



Welcome to our monthly newsletter which provides news items, resources, announcements about funding opportunities, conferences, and training, and other information relevant to tribal climate change issues.



2022 WRRC Photo Contest Winner: Water For Us (Ted Wuollet; Horseshoe Dam Reservoir; Horseshoe)

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Blooming desert cactus by Wollertz.stock.adobe

The past week life has been rather interesting. I am still enjoying my work with ITEP - although it's been busier than usual. It is probably because I have a serious problem with agreeing to do more than I should be doing. My favorite thing to say these days is, "It sounded like a good idea at the time." Do you ever find yourself wondering why you agreed to do one or more presentations, or why you collaborated on certain grant proposals or meetings? Me? Every week I find myself wondering this but then I realize that I really enjoy speaking and working with different people and projects. I also find myself wondering if part of it is due to my ADHD, which I believe allows me to multi-task making it even possible to accomplish everything. My life partner/husband took a good look at my online work calendar and my task list, and he was amazed at how much I do in a week or try to do.

In my other, more important role, as a parent, I was recently faced with a situation concerning our children. Health wise they appear to be doing well and we are grateful. When it comes to their education, Western education, and Diné culture and language, we are trying to maintain harmony and balance, which is difficult because they are largely learning through the English language and thought process. At home, we are always trying to ensure they speak and learn in the Diné way. We are proud to share that they know their K'é, family and relations, and clans in the Dine way. Most mornings while we tie my son's hair in a traditional Diné bun, he has to say his clans, numbers, age, and colors in Diné. It is one of our favorite moments of the day because we are so fortunate to know the language and culture.

When I speak to certain groups of people, sometimes our discussions lead to forced removal, assimilation, and relocation among other atrocities. I always mention how our ancestors continue to provide hope. If those who tried to "kill the Indian" succeeded, we, as Indigenous people, would not be here today. When my days are hard and I am feeling some glimmer of failure and doubt, I make

myself think of our ancestors. My paternal grandmother, whom I speak of often, has lived a hard life through technological inventions and changes, but she has maintained her cultural identity and internal strength to keep going each day. I think of her and others who survived, lived, and live so we, their grandchildren, can continue to be successful in this world.

So, when a significant part of my children's lives was impacted, this matriarch started asking questions and demanding answers from those we entrusted our children with. I asked for answers, and I was not satisfied with the responses and continued asking questions. As a woman, I feel that our emotions can get construed as a weakness, and I have said before, we should not apologize for showing our emotions. I have been reflecting on my power as a mother and as a Diné woman, and how that makes people either uncomfortable or it makes them relate to you. I believe everyone has power and strength, and it takes some of us a while to harness and use them for good.

If you feel that you do not have power, strength, confidence, energy, or whatever it may be to keep you going each day, please know that you do. Our ancestors would encourage us to move forward with k'é and kindness. Our lives are full of workplans, budgets, kids, sheep, cats, chickens, gardens, and people. Remember to care for yourself and thank your Elders and knowledge holders for keeping our knowledge systems going.

[Black Belt Eagle Scout – The Land, The Water, The Sky Album](#)

[NDN Collective Responds to Biden Climate Justice Executive Order](#)

[Northern Humboldt Indian Education – Success in Both Worlds Event](#)

With gratitude and respect, on behalf of the [climate warriors](#) at ITEP, Nikki Cooley

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In The News

[Root Down: At Warm Springs, a New Generation Leads the Feast](#)

As the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs holds traditional first foods feasts in its ceremonial longhouses for the first time since the Covid-19 pandemic began, tribal youth have stepped up to carry the knowledge of the many elders who passed during the pandemic. © Underscore News, 04/04/23

[Southwest Tribes Push For New National Monument Near Grand Canyon](#)

A tribal coalition has called on President Joe Biden to permanently protect 1.1 million acres from new uranium mining and other development. A coalition of Native American tribes in the Southwest is lobbying the Biden administration to create a sweeping national monument to protect federal lands adjacent to Grand Canyon National Park from uranium mining and other development. Members of the Grand Canyon Tribal Coalition, which includes the Havasupai, Hopi, Hualapai and nine other tribes, held a press conference Wednesday to officially call for approximately 1.1 million acres north and south of the park to be designated as Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni Grand Canyon National Monument. © Huff Post, 04/11/23

