

Presenter Bios

Luis Echenique

Grants Coordinator, Louden Tribal Council in Galena, AK



I have been in and out Alaska since my first arrival in 1999, directly from my native Argentina. I hold a couple of degrees in Physics and Computer Science that I have seldom used. In Alaska I have lived in a variety of places including Bethel, Metlakatla and Galena. In February 2017 I started working as the Environmental Coordinator for the Louden Tribal Council in Galena, AK. Currently I still work for the Tribe as a Grants Coordinator, although my family and I moved to Colorado in August 2019.

Mansel A. Nelson

Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals at Northern Arizona University



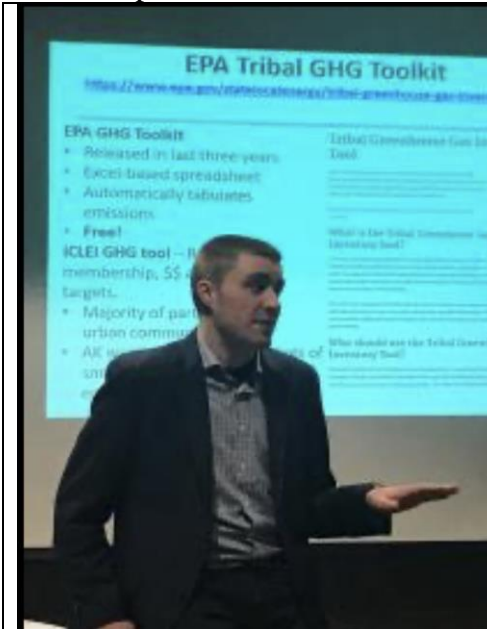
For the past twenty-two (22) years Mansel A. Nelson has served with the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) at Northern Arizona University. He is the Project Director for the Environmental Education Outreach Program (EEOP) and for the Indoor Air Quality in Tribal Communities (IAQTC). Prior to his service with Northern Arizona University, Mansel served in the US Army Chemical Corps for 14 years and taught chemistry on the Navajo Nation for 6 years. Mansel's formal education includes a BS in chemistry and a MS in Chemical Engineering. Through the EEOP Mansel helps youth understand how to apply science and engineering to local environmental issues and conducts internship programs. Through the IAQTC Mansel helps tribal staff develop healthy homes and healthy schools programs.

Billy Connor
University of Alaska – Fairbanks



Billy Connor has over 50 years of experience in road design, construction and maintenance in Alaska. Much of that time was spent leading Alaska DOT&PF's Research including the development of the department's pavement design procedures, improvement of asphalt paved roads, and unpaved gravel roads and airports. Over the last 15 years he has become a nationally recognized leader in dust management, although his primary interest is reducing dust in Alaskan communities. Mr. Connor is currently writing a Synthesis of Practice for Roads over Permafrost, updating the Alaska Pavement Design Manual and preparing a manual for placement of calcium chloride in rural Alaska.

Paul Goodfellow
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Paul Goodfellow is an Environmental Program Specialist at the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). Paul grew up in Alaska, spending time in the communities of Sand Point and Unalaska. He received his Masters' Degree in Washington, DC and, before starting with DEC and previously worked in international development for a consultancy firm in Seattle.