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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.



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Spring is just right around the corner and for many of us, our field season and training season is upon us. There so many great things happening to help us continue the work that we do to take care of our Mother Earth and Father Sky.

This past week, ITEP collaborated with the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona on a workshop, Wild-fire Ecosystems and Indigenous Well-Being held here in Flagstaff, AZ at [NAU's Native American Cultural Center](#). This one day workshop brought together tribal representatives from Hopi, Navajo, White Mountain Apache, Fort Apache and Hualapai. In addition, we had local attendees from the Flagstaff and NAU community which made for great discussions. We were so honored to have speakers from the NAU's School of Forestry, University of Arizona, Grand Canyon National Park, Southwest Fire Science Consortium and the Southwest Climate Adaptation Science Center. We thank the speakers for sharing their knowledge and we all came away with more insight to the impacts of climate change on wildfires, community health and Indigenous/ Tribal cultures and communities. Thank you to the [Inter Tribal Council of Arizona](#) for allowing us to be a part of this much needed gathering. It was at this gathering, someone brought a great question regarding

the positives of climate change because we kept mentioning the negatives. This is a question that should be discussed more often because we need to remind ourselves of why we are doing this work.

One way to keep up our spirits and remind ourselves of the amazing, strong work are upcoming gatherings. ITEP is hosting the first biennial [National Tribal & Indigenous Climate Conference](#) (NTICC) scheduled for August 31 - September 3, 2020 at the [InterContinental Saint Paul Riverfront](#) in St. Paul, MN. We are so honored to have Winona Laduke as our keynote speaker and stay tuned for more information on other speakers.

Reminder that Call for Proposals is now open! You're welcome to [submit a proposal](#) for a working group, presentation, trainings or networking event.

Also look to ITEP's upcoming [National Tribal Forum on Air Quality](#) on May 27-29 in Tulsa, OK and [Tribal Lands & Environmental Forum](#) (TLEF) on August 17-20, 2020 in Milwaukee, WI.

Another gathering to consider is the upcoming [National Tribal Leadership Climate Change Summit](#) hosted by ATNI in Seattle, WA from October 12-14, 2020.

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In The News

[Saving the Planet Means Listening to Indigenous Peoples: Wade Davis](#)

We in the west, with our thinking of the natural world, we are not the norm - we're the anomaly. Audio: 53:59 © 2020 CBC/Radio-Canada, 2/18/20.

[Protecting Indigenous Cultures Is Crucial For Saving The World's Biodiversity](#)

Indigenous peoples have conserved biodiversity for millennia. They have created much of the world's agricultural biodiversity, including thousands of crop varieties, livestock breeds and unique landscapes. These practices continue today in many of their territories, creating new varieties of crops and livestock that are often more resilient than modern equivalents. © The Conversation, 02/14/20.

[The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Reintroduces Bighorn Sheep On Tribal Lands](#)

After decades of on-and-off negotiations between state and tribal agencies and time spent seeking grant funding as well as gathering tribal council and community support, the bighorns were coming home. © High Country News, 02/13/20.

[Cowichan Tribes, Province Sign Agreement To Develop Plan For Koksilah Watershed](#)

Cowichan Tribes Chief William Seymour said it's time to begin doing extensive and proactive work to help ensure long-term water sustainability in the Koksilah watershed. © Cowichan Valley Citizen, 02/11/20.

[How Native Tribes Are Taking the Lead on Planning for Climate Change](#)

With their deep ties to the land and reliance on fishing, hunting, and gathering, indigenous tribes are especially vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. Now, native communities across North America are stepping up to adopt climate action plans to protect their way of life. © Yale E360, 02/11/20.

[Climate Change Complicates Counting Some Alaska Native Villages for Census](#)

On the front lines of climate change, warming temperatures and thawing permafrost are making it

harder to get an accurate count for the 2020 census in some of the most remote communities of Alaska. © 2020 NPR, 02/10/20.

[NE Umatilla County, Reservation Residents Urged To Evacuate After Flooding](#)

Residents in northeastern Umatilla County and parts of the Umatilla Indian Reservation that have been hit hard by major floodwaters are being urged to evacuate. © Oregon Public Radio, 02/08/20.

