>                      Representatives from the Yurok Tribe and Save the Redwoods League will share their historical agreement with the Redwood National and State Parks to co-manage the ‘O-Rew Redwoods Gateway, a 125-acre culturally and ecologically important property donated to the Tribe by Save the Redwoods League. The agreement marks the first time the National and State Park Service will co-manage Native-owned land, marking a new step forward for Tribal and National Park collaboration.</p> <p><u>Miccosukee Tribe &amp; the National Park Service: Everglades and Biscayne National Parks</u>                      Miccosukee tribal staff will share their two co-stewardship agreements with the Everglades National Park and the Biscayne National Park. These agreements advance shared interests and priorities for cooperative administration of wildland fire and prescribed burn operations, hydrology and water resource management, fisheries management, and more.</p> <p><u>Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa &amp; the National Park Service: Grand Portage National Monument</u>                      A representative from Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and the National Park Service will share their 25-year-old co-management agreement to co-manage Grand Portage National Monument. The agreement has supported ethnobotanical restoration, wildland fire activities, timber stand improvement, moose browse surveys, archaeological projects, and much more.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b>                      Rosie Clayburn (Yurok Tribe), Yurok Tribe                      Jessica Carter, Save the Redwoods League                      Teresa Hahn (Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa), Grand Portage National Monument                      Chairman Talbert Cypress (Miccosukee Tribe), Miccosukee Tribe</p>	Willow Room

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
3 pm	<b>Networking Break</b>	
Training: 3:30 to 5 pm	<p><b>TRACK 1: Community Engagement Strategies Panel</b> During this panel, representatives from four tribal programs share how their communities are engaged in or leading stewardship and monitoring work. Success with workforce development, intergenerational knowledge transfer, and the development of new tools to support community engagement are also shared.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Hannah-Marie Garcia-Ladd, St. Paul Island Indigenous Sentinels Network Ralph Goos'k' Wolfe (Tlingit &amp; Haida), Seacoast Indigenous Guardians Network AlexAnna Salmon (Igiugig Village Council), Igiugig Native Village Darrell Hall (Blackfeet), Shield Keeper</p>	Agave Room
Navigating Resources: 3:30 to 4 pm	<p><b>TRACK 2: One-on-One Project Development (continued)</b> Join First Nations and The Watershed Research and Training Center for open office hours to discuss funding opportunities for tribes through the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Sean Foran, U.S. Forest Service Emily Troisi, The Watershed Research &amp; Training Center Emery Cowen, The Watershed Research &amp; Training Center Sarayl Shunkamolah (Navajo), First Nations Development Institute Valencia Tsoisie (Navajo), First Nations Development Institute</p>	Cholla Room
Shared Experiences: 3:30 to 5 pm	<p><b>TRACK 3: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA): Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians</b> Representatives from the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians will share on their recent co-management agreement with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to collaborate in the management of the Chumash Heritage Marine Sanctuary. The sanctuary, which is located off the Central California coast, is now the third largest national marine sanctuary in the country. Tribal representatives will share on how they were able to push for the protection of this area and build a relationship with NOAA that has allowed them to enter into a monumental co-management agreement.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Nakia Zavalla, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians</p>	Willow Room
5 pm	<b>Optional Discussion Groups</b>	
6 pm	<b>Blessing &amp; Dinner</b>	



# WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
7:30 am to 4 pm	<b>Registration</b>	
7:30 to 9 am	<b>Breakfast</b>	
Training: 8:30 to 9:30 am	<p><b>TRACK 1: Sacred Site and Cultural Resource Protection</b> Co-stewardship and co-management agreements are being used to protect sacred sites and cultural resources. This session explores how these agreements are structured and ways that tribes can leverage different authorities, treaty rights, and religious freedoms to develop meaningful agreements for sacred sites and cultural resource protection. Examples of successful tribal cases in developing such agreements are also shared.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Beth Wright (Pueblo of Laguna), Native American Rights Fund</p>	Agave Room (Open Discussion to follow in the Palo Verde Room)
Training: 9:30 to 10:30 am	<p><b>TRACK 1: Planning and Consultation</b> Planning and consultation are important aspects to the development of co-stewardship and co-management agreements. Joint Secretarial Order 3403 requires agencies to engage tribes in “meaningful consultation at the earliest phases of planning and decision-making ... to ensure that tribes can shape the direction of management.” This session shares examples of how tribes are protecting their co-stewardship interests through the U.S. Forest Service Northwest Forest Plan Amendment and the National Old Growth Amendment.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Dawn Houle (Chippewa Cree Tribe), Sun Singer Consulting</p>	Agave Room
Shared Experiences: 8:30 to 10:30 am	<p><b>TRACK 3: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council</b> <u>Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council &amp; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</u> The Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council (AMBCC) is a collaborative management effort between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and Alaska Native representatives from across the state of Alaska. Various council members will share their collaborative work experience with federal and state agencies to conserve migratory birds, develop annual harvest regulations, and assess and report subsistence harvesting.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Charles Menadelook (Native Village of Diomedea), Kawerak, Inc. Deanna Kosbruk (Native Village Gulkana), Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission Patty Schwalenberg (Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe Indians), Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission Michael “Mic” Isham (Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</p>	Willow Room
10:30 to 10:45 am	<b>Door Prize &amp; Networking Break</b>	
Training: 10:45 am to 12 pm	<p><b>TRACK 1: Intertribal Coalitions and Consortia</b> Since Secretarial Order 3403 was enacted, many co-stewardship agreements have been formalized with tribes, intertribal consortia, tribal nonprofits, and Alaska Native Corporations. During this session, two intertribal collaboratives discuss how these agreements are structured and coordinated to collectively co-steward cultural resources and lands.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Hillary Hoffmann, Bears Ears Intertribal Coalition Mary David (Nome Eskimo Community), Kawerak</p>	Agave Room