[On Nevada Trip, Haaland Celebrates 'new Era' Of Conservation](#)

U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland joined members of Nevada's congressional delegation and tribal leaders on Friday to celebrate Avi Kwa Ame, the state's newly designated national monument, saying the recognition of the desert mountain heralds a "new era" of environmental conservation in which the federal government and tribal nations will work together to maintain protected areas. Haaland, the nation's first Native American Cabinet member, said she visited Avi Kwa Ame on Friday to watch the sunrise and was moved by the desert mountain's rich history. © Associated Press, 04/14/23

[What Might Cuts To Dwindling Colorado River Mean For States?](#)

The Biden administration floated two ideas this week to reduce water usage from the dwindling Colorado River, which supplies 40 million people. The 1,450-mile river is a lifeline for seven U.S. states, dozens of Native American tribes, and two states in Mexico. It irrigates nearly 5.5 million acres of farmland in the U.S. and Mexico and generates hydroelectric power used across the West. In recent decades, drought, climate change and an imbalance

between the river's flows and how much water users are promised has forced federal officials to consider new steps. © Salt Lake Tribune, 04/15/23

[Native Tribe In Louisiana Highlights Challenges Of Climate-Driven Relocation](#)

In 2022, the Biden administration announced it would pay to help several Native American tribes move away from coastlines and rivers, where waters are rising due to climate change. Special correspondent Megan Thompson reports on an earlier relocation effort in Louisiana that ran into some unexpected complications. © PBS News, 04/15/23

[What You Need To Know About The Largest Global Gathering Of Indigenous Leaders](#)

Indigenous peoples have long argued that they have done little to contribute to climate change, but are most affected and expected to make steep sacrifices to fix it. Funding for green energy projects continues to skyrocket despite clear and growing threats to Indigenous peoples' lands and rights, Indigenous leaders persistently express concern over [global conservation programs](#) that remove communities from their traditional territories, while [record numbers](#) of environmental, Indigenous and land defenders are killed. © High Country News, 04/17/23

[Tribal Colleges Tap Us Energy Funds To Build 'living Labs'](#)

Tribal colleges and universities around the U.S. will be able to tap nearly \$15 million in grant funding to boost clean energy development as part of the federal government's latest investment in creating more reliable and sustainable electricity generation for Native communities. The U.S. Department of Energy announced the new funding opportunity last week. It comes on the heels of another \$50 million round of grants for deploying clean energy technology across Indian Country, where many communities have long been without basic services such as running water, electricity and broadband internet. © ICT, 04/18/23

[Ancestral Lands To Be Returned From The City Of Tucson To Tohono O'odham Nation](#)

After a unanimous city council vote, 10.6 acres of ancestral land will begin to be returned to the Tohono O'odham Nation. "This is a historic day. The Hohokam and Tohono O'odham have been here since time immemorial. This is their land," said Mayor Regina Romero. "It is essential to recognize and correct the historical

harm that has been inflicted upon Indigenous peoples, including the Tohono O'odham People." Inhabited by the ancestors of the Tohono O'odham and the Hohokam for over 4500 years, the base of Sentinel Peak is considered the birthplace of Tucson. The Spanish even derived the name "Tucson" from a 17th Century O'odham term for their village, 'S-cuk Son' meaning "Black Hill or Mountain". © KVOA, 04/18/22

[Engaging Communities for a Thriving Future: The Second Annual FEWS Alliance Gathering](#)

We were honored to host the second annual gathering of the Native FEWS Alliance recently at the University of Arizona. The theme was "Engaging Communities for a Thriving Future." Our meeting goals were to connect the Native FEWS Alliance with the community and to better support our students. We started our gathering with a full day of immersion in the Tohono O'odham Nation, including a visit to Tohono O'odham Community College (TOCC) followed by a trip to the museum. © Tribal College Journal, 04/20/23

[Embrace Indigenous Knowledge To Save Our Earth](#)

It's not a secret to anyone that our world is facing an existential crisis brought on by climate change. But what many people may not know is that embracing the knowledge that Indigenous people have developed over millennia is a key to unlocking a multitude of solutions. The United States is witnessing catastrophic wildfires that burn entire communities to the ground, flooding that destroys homes and roads, and drought that cripples communities and businesses. This is all the result of centuries of neglect and exploitation of our Earth. © The Seattle Times, 04/23/23