[How Native American Communities Are Addressing Climate Change](#)

Indigenous peoples are one of the most vulnerable communities when it comes to the effects of climate change. This is due to a mix of cultural, economic, policy, and historical factors. Some Native American tribal governments and councils have put together their own climate risk assessment plans. © Science Friday, 02/07/20.

[Pine Ridge Approved for \\$100M Solar Project](#)

The Pine Ridge Reservation in southwestern South Dakota will be the site of a \$100 million solar electricity generation project. © 2020 Capital Journal, 02/06/20.

[Flagstaff City Council Backs Climate Emergency Declaration](#)

The Flagstaff City Council Tuesday night unanimously voted to move forward in declaring a climate emergency. © KNAU, 01/29/20.

[The Little Shell Tribe Of Chippewa Indians Celebrates Federal Recognition](#)

The Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians has been seeking federal recognition since the 1930s. In December 2019, the Little Shell became the 574th federally recognized tribe in the United States, and on Jan. 25, tribal citizens celebrated their victory and remembered those who helped pave the way for it. Federal recognition will give Little Shell members access to health care and social services. © High Country News, 01/28/20.

[5 U.S. Native Tribes File a UN Climate Change Complaint](#)

Five tribes argue the U.S. is violating their human rights and

not addressing the serious harm climate change is having on their communities. © WBUR, 01/28/20.

[First Nations Climate Initiative Invites B.C. First Nations Input on Using Liquified Natural Gas to Poverty](#)

Today, the First Nations Climate Initiative (FNCI) extended an invitation to all First Nations to meet with them on January 29, 2020 in Prince George to share their vision for a world where global warming is limited to 1.5 degrees Celsius, where Indigenous communities prosper and British Columbia leads the way to a low carbon economy that delivers on regional and international commitments to climate change targets. © Oil and Gas 360, 01/27/20.

[One Year After Native-Owned Tanka Bar Had Lost Nearly Everything, The Buffalo Are On Their Way Back](#)

This weekend, Niman Ranch and Native American Natural Foods (NANF), maker of the Tanka Bar, will announce a unique collaboration. The aim: to restore the buffalo to its revered place in Lakota society and regenerate prairie, while helping Niman create a new source for bison and organic and grass-fed beef. © The Counter, 01/24/20.

[Hopi Look to Tourism, Ranching For Income After Coal Power Plan Closure](#)

For decades, coal has been at the center of Hopi life, literally. In the middle of each home is a coal-burning stove that keeps families warm through the winter. "A lot of people relied on the coal to heat their homes and ceremonial chambers, the kivas," says Leigh Wayne Lomayestewa, who works in the tribe's cultural preservation office. "And now we're only relying on the cedar wood." © NPR, 01/14/20.

Resources

Internship Opportunities with Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission

The Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) is pleased to announce available internships for its 2020 GLIFWC Summer Internship Program. Through this internship program, college students will work one-on-one with their GLIFWC mentors in various divisions and learn about necessary coursework, college degrees, and trainings which result in gainful employment in a multitude of careers, including natural resource and stewardship careers with tribes. For more information and to apply, [click here](#). **Deadline:** March 6, 2020 by 4:30PM CST.

Climate Museum Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellowship

The Climate Museum seeks applications from humanities scholars who wish to engage the public on climate change and inequality to fill a two-year full-time Post-Doctoral Fellowship funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The Fellowship will run from August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2022, concurrent with a Pre-Doctoral Fellowship on climate and inequality also funded by the Mellon Foundation. The Mellon Fellowship is open to all candidates who have received their PhD in the humanities within the last five years and who have experience in climate and inequality. To apply and for more information, [click here](#). **Application deadline:** March 15, 2020.