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
Navigating Resources: 10:15 am to 12 pm	<b>TRACK 2: Navigating Federal Grants in the U.S. Forest Service and Community Navigator Initiative</b> This training provides a step-by-step guide to navigating and applying for federal grants from proposal preparation to application submission. Participants learn how to search for grant opportunities, register their organizations, understand the various eligibility requirements, and complete the application process. The session includes practical tips on creating a strong proposal and using the Grants.gov submission portal. This session is ideal for tribal governments new to federal grant applications.  <b>Speakers:</b> Sarayl Shunkamolah (Navajo), First Nations Development Institute Valencia Tsoie (Navajo), First Nations Development Institute Sean Foran, U.S. Forest Service Leiloni Begaye (Diné), First Nations Development Institute	Cholla Room
Shared Experiences: 10:45 am to 12 pm	<b>TRACK 3: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Nez Perce Tribe</b> Representatives from the Nez Perce Tribe and U.S. Fish and Wildlife will share about their efforts to maintain Steelhead trout, Chinook salmon, and Coho Salmon populations. Previously jointly managed, fish production and management of Dworshak National Fish Hatchery was transferred to the Nez Perce Tribe in 2022.  <b>Speakers:</b> Emmitt Taylor (Nez Perce Tribe), Fisheries Resources Management	Willow Room
12 pm	<b>Blessing, Door Prize, &amp; Lunch</b>	
Training: 1 to 1:45 pm	<b>TRACK 1: Landscape Approach to Co-Stewardship and Co-Management</b> During this session, learn how tribes are reclaiming stewardship responsibility over their ancestral lands, beyond reservation boundaries. This landscape approach affords greater connectivity and cohesion, improved monitoring, and restored traditional knowledge and relationships. Presenters share how they are overcoming multijurisdictional boundaries and leveraging co-stewardship and co-management arrangements in these efforts.  <b>Speakers:</b> Eric Clark, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Bill Tripp (Karuk Tribe), Department of Natural Resources	Agave Room
Training: 1:45 to 2:30 pm	<b>TRACK 1: Tribal Data Sovereignty &amp; Monitoring</b> Asserting control over how data is collected, stored, and used is a fundamental right of tribal nations. With the data sovereignty protocols in place, co-stewardship and co-management can ensure tribal data needs are met, while also protecting traditional knowledge and other sensitive tribal data. During this session, learn about strategies tribes are employing to become data sovereign and tools they are utilizing to lead monitoring and data storage efforts.  <b>Speakers:</b> Stephanie Russo (Native Village of Kluti-Kaah), Native Nations Institute Ibrahim Garba, Native Nations Institute Hannah-Marie Garcia-Ladd, St. Paul Island Indigenous Sentinels Network	Agave Room



TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
<p>Training: 2:30 to 3 pm</p>	<p><b>TRACK 1: New Opportunities &amp; Emerging Innovations</b>                      During this training, emerging opportunities and innovations for co-stewardship and co-management will be shared, including legislative opportunities for expanding U.S. Forest Service authorities for co-management and 638 compacting and contracting; conservation finance mechanisms; and the BLM Conservation Rule. These emerging opportunities and innovations can help to sustain, strengthen, and secure tribal co-stewardship and co-management of federal lands.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b>                      Sara Clark, Shute, Mihaly &amp; Weinberger LLP                      Mary Adelzadeh (Navajo), First Nations Development Institute</p>	<p>Agave Room</p>
<p>Navigating Resources: 1 to 3 pm</p>	<p><b>TRACK 2: One-on-One Project Development Assistance</b>                      Join First Nations and The Watershed Research and Training Center for open office hours to discuss funding opportunities for tribes through the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b>                      Sean Foran, U.S. Forest Service                      Emily Troisi, The Watershed Research &amp; Training Center                      Emery Cowen, The Watershed Research &amp; Training Center                      Sarayl Shunkamolah (Navajo), First Nations Development Institute                      Valencia Tsosie (Navajo), First Nations Development Institute</p>	<p>Cholla Room</p>
<p>Shared Experience: 1 to 3 pm</p>	<p><b>TRACK 3: Bureau of Land Management (BLM): Pueblo of San Felipe, Kawerak Inc., Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians</b>  <u>Pueblo of San Felipe</u>                      During this session the Pueblo of San Felipe Natural Resource Department staff will speak on their on-going efforts to co-steward the Espinosa Ridge (formerly Ball Ranch) a designated Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) that contains a high density of cultural resources including migration paths, shrines, and other resources culturally significant to the Pueblo. This session will touch on the work the Tribe has done to prevent Pueblo cultural resources from being used for profit generation, including concerns of extraction of paleontological resources in the ACEC. Within this session, PSF Tribal representatives will share about working with the Bureau of Land Management to include the Tribe in management efforts moving forward, lessons learned during the process, and the progress of co-stewardship with BLM.  <u>Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians &amp; Oregon/Washington Bureau of Land Management</u>                      Representatives from the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians and the Bureau of Land Management will share on their collaborative co-stewardship model. This session will break down key components of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Tribe and Agency, and explore ongoing projects being jointly developed on BLM lands adjacent to tribal lands, offering valuable insights into successful tribal-Federal collaboration.  <u>Kawerak, Inc. &amp; Bureau of Land Management</u>                      Representatives from Kawerak, Inc. and the Bureau of Land Management will present about their co-stewardship agreement that transfers a portion of the BLM's cultural resource activities to Kawerak, Inc., Kawerak, Inc. is funded by BLM to do this work under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Pub. L. 93-638.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b>                      Arienne (Ari) Tenorio, Pueblo of San Felipe                      Brandon Ahmasuk (Nome Eskimo Community), Kawerak Inc.                      Jason Robinson, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians                      Heather Whiteman, Bureau of Land Management</p>	<p>Willow Room</p>