[Groups Push Us Land Managers For Lasting Chaco Protections](#)

Native American activists and environmentalists are pushing the U.S. Interior Department to move ahead with its promise to include tribal perspectives when making management decisions that could affect culturally significant areas beyond the boundaries of Chaco Culture National Historical Park. A coalition of more than 20 groups and individuals sent a letter to Interior Secretary Deb Haaland April 19 saying oil and gas development in northwestern New Mexico remains a threat and that they want the agency to halt leasing until cumulative effects on cultural resources and the environment can be addressed. © Navajo-Hopi Observer, 04/25/23

Resources

Drought Adaptation to Sustain Tribal Trust Resources Toolkit

This toolkit, supported by the multi-organizational Collaborative Conservation and [Adaptation Strategy Toolbox \(CCAST\) Team](#), shares information and tools with Tribal communities and non-Tribal resource managers to help manage water for Tribal Trust Resources and Cultural Practices before, during, and after drought. The resources in this toolkit can help managers learn from one another and build on previous successes, as well as avoid possible future pitfalls. This toolkit provides resource management agencies with information not otherwise readily available including resources, decision-support tools, and Case Studies to inspire action and foster peer-to-peer knowledge exchange among experts and early career professionals alike. As a living resource, additional information, tools, and Case Studies may be added over time. Click [here](#) to view the toolkit.

Climate Change and Mental Health in the Northwest

From tundra to oak savanna, sagebrush steppe to coastal rainforest, Northwest ecosystems provide housing, recreation, food, and income to support over 15 million people, including 43 federally recognized tribes in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, and 228 federally recognized Alaskan tribes and Alaska Natives, as well as other tribes. These ecosystems are being affected by the gradual impacts of climate change (e.g., rising temperatures, changes to precipitation) and related acute events (e.g., extreme heat waves, floods, coastal storms, drought, wildfires). As climate-related events increase and affect our ways of life and homelands in the Northwest, many individuals and communities may experience related mental health challenges. Click [here](#) to read more

UST Finder Tool

The UST Finder is an online tool that is immensely useful not only to Tribal UST staff, but also for climate resiliency, land acquisition, housing, emergency preparedness programs. In this recording Alex Hall, with EPA's Office of Research and Development, gives you an overview on how this GIS tool can help you protect your communities, lands, and waters. You can find additional resources about the tool at the UST Finder website, and you can also reach out directly to Alex Hall at hall.alexander@epa.gov with any additional questions. Please visit the UST Finder: Walkthrough video to see a hands-on demo of the tool and how to use all its features. Click [here](#) to view.

Resources Radio - Energy Transition in Canada's Oil Sands with Andrew Leach

In this week's episode, host Daniel Raimi talks with Andrew Leach, a professor at the University of Alberta, about the oil and gas industry in Alberta, Canada. Leach discusses how oil and gas are extracted in Alberta's oil sands region, the environmental liabilities that result from this type of extraction, tensions between provincial and national leaders over environmental policies and emissions-reduction goals, how First Nations participate in the decision making related to energy development, the energy transition, and more. Click [here](#) to listen.

[EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants: Noncompetitive Planning Grants Webinar for Tribes, Tribal Consortia, and U.S. Territories Webinar Recording](#)

First Nations' 2022 Impact Report

In 2022, First Nations invested over \$12.5 million in grassroots initiatives, distributed 410 grants, and reached over 140,000 changemakers throughout Indian Country, making this the most impactful year in our history. We hope you see our values in action through this report and join us in celebrating how Native values are the foundation behind all the great things happening in Native communities. Click [here](#) to view.