Graduate Study Opportunity

Integrating Indigenous and Scientific Knowledges for Environmental Sustainability. The Center for Native Peoples and the Environment at the State University of New York's College of Environmental Science & Forestry is recruiting students for graduate study in diverse environmental sciences from ecology, sustainability, conservation biology to restoration and environmental engineering. As a member of the Sloan Indigenous Graduate Partnership, the program provides funding for full tuition and stipends for Native American students pursuing MS and PhD degrees. Applications are open so please join us in this exciting initiative. Additional information can be found online at <https://www.esf.edu/nativepeoples> or contact Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer at rkimmer@esf.edu

Two-Year Post-Doctoral Researcher at Oregon State University - Cascades, Bend, Oregon. The Dr. Elizabeth Marino and OSU-Cascades invites applications for a two year post-doctoral fellowship to begin Fall 2020; as part of a research project funded by the National Science Foundation. The project itself will examine adaptation possibilities for individuals, neighborhoods, and communities who are faced with repetitive flooding. We are especially interested in policy options for communities who wish to relocate together. The ideal candidate would have policy-relevant academic research and teaching interests in the anthropology or social science of climate change, disasters, and adaptation planning. For more information and to apply, [click here](#).

U.S. Forest Service ArcGIS Story Map of the Northwest Huckleberry, Shrubs, Nuts, and Berries

Fruit-producing shrubs such as huckleberries, salal, Oregon grape, and beaked hazelnut are an important component of social history and traditional tribal diets in the Pacific Northwest. The fruits of these shrubs are

also an important food source for foraging wildlife and pollinators, and serve as the basis for both non-tribal harvesting and small-scale commercial operations. To aid monitoring, management, and restoration plans, we created this story map to showcase information on the ranges and phenologies (timing of flowering, fruiting, and other periodic life cycle events) of these species. For more information or questions, contact U.S. Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station at: SM.FS.huckleberry@usda.gov

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Tribal Climate & Health Adaptation Regional Cohort Training Series

This FREE interactive training is offered through a series of eight live webinars scheduled on the third Tuesday of the month (9:00-10:30am PT) from January 21, 2020 through August 18, 2020. The training will provide steps tools, templates, case studies, and other resources that seek to streamline the adaptation planning process and make it easier for tribal health and environmental professional to understand and address human health exposures and impacts within tribal communities. For more information, please visit: <http://ped.palatribe.com/tcha-webinar/>

Report: Assessing the Impacts of Coastal Flooding on Treaty of Olympia Infrastructure

A report to the Quinault Indian Nation, Hoh Tribe, and Quileute Tribe. Oregon Climate Change Research Institute, Corvallis, OR. Ruggiero, P., K. Serafin, K. Parker and D. Hill. 2019.

Climate Change Policy Post-Degree Certificate at Yukon University

Our Post-Degree Certificate in Climate Change Policy provides you with an understanding of the causes, economics, and impacts of climate change, and the tools to analyze and communicate the financial, environmental and socio-economic aspects of mitigation and adaptation efforts. For more details and to apply, please visit: <https://www.yukoncollege.yk.ca/programs/climate-change-policy>

Resources & Other Areas of Interest

AGU Bridge Program

The AGU Bridge Program is committed to increasing representation of Hispanics, African Americans, American Indians, Pacific Islanders, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians in geoscience graduate programs. The ideal candidate for this program will be a current or former undergraduate geoscience student who demonstrates the commitment, drive, and potential to complete a rigorous graduate program in the geosciences, but for various reasons, does not have the necessary coursework, research experience, or guidance to gain admission to a geoscience graduate program. For more information and to apply, please visit: <https://www.agu.org/bridge-program>. For questions, contact Pranoti Asher at: pasher@agu.org or Nakita Dolet at: ndolet@agu.org

ITEP's Online Facilitated Cohort Workshop CC 202: Develop or Update a FEMA Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan

Work in a facilitated cohort group to develop or update a Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan based on FEMA's requirements. From October 2020 - September 2021, ITEP will offer a more advanced, mainly web-based course. This course will support individual tribe's hazard mitigation planning through peer-to-peer learning and knowledge exchanges in a facilitated cohort focused on the process of developing or updating a Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan. [Click here](#) to register or to view the course description. **Apply** by April 2, 2020. Email Karen.Cozzetto@nau.edu for questions.