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
3 pm	Door Prize & Networking Break	
3:15 to 4 pm	Facilitated Discussion Groups	Palo Verde Room
Navigating Resources: 3:15 to 4 pm	<p><b>TRACK 2: One-on-One Project Development Assistance (continued)</b> Join First Nations and The Watershed Research and Training Center for open office hours to discuss funding opportunities for tribes through the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Sean Foran, U.S. Forest Service Emily Troisi, The Watershed Research &amp; Training Center Emery Cowen, The Watershed Research &amp; Training Center Sarayl Shunkamolah (Navajo), First Nations Development Institute Valencia Tsosie (Navajo), First Nations Development Institute</p>	Cholla Room
4 pm	<p><b>Closing, Door Prize (must be present to win), &amp; Closing Prayer</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> John Echohawk (Pawnee), Native American Rights Fund Bobby Stone (Gila River Indian Community), Gila River Indian Community, Lt. Governor</p>	Palo Verde Room

## Closing

We are so grateful to have you all join us for First Nations Shared Horizons Conference on co-stewardship and co-management. We were honored to spend this time with you, and we value your participation.

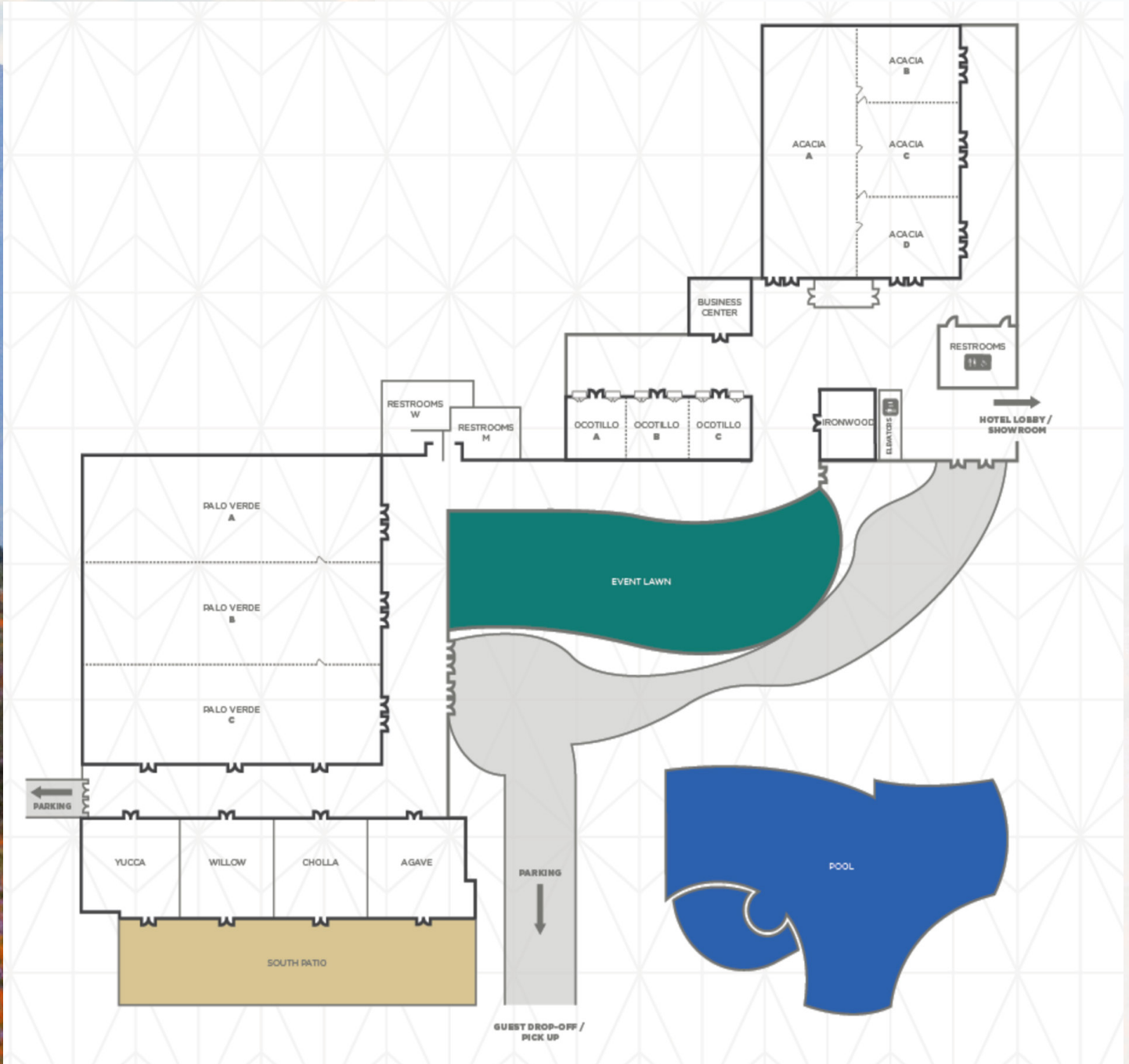
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# GILA RIVER RESORT & CASINO: WILD HORSE PASS