Job & Internship Opportunities

[Climate Specialist - 1854 Treaty Authority](#)

The incumbent will assist the Resource Management Division in understanding and communicating impacts of climate change to the resources within the 1854 Ceded Territory area of northeastern Minnesota. The position will be responsible for developing and implementing a climate change program. Specific duties may include, but are not limited to: implement and update climate change vulnerability assessment and adaptation plan for the 1854 Ceded Territory; develop and implement monitoring plan to assess impacts of climate change on resources; assist with fish, wildlife, and plant population assessments; obtain grants and complete grant management activities; assist in planning and development of program activities. **Application deadline: May 1, 2023**

[National Native American Environmental Awareness Summer Youth Practicum](#)

The Native American Fish and Wildlife Society (NAFWS) is accepting applications for the [National Native American Environmental Awareness Summer Youth Practicum \(SYP\)](#), designed to provide Native American students (incoming 10th - 12th grade) an opportunity to gain hands-on and in-lecture experience in the interdisciplinary components of natural resource management and Indigenous knowledge. This free, week-long practicum will take place from July 15 - July 22, 2023 at Colorado State University Mountain Campus, Colorado. Questions and requests for additional information can be directed to Ashley Mueller, Education Coordinator, at amueller@nafws.org or call 303-466-1725 ext. 4. **Application deadline: May 5, 2023**

[Indigenous Communities Project Manager - National Park Service](#)

The purpose of this position is to serve as an Indigenous Communities Project Manager, providing technical planning assistance, coordination, and support on cooperative conservation and outdoor recreation planning projects. The project manager will use cultural competency gained through lived experiences to build working relationships with project partners, including Native American and Indigenous community partners. Responsibilities may include developing community-based river, trail, greenway and park plans; assisting with local and regional trail and bikeway planning; guiding projects to enhance access to rivers and waterways and supporting natural resource conservation and stewardship across the region. **Application deadline: May 12, 2023**

[Environmental Specialist - Upper Snake River Tribes Foundation](#)

USRT is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. The USRT Foundation is composed of four Indian tribes of the Upper Snake River region in Idaho, Nevada, and Oregon: Burns Paiute Tribe, Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation, and Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation. The Environmental Specialist will serve as the lead on environmental issues for the USRT Foundation and its four-member tribes. The Environmental Specialist will continue to develop and coordinate the USRT Environmental Program, implement project goals and objectives, and identify environmental and climate impacts to the USRT member tribes. The ideal candidate is creative and solution-oriented and has demonstrated the ability to develop, implement, and manage effective policy and outreach strategies to achieve desired outcomes. An expertise in writing and the ability to work effectively both independently and as part of a team are requirements of the position. At least some knowledge of USRT member tribes' cultures, history, and political landscape is desired. **Application deadline: Open until filled**

[Home Rebate Program Tribal Outreach Manager](#)

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of State and Community Energy Programs is hiring a Tribal Outreach Manager to help deliver the \$225M Tribal Home Energy Rebates Program under the Home Energy Efficiency and Electrification Rebate Programs appropriated through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) of 2022. This program awards grants to Tribal Governments and Alaska Native entities to develop and implement a high-efficiency electric home rebate program for qualified electrification projects including electric heat pump HVAC and hot water systems; electric heat pump clothes dryers; electric stoves, cooktops, or ovens; electric circuit panel and wiring upgrades; and home insulation, air sealing, and ventilation upgrades. **Application deadline: Open until filled**

[Climate Change Specialist, Hoh Tribe Department of Natural Resources](#)

The duties of this position include, but are not limited to: 1) take the lead in developing a climate change strategy and plan for the Hoh Tribe that includes analysis and tracking of greenhouse gas emissions; 2) develop and integrate the Hoh Tribe's priorities regarding climate change; 3) develop climate change related projects and secure funding sources to implement projects; 4) engage in consultation processes relevant under the Climate Commitment Act (CCA); and 5) engage in pre-application processes with project applicants. **Application deadline: Open until filled**

[High Water Mark, LLC - Environmental Specialist/NEPA Coordinator](#)

High Water Mark is a 100% Native American Woman-Owned company that provides emergency management, hazard mitigation, and environment and water resources consulting services to communities in New Mexico and the Southwest. The organization is currently hiring a project manager and environmental specialist/NEPA coordinator to join its prestigious team. The Environmental Specialist/NEPA Coordinator will assist with providing information and guidance to clients, government officials, and the public about possible environmental hazards and health risks. This position will prepare technical reports and presentations that explain their research and findings to upper management, clients, potential clients, and other relevant peers. **Application deadline: Open until filled**

[South Dakota State University - Climate Extension Field Specialist I](#)