The Voices of the Grand Canyon

The Grand Canyon is a spiritual home to Native peoples whose ancestors farmed along the river, built homes in the cliffs, and hunted along the canyon rims since time immemorial. Jim Enote (Zuni), Nikki Cooley (Navajo), Leigh Kuwanwisiwma (Hopi), Coleen Kaska, (Havasupai), and Loretta Jackson-Kelly (Hualapai) share what the Grand Canyon means to them and what they know in their hearts to be true. Includes audio and print. © 2020 Grand Canyon Trust.

Book: Fire Country by Victor Steffensen

This video is a book trailer for *Fire Country* which delves deep into the Australian landscape and the environmental challenges we face. It is a powerful account from Indigenous land management expert Victor Steffensen on how the revival of cultural burning practices, and improved reading of country, could help to restore our land. [Click here](#) to view trailer.

New Interactive Map (ASTHO)

Does your state have a climate and health adaptation plan? Not sure? Check out a new resource from the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO): an interactive map to explore whether your state health agency offers climate adaptation plans or related resources.

Job Announcement:

Program Coordinator (part-time)

Red Feather Development Group (Red Feather) partners with the Navajo and Hopi Nations to provide sustainable solutions to the housing needs within their communities. Red Feather programs include hands-on training workshops for homeowners to weatherize and repair their homes, facilitating home repairs, and strengthening local economies through workforce development and employment opportunities. Red Feather works closely with government officials, community members, professionals and volunteers within each community to develop and implement these programs. Red Feather (RF) is looking for a part-time (20 hour per week) case manager that would work out of our office in Flagstaff, AZ. To apply, send cover letter and resume to email: joe@redfeather.org

New State & Local Energy Data (NREL)

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Energy, has released a suite of new interactive datasets delivering detailed information on building and transportation energy estimated for each U.S. city and county. These new resources are available online and are meant to inform more data-driven energy decision making at the local level.

New Ecodrought Story Map (USGS)

Every region of the United States is susceptible to drought. Over the last several years, the National and Regional CASCs have been exploring the ecological impacts of drought across the country, from Alaska to the U.S. Caribbean. A new Story Map is now available that summarizes CASC work on ecological drought and highlights the products that have resulted from this initiative.

Video: Climate Hope

(Climate Science Alliance (CSA))

Check out this amazing visual re-cap of the 2019 Southwestern Tribal Climate Change Summit, created by CSA partner [Condor Visual Media](#).

Climate Adaption Plan La Jolla Band Of Luiseño Indians

The Plan was prepared by the La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians Environmental Department in collaboration with the Climate Science Alliance, with funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the U.S. Department of the Interior. 2019

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 Univ. 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/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/cig/>

Funding Opportunity for Fiscal Year 2020 Preparedness Grants

The grant programs provide funding to state, local, tribal and territorial governments, as well as transportation authorities, nonprofit organizations, and the private sector, to improve the nation's readiness in preventing, protecting against, responding to, recovering from and mitigating terrorist attacks, major disasters and other emergencies. The grants reflect the Department's focus on funding for programs that address our nation's immediate security needs and ensure public safety in our communities. All preparedness Notices of Funding Opportunities can be found at www.grants.gov. Final submissions must be made through the Non-Disaster (ND) Grants system located at <https://portal.fema.gov>. Further information on DHS's preparedness grant programs is available at www.dhs.gov and <http://www.fema.gov/grants>.

***Note: To allow enough time for FEMA to conduct an initial eligibility review of the application prior to the final submission deadline, applicants are strongly encouraged to initiate and complete the Standard Form 424 submission within Grants.gov no later than April 8, 2020, which is seven days prior to the end of the application period for all programs.*

2020 Wildlife Conservation Society's Climate Adaptation Fund

Our grant partners implement ground breaking, science based projects, using traditional and new conservation tools applied in strategic ways to help wildlife and ecosystems adapt to a range of climate impacts. Funded projects include one to two-year projects that implement science-driven, on-the-ground actions that assist wildlife and

ecosystems to adapt to climate change at a landscape scale. For more information or apply, please visit website [here](#). Proposals due Wednesday, April 8, 2020 by 5:00pm (est).