# U.S. FOREST SERVICE COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR PROJECT

To address barriers, First Nations Development Institute is partnering with the US Forest Service (USFS) to serve as a Community Navigator. In this role, First Nations is conducting outreach and supporting engagement of Tribes and Native-led Organizations in USFS Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and related Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) programs and opportunities. As IRA and BIL opportunities become available, it is necessary to ensure that Tribes and Native communities are informed of and have the support to access and fully participate to advance their land stewardship goals and priorities.

For more information, contact **Leiloni Begaye**, Associate Director, First Nations Development Institute, at [lbegaye@firstnations.org](mailto:lbegaye@firstnations.org) or **303-774-7836**.

Learn more at  
[firstnations.org/communitynavigator](https://firstnations.org/communitynavigator)

As a Community Navigator, First Nations will provide the following services to increase awareness and access to USFS BIL and IRA opportunities:

- ✦ Capacity Support Grants – eligible Tribes and Native-led organizations may apply for capacity building grants of up to \$25,000. These grants are designed to support efforts aimed at strengthening organizational capacity to participate in USFS BIL and IRA programs.
- ✦ Technical Assistance – this will cover a variety of phases of development from assessing feasibility, grant writing (including how to research prospects and find appropriate grant resources), project and grant management training, community engagement, strategic planning and much more.



# SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

## **AlexAnna Salmon, Igiugig Village Council, Igiugig Native Village**

AlexAnna Salmon was raised in the Village of Igiugig. She is the granddaughter of John and Mary Olympic, and the second oldest child of Dan and Julia Salmon. In 2008, she graduated from Dartmouth College with dual Bachelor's degrees in Native American Studies and Anthropology. She returned to work for the Igiugig Tribal Village Council as President and Project Director. AlexAnna also serves as a member of the Lake and Peninsula Borough Planning Commission, Igiugig Native Corporation board, and Nilavena Tribal Health Consortium board. She loves spending time with her family, village life, and traveling.

## **Arienne Tenorio, Pueblo of San Felipe, Pueblo of San Felipe**

Arienne "Ari" Tenorio is from the Pueblo of San Felipe. Before joining Native Women Lead, she worked for the All-Pueblo Council of Governors and the Pueblo of San Felipe Tribal Administration, where she assisted tribal leaders with issues ranging from grants research and policy analysis to community engagement and government-to-government relations. In addition to her professional work, she is an active participant in traditional Pueblo agricultural systems and hopes to continue her work in youth engagement and ensuring the practices are preserved for future generations.

## **Brandon Ahmasuk, Nome Eskimo Community, Kawerak, Inc.**

Brandon Ahmasuk is currently employed with Kawerak, Inc., in Nome, Alaska, as the Vice President of Natural Resources. Brandon was born in Anchorage, Alaska, and raised in Nome. His father is the late Harold Engalook Ahmasuk from Wales, Alaska, and his mother is the late Janet Marie Jesfeld Ahmasuk, originally from South Dakota. Brandon grew up in the subsistence lifestyle hunting and fishing all throughout the year, spring, summer, fall, and winter, doing everything from harvesting walrus and seals, birds, and fish, to moose caribou and bear and picking berries. His training includes Tulsa Welding School in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Motorcycle Mechanics Institute in Phoenix, Arizona.



## **Beth Wright, Pueblo of Laguna, Native American Rights Fund**

Beth Margaret Wright is an attorney at the Native American Rights Fund and is a member of the Pueblo of Laguna. Throughout her education and career, Beth has focused on advancing Indian Country's next generation. Her work is inspired by a desire to uplift Indigenous joy, strength, and success. At NARF, she devotes much of her attention to Indian Boarding School healing, history, and policy. She also tackles issues related to Indian child welfare and Indigenous methods for dispute resolution through the Indigenous Peacemaking Initiative.

## **Bill Tripp, Karuk Tribe, DNR**

Bill Tripp, Deputy-Director of Eco-Cultural Revitalization for the Karuk Tribe's Department of Natural Resources, is a forest management specialist and the lead author of the Karuk Eco-Cultural Resource Management Plan and co-author of the Karuk Climate Adaptation Plan. His work involves developing partnerships and strategic action plans to enable large landscape collaborative management throughout Karuk Aboriginal Territory and beyond.

## **Bobby Stone, Gila River Indian Community, Lt. Governor**

Robert "Bobby" Stone is an enrolled member of the Akimel O'otham (Gila River Indian Community). Bobby is known as a spiritual leader, traditional singer, traditional farmer, artist, and Indigenous seeds and food advocate. He is a culture and language instructor, and a former Council Member and Lt. Governor for Gila River Indian Community. Bobby is also a traditional Akimel O'otham (Pima) singer and performs with his fellow O'otham singers. He also enjoys farming/gardening, rattle gourd painting, and gourd bowl painting. Bobby attended Central Arizona College in Coolidge, Arizona, where he earned a degree in Agriculture Technology. He continued to pursue agricultural studies at the University of Arizona.