South Dakota State University (SDSU) Extension is searching for an Extension Climate Field Specialist I. This is a 12-month, full-time, benefit-eligible position available in one of our regional extension centers located in either Watertown, Mitchell, or Pierre, SD. This position is supervised by the Agriculture and Natural Resources Program Leader and is affiliated with the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering. The successful candidate will specifically address climate resiliency issues agricultural producers face in the northern Great Plains. **Application deadline: Open until filled**

[Program Associate: Stewarding Native Lands- First Nation Development Institute](#)

First Nations Development Institute (First Nations) is a 42-year-old Native American-controlled nonprofit organization whose mission is to strengthen American Indian economies to support healthy Native communities. The Program Associate's primary responsibility is to assist and support Program Officers and the Director of the Program in the administration and implementation of First Nations' Stewarding Native Land projects. Additional responsibilities include thoughtful contributions to Indigenous land stewardship and environmental justice conversations, coordination of technical assistance and training, participation in onsite visits, grantee communications, grant management, and monitoring of consultant work. **Application deadline: open until filled**

[Director of Tribal Affairs \(Tumwater\)](#)

Washington State Parks is seeking an experienced leader to serve as our Tribal Affairs Director. This position is new for the agency and is a meaningful opportunity to help State Parks communicate and work more effectively with tribal governments. Reporting to the agency Director, and serving on the Executive Leadership Team, the Tribal Affairs Director will lead the agency in developing and maintaining mutually beneficial working relationships with tribes that have treaty and indigenous rights in Washington state. This position is a Washington Management Service Band 3 (WMS 3). **Application deadline: open until filled**

Funding Opportunities



Additional Sources for More Opportunities:

- 1) More Funding Opportunities can be found at the Tribes & Climate Change website: <http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Resources/funding>
- 2) Tribal Climate Change Guide maintained by the Pacific Northwest Tribal Climate Change Project at the University of Oregon: <http://tribalclimateguide.uoregon.edu/>
- 3) Searchable database of all discretionary grants offered by the 26 federal grant-making agencies. www.grants.gov/applicants/find_grant_opportunities.jsp
- 4) Conservation Innovation Grants (USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service) <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>

[ITEP Virgil Masayesva Scholarship Program](#)

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) is launching a fundraising campaign to support the **Virgil Masayesva Environmental Scholarship Program**. This scholarship program was established at NAU & ITEP in 2005 in honor of Virgil Masayesva, ITEP's co-founder and first director. Virgil worked tirelessly to advance tribal environmental primacy, self-determination and sovereignty. With your support we'll help to keep Virgil's legacy of leadership thriving and growing in the next generation of Native environmental stewards. 100% of donations go to support financial scholarships for Native American students at NAU pursuing environmental careers. Our fundraising goal for this year is \$5,000. Please consider giving what you can, and help us support the next generation of Native environmental leaders!

[Community Self-Determination Grant](#)

Grants of \$100,000 per year, with commitments up to two years, are available to Indigenous-led organizations working in the defense, development, and/or decolonization of Indigenous Peoples and Mother Earth. This grant opportunity will provide Tribal

Nations, communities and organizations as an investment in Indigenous power and a means to foster equity and inclusion, and to reframe decision-making with those most impacted. NDN Collective's mission is to build the collective power of Indigenous Peoples, communities and nations to exercise our inherent right to self-determination while fostering a world that is built on a foundation of justice and equity for all people and the planet. **Application deadline: May 3, 2023**

[Clean Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands - 2023](#)

U.S. Department of Energy DOE Office of Indian Energy new funding to support tribal communities, expand clean energy deployment, lower energy costs, and strengthen energy security. [FOA press release](#). **Application Deadline: May 16, 2023**

[Luce Indigenous Knowledge Fellowship - 2024](#)

First Nations will award 10 fellowships of \$75,000 each to 10 outstanding Native knowledge holders and knowledge makers engaged in meaningful work that benefits Indigenous people and communities in either reservation and/or urban settings. Native knowledge holders and knowledge makers are individuals engaged in the creation, dissemination, and perpetuation of knowledge that advances their respective field or expertise area. This includes those engaged in either and/or both Western knowledge fields or traditional Indigenous fields of knowledge development and dissemination, including:

- Cultural Leaders and Activists
- Food System Workers and Food Justice Advocates
- Environmentalists and Conservationists
- Academics, Researchers and Scientists

Application Deadline: May 17, 2023

[Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project Community Technical Assistance](#)

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) partners with the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project (ETIPP) to help remote and island communities transform their energy systems and increase energy resilience. **Application deadline: May 19, 2023**

[Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program](#)

EPA is issuing this solicitation to request applications for the design and management of a new Environmental Justice (EJ) competitive pass-through program where EPA will competitively select multiple pass-through entities to provide grant funds via subawards to community-based nonprofit organizations and other eligible subrecipient groups representing underserved and disadvantaged communities. EPA intends to award up to 11 cooperative agreements under this RFA for up to approximately \$50 million each to be funded

incrementally over a 3-year period. **Application deadline: May 31, 2023**

[Planning Proposals to Catalyze Innovative and Inclusive Wildland Fire Science through Diverse Collaborations, U.S. National Science Foundation \(NSF\)](#)

The NSF is calling for planning proposals for advancing inclusive wildland fire science via diverse knowledge systems. Proposals that aim to develop a deeper understanding of wildland fire as integrated social-cultural-ecological-technological systems and improve education across multiple levels, in informal settings and/or formal settings spanning pre-college through postsecondary levels, are also encouraged. Budget requests may not exceed \$100,000 per year, with a duration of up to two years. Prospective investigators must submit a two-page description of the proposal concept to wildlandfire@nsf.gov. **Application deadline: May 31, 2023**

[EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants](#)

EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program will provide noncompetitive planning grant opportunities for federally recognized Tribes, tribal consortia, and U.S. Territories interested in participating in the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program. The Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program will provide grants to states, territories, tribes, air pollution control agencies, and local governments to develop and implement plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution. Section 60114 of the Inflation Reduction Act provides an investment of \$5 billion to support these efforts to develop and implement strong, local greenhouse gas reduction strategies. This two-staged grant program provides funding of \$250 million for noncompetitive planning grants, and \$4.6 billion for competitive implementation grants. **Application deadline: June 15, 2023**

[Transition Tribal Colleges and Universities to Clean Energy](#)

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) DOE's Office of Indian Energy offers funding to support clean energy project and curriculum planning, technology support and curriculum deployment. Join a Webinar on 4/27/2023 to learn more. **Application Deadline: July 27, 2023**

[2023 Clean School Bus Grant Program](#)

EPA anticipates awarding approximately \$400 million in competitive grant funding under the Clean School Bus (CSB) [Grants Program Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#).

The program is soliciting applications nationwide for a grant competition to fund the replacement of existing school buses with clean and zero-emission (ZE) school buses. **Application deadline: August 22, 2023**

Upcoming Events

NOTE: Updated info on events can be found at the Tribes & Climate Change website:

<http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Home/Events>

May 2023

Conference: May 1-4, Phoenix, Arizona **[National Tribal Forum on Air Quality](#)**

Join the National conversation on how Tribes are implementing the Clean Air Act in partnership with the U.S. EPA to improve air quality in our communities. [Call for proposals](#) are now open and available until January 27, 2023.

Conference: May 2-4, Boulder, Colorado **[National Flash Drought Workshop](#)**

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) is hosting the National Flash Drought Workshop to bring together the flash drought research community and practitioners and coordinate among researchers and practitioners, discuss the state of the science, resources, and tools related to flash drought, and identify outstanding research and information needs. Registration information coming soon.

Conference: May 9-10, Tucson, Arizona **[Wildlife Connectivity, Corridors, and Crossings Conference](#)**

Please join us for a special two-day interdisciplinary conference dedicated to the latest science and policy developments in wildlife corridor conservation. Scientists, practitioners, and policymakers will lead technical trainings, share up-to-date research, and discuss policy innovations regarding wildlife migration and landscape connectivity conservation. The event will feature experts and leaders from the Departments of Interior, Agriculture, and Transportation along with the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Native American Fish and Wildlife Society and other academic and non-governmental organizations

Webinar: May 10, 4 pm, Virtual **[The Status of Tribes and Climate Change Report and the NE CASC Region](#)**

Released in 2021 by the Institute of Tribal Environmental Professionals, the State of Tribes and Climate Change (STACC) report examines the disproportionate effect climate change has on Indigenous lands and people and the added strain tribes experience as they respond to damaging climate events. This webinar will provide an overview of the report with a particular focus on the NE CASC region.