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## **Charles Menadelook, Native Village of Diomedede, Kawerak, Inc.**

Chuck Menadelook was born in Nome, Alaska to Thomas and Mary Menadelook of Little Diomedede (inaliq). He is a member of the Native Village of Diomedede Tribal Council. Chuck Menadelook is a Marine Corps Veteran and served in the first Gulf War participating in Operation Desert Storm and later Desert Shield as part of the Security Forces in Kuwait after the war. During his time in the Marine Corps, he was afforded the opportunity to travel to over 18 countries in the Mediterranean Sea as part of Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 8th Marines. During the time in Diomedede, Chuck and his co-worker Patrick Soolook established all the tribal policies needed to manage the funding coming into Diomedede as well as creating the personnel and board policies for the tribe. For over 15 years, Chuck was a production welder, field pipe welder, and maintenance technician, and he just recently returned to the administrative field to continue to advocate for his tribe and tribes in the region as the Subsistence Resource Program Manager for Kawerak, Inc.

## **Darrell Hall, Blackfeet, Blackfeet Shield Keeper**

Darrell Hall is an enrolled member of the Blackfeet Tribe and was raised on the Blackfeet Indian reservation in Browning Montana. Darrell is contracted by Blackfeet Eco Knowledge as a Guardian. For the past nine years he was the leader of the Brave Dog Society, and in June 2024 transferred to the leadership. He works with the Blackfeet/Blackfoot elders, gaining ancient Blackfoot knowledge to keep carrying on the Blackfoot way of life. Darrell also works closely with the buffalo program and other entities in the community. He works with the school district sharing general Blackfoot knowledge with the youth.

## **Dawn Houle, Chippewa Cree Tribe, SunSinger Consulting**

Dawn Houle is a tribal citizen of the Chippewa Cree of Montana and President of SunSinger Consulting, LLC, a Washington, DC-based Native American woman-owned company. She has dedicated her life to fostering strategic partnerships for and with Native American Tribes, artists, business owners, and people. She is the author of *Business Success Secrets: Entrepreneurial Thinking That Works*, a Wall Street Journal and USA Today bestseller. Dawn successfully builds instrumental strategic partnerships with corporations and federal and state agencies.



## Deanna Kosbruk, Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission

Deanna Kosbruk was born and raised in the Copper Basin. She originally started working for AITRC as the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) Project Coordinator and has since moved into the role of Subsistence Resource Specialist. Deanna grew up in Gulkana Village; her grandma was fluent in Ahtna Kenaege' and cultural and traditional practices, who taught anyone willing to learn. Deanna did not know her grandma's influence would lead her to continue to learn and help preserve and protect cultural and traditional resources. Deanna is taking classes at the University of Alaska Fairbanks in Tribal Governance and is learning Ahtna Athabaskan through the Kenai Peninsula College. Currently, Deanna is working to set up a THPO in the Native Village of Chitina and attending regulatory meetings to help protect subsistence rights.

## Diana Bob, Lummi Nation, Native Law PLLC

Diana graduated from Pitzer College in Claremont, California, and Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon, with a JD and certificate in Environmental Law. Diana is an enrolled member of the Lummi Nation. She is admitted to practice in the courts of Washington State, District of Columbia, and Alaska and several federal courts. She is also admitted to practice in the tribal courts of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Kalispel Tribe, Lummi Nation, Makah Tribe, Sitka Tribe of Alaska, Spokane Indian Tribe, and Tulalip Tribe. She has volunteered her time to several causes to advance access to justice, the practice of Indian law, and the rights of marginalized communities. Recently she has been a member of the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission, the Board of Directors for the Northwest Justice Project, the Indian Law Section of the Washington State Bar Association, and the Northwest Indian Bar Association.



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## **Emily Troisi, The Watershed Research & Training Center**

Emily Troisi grew up in Maryland and spent the majority of her adult life in Colorado before relocating back to Maryland. She has a passion for community disaster preparedness and resilience and pursued college and post-graduate studies for Natural Resources Management, centering community engagement. Emily has been with The Watershed Research & Training Center for 10 years. As the Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network Director for the center, she leads the Community Navigator Project work. Emily also worked for her local Office of Disaster Management for six years and hopes to continue engaging in local response work.

## **Emmit Taylor, Nez Perce, Nez Perce Natural Resources Department**

Emmit Taylor, Jr., serves as the Director of the tribe's Department of Fisheries Resources Management, Watershed Division. As a proud Nez Perce tribal member, Emmit brings a wealth of experience and commitment to his role, reflecting his deep connection to his community. His passion for the land and its resources is evident in his pursuits as an avid hunter, fisherman, and gatherer across the Nez Perce Tribal Territory. Emmit holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Colorado State University, providing him with a solid foundation in technical expertise. Additionally, he holds a Master of Natural Resources from the University of Idaho, further enhancing his understanding of environmental management and sustainability practices. Emmit brings extensive experience to his role, having spent 26 years in the tribe's Fisheries Watershed Division, with 15 of those years as Director.

## **Eric Clark, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians**

Eric Clark is the wildlife biologist for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. His interests in ecology and Indigenous people's rights converge in his role with the tribe, which began in 2008. His research is dedicated to snowshoe hares, a common food source for predators in the eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and the influence climate change has on their habitat. Other projects have examined American marten movements, how forest composition affects ruffed grouse nesting, and the effect prescribed fires have on small mammal communities.



## **Emery Cowen, The Watershed Research & Training Center**

Emery Cowen grew up in Colorado and began her career as a local news reporter in Colorado and northern Arizona. After several years writing about natural resources issues, she decided to focus more directly on supporting community-based, collaborative stewardship and transitioned to the world of nonprofits. Emery's role with the Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network and The Watershed Research & Training Center includes developing resources, training, and other forms of practitioner support as a part of the Community Navigators Initiative.

## **Hannah-Marie Garcia-Ladd, Indigenous Sentinels Network**

Hannah-Marie Garcia-Ladd is the Director of the Indigenous Sentinels Network (ISN) program for the Aleut Community of St. Paul Island Tribal Government. ISN is a tribally owned and community-driven environment and climate monitoring program. ISN involves many tribal, federal, state, non-profit, and community partners and it makes it possible to collect data on environmental and biological conditions in Alaska and beyond. Garcia-Ladd actively works with Native American nations and tribes, nonprofits, federal and state governments, and other organizations to ensure effective and equitable collaboration when managing cultural and environmental resources.

## **Heather Whitman, Bureau of Land Management**

Heather Whitman has been the district manager of the Roseburg District for nearly seven years and has been with the BLM for approximately 14 years. Heather has spent her career devoted to leading and mentoring employees and inspiring people to discover public lands. Heather strives to bring out the best in people and enjoys seeing others succeed. Her goal is to continue to coach and develop people both within and outside of the BLM. Originally from Mammoth Hot Springs, Wyoming, Heather was drawn to public service, specifically in public lands management, due to wanting to educate, protect, preserve, and conserve our public lands for future generations. Heather attended Metropolitan State College and Colorado State University.



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## **Hillary Hoffmann, Bears Ears Intertribal Coalition**

Hillary Hoffmann supervises the intergovernmental land management planning effort for the advancement and realization of the collaborative management relationship at the Bears Ears National Monument and oversees implementation of the project's Land Management Plan. Additionally, she manages the coalition's external relationships with nongovernmental entity allies and partners and conducts review, analysis, and research on legislation and policy to assess implications and issues pertinent to Bears Ears and its tribal affiliates. For over a decade prior, Hillary was a law professor and consultant on several Indigenous environmental governance projects and initiatives involving tribal lands, tribal resources, and federal and state public lands.

## **Ibrahim Garba, Native Nations Institute**

Ibrahim Garba earned his S.J.D. at the Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy (IPLP) program at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law. He has graduate training in philosophy and international human rights law. He has also completed fellowships in bioethics, health policy, and regulatory science. Ibrahim's research interests in ethics have included the implications of precision (personalized) medicine for public health, the ethical conduct of health research in low-resource settings, and the use of Indigenous samples in biomedical research. His legal scholarship has explored the evolution of collective rights in international law. His current research assesses the capacity of international human rights law to provide an ethics framework for the participation of collectives (especially Indigenous peoples) in global health research.

## **Jason Robison, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians**

Jason Robison is the Natural Resources Director at the Cow Creek Umpqua Tribe of Indians. He has worked in fisheries and wildlife management, environmental management, cultural resource management, and forest management. In addition to a wide range of experience in natural resource management, Jason has strong knowledge and experience in the implementation of environmental policy, specifically with the National Environmental Policy Act and the Endangered Species Act. He is also familiar with land acquisition processes and is trained in reviewing and evaluating potential Recognized Environmental Conditions through the Environmental Site Assessment process. He has developed intergovernmental agreements among tribes; local, state, federal agencies; and private organizations.



## Jessica Carter, Save the Redwoods League

Jessica Carter connects people to the magic of redwoods as the Director of Parks & Public Engagement at Save the Redwoods League. She oversees projects that improve recreational infrastructure and expand visitor capacity in redwood parks as well as outreach and education programs that engage new and diverse audiences to inspire visitation. Prior to joining the team at the League, Jessica was Chief of Business for Golden Gate National Recreation Area, a unit of the National Park Service, where she led a complex portfolio of nonprofit, commercial and inter-agency partnerships that together served over 5 million visitors each year and resulted in substantial park improvements and revenue generation.

## John Echohawk, Pawnee, Native American Rights Fund

John Echohawk, Pawnee, is the Executive Director of the Native American Rights Fund (NARF). He was the first graduate of the University of New Mexico's special program to train Indian lawyers and was a founding member of the American Indian Law Students Association while in law school. John has been with NARF since its inception in 1970, having served continuously as Executive Director since 1977. He has been recognized among the 100 most influential lawyers in America by the National Law Journal and has received numerous service awards and other recognition for his leadership in the Indian law field, including the 2023 Thurgood Marshall Award from the American Bar Association. He serves on the Boards of the Association on American Indian Affairs, Indigenous Language Institute, Natural Resources Defense Council, Grand Canyon Trust, Native Ways Federation, Water Foundation, Keystone Policy Center, and National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development.



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## **Karl Malcolm, U.S. Forest Service**

Karl Malcolm is the Assistant Director, Renewable Resources, Eastern Region, U.S. Forest Service. Karl's interest in nature, conservation, wildlife, and protected area management led him to study the role of nature reserves in harboring large carnivores in southwestern China for his Ph.D. in Wildlife Ecology, which he completed in 2011 through a joint appointment with the University of Wisconsin–Madison and Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute. These experiences fostered a deeper and more informed appreciation for America's public lands system and inspired him to pursue a career with the United States Forest Service. He has taught about the relationships among humans, wild land, and wildlife in the U.S. and abroad, and has developed and hosted international conservation workshops for global business leaders, conservationists, and political leaders.