Conference: May 16-17, Keene, NH **[National Adaptation Forum - 2023 Local Solutions: Climate Migration](#)**

The goal of Local Solutions is to build capacity for socially just and equitable migration and enhanced regional climate resilience. This convening will

be a culmination of the Northeast Safe and Thriving for All (NEST) project, funded by the NOAA Climate Adaptation Partnerships (formerly RISA) program to convene stakeholders to create an upper Northeast region that can become a climate refugia that is resilient, revitalized, socially just, and decarbonized.

Workshop: May 18 & 19, Sac and Fox Nation, OK **[Tribal Climate and Health Infrastructure Vulnerability Workshop](#)**

Join the South Central Climate Adaptation Science Center, BIA Tribal Climate Resilience, and Southern Plains Tribal Health Board for a no-cost, two-day workshop. The event is open to any tribal staff such as health professionals, emergency managers, transportation and roads staff, or environmental staff. There will be an optional pre-training introduction to climate change webinar on April 18th at 1-3 pm Central time. The in-person workshop topics will include an introduction to vulnerability assessments and flood impacts to roads and health facilities, along with group guiding users going through the steps of the assessment process.

June 2023

Conference: June 5-8, Corvallis, Oregon **[Registration for the Interagency Conference on Research in the Watersheds opens February 2023!](#)**

The Interagency Conference on Research in the Watersheds (ICRW8) will take place in Corvallis, OR on June 5-8, 2023. Registration opens in February 2023. Some sessions to watch for include Tribal Watershed Science and Management, Wildfire Effects on Watersheds, and Adaptation Responses to Hydrometeorological Extremes in Watersheds.

Conference: June 12-14, Tulalip Resort and Casino, Washington **[2023 Tribal Clean Energy Summit](#)**

The Summit will engage Tribal leaders, citizens, staff, youth and collaborators in conversation about navigating the cultural, economic, and social challenges of implementing clean energy projects. Our goals include:

- Ensure that Tribes have the information, support, capacity and resources necessary to plan for and implement Tribal Energy Projects;
- Increase Tribal awareness of opportunities and challenges faced by other Tribes in developing energy projects and when partnering with outside partners for planning, policy development and project implementation;
- Improving project success by appropriately engaging and consulting with Tribes;
- Assess Tribal needs interests,

and priorities related to Energy sovereignty, while providing listening opportunities for intertribal collaboration to move those priorities forward

Conference: June 25-30, Sheperdstown, West Virginia **[2023 Native Youth Climate Adaptation Leadership Congress \(NYCALC\)](#)**

The 2023 Native Youth Climate Adaptation Leadership Congress (NYCALC) seeks to build student confidence in their cultural identity as they learn about Indigenous traditions and climate concerns across the United States and territories. Students will develop conservation leadership skills and build on their knowledge and abilities to address climate challenges in their communities in this week long Congress.

Summit: June 26-30, North Bend, Oregon **[ATNI Changing Currents: Tribal Water Summit 2023](#)**

Changing Current Water summits are inter-tribal gatherings designed to bring together leadership, professionals, and youth (ages 15-24) from Northwest Tribes and Native communities to foster dialogue & collaboration around common water interests and work toward a shared agenda. Limited student scholarships available.

August 2023

Workshop: August 13-19, Naturebridge, Olympic National Park **[2023 PNW Tribal Climate Camp](#)**

In 2023, the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, and the Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Centers are collaboratively hosting the Tribal Climate Camp (TCC) to support teams of tribal leaders, climate change coordinators, planners, and program managers to build skills, gather information, and develop tribal plans and policies needed to address climate change impacts.

Conference: August 14-17, Syracuse, New York **[2023 Tribal Land and Environment Forum](#)**

We are now accepting proposals for sessions at the Tribal Lands and Environment Forum! Visit the 2023 TLEF website to learn more about this year's forum. To submit a proposal, click "Call for Proposals" in the menu at the top of the page. Registration will open soon and link to our host hotel will be added so you can make your lodging reservations at a special reduced rate. More information is coming soon – we look forward to seeing you in Syracuse, or online!