## **Mary Adelzadeh, Navajo, First Nations Development Institute**

Mary Adelzadeh is the Director of the Stewarding Native Lands program at First Nations. Mary has over 20 years of experience working with tribal and federal governments and non-governmental organizations in project management, grant-writing, land and natural resource planning and protection, and facilitating collaboration. Mary serves as an advisory board member to the UC Santa Cruz Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program. Mary also recently served on the State of California's topical advisory panel Protecting Biodiversity and Advancing 30x30. Mary holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Biology and Management from the University of California, Davis. Mary earned a Master of Science degree in Resource Policy and Behavior with a concentration in Conservation Biology from the University of Michigan.

## **Mary David, Nome Ekimo Community, Kawerak Inc.**

Mary David is the Executive Vice President of Kawerak, Inc., a tribal consortium in the Bering Strait region of Alaska. She is a tribal member of the Nome Eskimo Community and has been actively involved in addressing the impacts of climate change and natural disasters on local communities. Mary holds a Master of Public Administration (MPA) in Human Resources Management from the University of New Mexico. Her work includes compiling Traditional Ecological Knowledge and advocating for the needs of the region's 20 federally recognized tribes and 16 Native communities.



## **Michael “Mic” Isham (Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa) Indians), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

Michael J. “Mic” Isham Jr, was born and raised in Great Lakes region of what is now known as Wisconsin. Mic has spent most of his life hunting, fishing and gathering on or near the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Indian reservation. Mic brings to Alaska more than 35 years of experience in natural resources management including fisheries, wildlife, forestry, Wild Rice restoration, and climate resilience efforts. Mic spent 22 years as an elected Tribal leader serving as a Tribal councilmember, Sec/Treasurer culminating in two terms as Tribal Chairman. As an Elected Tribal Leader of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, he has been recognized with multiple awards for his efforts in Protecting and Enhancing Tribal Sovereignty and Treaty Rights.

## **Noah Lee, Ho-Chunk Nation, Native American Rights Fund**

Noah Lee is the Wilderness Society Fellow at the Native American Rights Fund. He is a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and is based in Madison, Wisconsin. At NARF, Noah’s work focuses on understanding how tribal interests can be safeguarded and furthered within legal frameworks around land stewardship. Prior to joining NARF, he clerked for the California Tribal Families Coalition, an organization committed to advocating for tribal families under the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). He also previously worked for the Washington Youth Garden at the U.S. National Arboretum, where he oversaw the development of numerous school gardens in Washington, DC.



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## **Patty Schwalenberg, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe Indians, Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission**

Patricia K. Schwalenberg, Anishnaabe-kwe, is a member of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. She moved to Alaska in 1992 and dedicated over 25 years to serving as the Executive Director of the Chugach Regional Resources Commission (CRRC), a nonprofit focused on tribal fish and wildlife management. She later led the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council (AMBCC), having served on the Council from 2000 to 2013 before being appointed Executive Director in 2013. Throughout her career, Patty has led numerous projects. Her work has earned her prestigious honors, including the Chief Sealth Award and the Caleb Pungowiyi Award. Patty also contributed to a chapter in the book *Wildlife Management on Tribal Lands*, published by Johns Hopkins University Press.

## **Ralph Góos'k' Wolfe, Tlingit & Haida, Seacoast Indigenous Guardians Network**

Ralph Góos'k' Wolfe serves as the Director of Indigenous Stewardship Programs at Tlingit & Haida, as part of the Native Lands & Resources Division. In this capacity, Ralph continues to build out the Seacoast Indigenous Guardians Network and implement environmental stewardship and economic sustainability projects that target traditional foods, energy, and natural resources. Proudly identifying as Tlingit and Haida, Ralph is a member of the Eagle Frog of the Kooskadee clan. With a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to his heritage and community, Ralph continues to make a lasting impact in his role as the Seacoast Indigenous Guardians Network Manager.

## **Rosie Clayburn, Yurok Tribe, Yurok Cultural Resources Department**

Rosie Clayburn was raised on the Yurok Reservation surrounded by the tribe's traditions, language, and culture. She is Yurok and Tolowa and an enrolled member of the Yurok Tribe. She is a descendent from the Yurok village of Tue-rep on the Klamath River and Nn-chwa-dvn' in Tolowa territory, near the Smith River. Rosie earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Anthropology, with a concentration in Archaeology and Cultural Resource Management, at the University of Oregon and a Master of Arts degree in Museology from the University of Washington. For her master's thesis, she collected and analyzed Yurok objects held captive in institutions around the world. She has been involved in the revitalization and preservation of cultural practices, sites, and resources for her entire life. As a tribal leader, all of Rosie's decisions are rooted in her tribe's traditional value system, which centers on establishing and maintaining balance.



## **Sara Clark, Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP**

Sara A. Clark is a Partner at Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP, a public interest law firm in San Francisco. She regularly represents nonprofit organizations and tribes on issues related to conservation, cultural resource protection, land use, the California Environmental Quality Act, and fire. She helps her non-profit and tribal clients advocate for progressive environmental and cultural resource outcomes in administrative proceedings and in state and federal courts. She also works with land trusts to navigate complex conservation issues, and regularly assists Indian tribes on issues of Tribal Sovereignty and jurisdiction.

## **Sarayl Shunkamolah, Navajo, First Nations Development Institute**

Sarayl Yellowhorse Shunkamolah is a member of the Navajo Nation and is the Associate Director of Institutional Development at First Nations Development Institute. She oversees the Institutional Development program and focuses on identifying, soliciting, and stewarding foundation and corporate funders and gifts as well as providing the administrative management of grant submissions and the oversight of reporting of grants to First Nations' supporters. Sarayl has over 20 years of nonprofit experience from project management to operations and grant management. Sarayl received an Associate degree in Computer Information Systems from Haskell Indian Nations University, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Southwest Studies from Fort Lewis College, and a master's degree in public administration with a focus on nonprofit management from the University of New Mexico.

## **Susan Johnson, MHA**

Susan Johnson is a Tribal citizen of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation (Three Affiliated Tribes) of North Dakota and is a direct descendent of the White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians. Susan is the current Sr. Tribal Relations Specialist with the Office of Native American Affairs. Susan works to advance Tribal consultation, develop Indigenous policy and co-stewardship objectives, promote Indigenous partnerships, and implement Federal Indian Law training. She hails from the Department of Agriculture's U.S. Forest Service with 32 years of service. Her most recent role was the Tribal Projects Coordinator for Forest Management, Rangelands Management, and Vegetation Ecology where she facilitated and managed Tribal relations, land management objectives, and diplomacy. Her first position with the Forest Service was as a field biologist in Forest Health Protection, then she worked her way up as a regional Tribal relations program manager.



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## **Stephanie Russo, Native Village of Kluti-Kaah, Native Nations Institute**

Stephanie Russo Carroll (Native Village of Kluti-Kaah) is Associate Research Professor, Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy (UC) and the Native Nations Institute in the UC; Associate Professor in the Community, Environment and Policy Department, Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health; Associate Professor, American Indian Studies Graduate Interdisciplinary Program; and Affiliate Faculty, College of Law at the University of Arizona. Stephanie's research explores the links between Indigenous governance, data, the environment, and community wellness. Her interdisciplinary research network, the Collaboratory for Indigenous Data Governance, develops research, policy, and practice innovations for Indigenous Data Sovereignty.

## **Talbert Cypress, Miccosukee Tribe, Miccosukee Tribe**

Chairman Talbert Cypress has served in the Miccosukee Business Council since 2017, first elected as Secretary and later becoming the official Chairman of the Council in 2021. As the leader of the Council, he oversees the day-to-day activities of the tribal government and its enterprises, coordinating members and assigning their responsibilities, and making sure they carry out their duties. As the official representative of the tribe, he presides over all regular and special meetings and provides support to community and tribal members, putting their needs and interests above all else.

## **Teresa Hahn, Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, National Park Service**

Teresa Hahn, a member of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, has served as the NPS Maintenance Supervisor at Grand Portage National Monument since February 2024. Teresa started working at Grand Portage National Monument in May 2022. She was originally hired as the Archeology Technician for the Cultural and Natural Resources Department, where she learned about archeology, history, artifacts, ArcGIS, land surveys, and the park in general. Teresa is the first Anishinaabe ikwe (woman) Maintenance Supervisor to be hired by the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa to work at the Grand Portage National Monument. She is also following in her grandfather's footsteps as he, Herman Hendrickson, held the Maintenance Supervisor position from 1972 to 1984.



## **Tommy Cabe, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians**

Tommy Cabe is a tribal member of the Bird Town Community and a senior employee in the newly evolved Agricultural & Natural Resource Department. He studied environmental and natural sciences at several higher education institutions before discovering his interest in forestry. While completing the forestry program at Haywood Community College in 2000, he was employed by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Environmental Department as an Air Quality Technician before advancing to the evolving Water Quality Program as the Nonpoint Source Coordinator. There, he managed several projects on tribal lands to minimize pollution in the tribal watersheds. Tommy also served as the Tribal Environmental Planner and oversaw both the Air Quality Program and the Non-Point Source program.

## **Valencia Tsosie, Navajo, First Nations Development Institute**

Valencia Tsosie is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation and currently the Lead Grants Development Officer at First Nations Development Institute. She has over 15 years of experience working with federal grants, particularly within the Division of Indian and Native American Programs under the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (DOL-ETA). Her extensive expertise in grant administration and workforce development has been instrumental in supporting Native communities, focusing on initiatives that promote economic empowerment and sustainable development.

## **William Garfield, Tule River Tribe, U.S. Forest Service**

William Garfield is the Tribal Relations Specialist for the Sequoia National Forest. In 2021, William served as the Chairman of the Tule River Tribe. During his tenure on the Tribal Council, his primary focus was to ensure the long-term stability for the tribe's members, government and business enterprises. He has been committed to addressing the COVID-19 crisis and the recent wildfires impacting the tribe by promoting public safety and taking all actions to protect the tribe's giant sequoia groves, sacred sites, and other natural/cultural resources. William has been a strong proponent of tribal legislation to ensure the long-term financial stability of the tribe as well as providing testimony on behalf of the Tule River Tribe to the House Committee on Natural Resources in support of the proposed "Save our Sequoias Act" legislation. Garfield gave input on the tribe's practices and perspective on forest management along with many other agencies.





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