[Paleo Perspectives on Climate Change \(NSF\)](#)

The goal of research funded under the interdisciplinary P2C2 solicitation is to utilize key geological, chemical, atmospheric (gas in ice cores), and biological records of climate system variability to provide insights into the mechanisms and rate of change that characterized Earth's past climate variability, the sensitivity of Earth's climate system to changes in forcing, and the response of key components of the Earth system to these changes. Important scientific objectives of P2C2 are to: 1) provide comprehensive paleoclimate data sets that can serve as model test data sets analogous to instrumental observations; and 2) enable transformative syntheses of paleoclimate data and modeling outcomes to understand the response of the longer-term and higher magnitude variability of the climate system that is observed in the geological and cryospheric records. Funding opportunity #: 17-582. **Deadline: 10/20/2020** Eligible applicants unrestricted.

Upcoming Events

NOTE: More events can be found at the Tribes & Climate Change website:

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

March 2020

Workshops: California Forest Stewardship Workshops:

March 7th, 8th, 14th: Shasta College, Redding, CA.

This workshop series will help landowners develop plans to improve and protect their forest lands in an ecologically and economically sustainable manner. The workshops will address management objectives and planning, forest restoration, fuels reduction, project development, permitting, and cost-share opportunities. Participants will connect with other landowners and learn how to collect information to develop their own management plans. Registration for the workshop costs \$60. Registration will be available at: <http://ucanr.edu/forestryworkshop> and registration by November 15th. For more information, contact Susie Kocher, sdkocher@ucanr.edu.

Training: Climate Change Adaptation for Tribes & Tribal Partners

March 9-11, Northeast Great Lakes Visitor Center, Ashland, WI. This training is designed for tribal natural resources managers, along with partner organization and key collaborators. For more information, please visit: <https://forestadaptation.org/learn/climate-change-adaptation-tribes-and-tribal-partners>. To register, click [here](#). Registration deadline has passed but you can sign up for a waitlist. For questions, contact Rob Croll at: rcroll@glifwc.org

2020 Rivercane Gathering March 12-14, Heart O'Hills Camp & Conference Center, Welling, OK

The goal of the Rivercane Gathering is to bring together tribes, native artisans, traditional knowledge holders, scientists, land managers and other stakeholders to share in two-way learning about the current state of knowledge for rivercane in the southern United States. For more information, please contact Michelle Baumflek at (818)257-4887 or by email: michelle.baumflek@usda.gov

Annual Conference:

17th Annual Great Lakes Indigenous Farming Conference March 5-8, Callaway, MN.

Living the Good Life through Knowledge and Community. Join us and learn about a wide array of topics and discussions such as: land revitalization and food sovereignty initiatives, tribal food and farm policy, native agricultural techniques, tribal college extension programs, food preservation, native pollinators and much, much more! Native herbalists, gardeners, horticulturists, agronomers, community leaders, professors, students, extension educators and farmers from all four directions will share their knowledge with us. Come learn how Native people all across Turtle Island are restoring traditional foods, implementing sustainable practices, and collaborating with neighboring Native nations. For questions, email: ifc@welrp.org or Ph#: 218-375-2600.

Annual Summit:

11th Annual National Tribal Public Health Summit March 17-19, CHI Health Center Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska.

The National Tribal Public Health Summit is a premiere Indian public health event that attracts over 500 Tribal public health professionals, elected leaders, advocates, researchers, and community-based service providers. This year's Summit will feature dynamic national speakers, interactive workshops and roundtable discussions, a welcome reception, a morning fitness event, as well as the presentation of the 2020 Native Public Health Innovation awards. **Registration deadline:** March 8, 2020.

Webinar:

Financing Climate Mitigation and Resilience: Lessons from Hawaii

The Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) invites you to a briefing on innovative efforts to finance and implement climate change mitigation and resilience projects. Featuring a panel from Hawaii, the briefing will explore steps the state is taking to reach carbon neutrality and run on 100 percent renewable energy by 2045.

April 2020

Workshop:

18th Annual Climate Prediction
Applications Science Workshop
**April 14-16, Arizona State
University.** This workshop will bring together a diverse community to share developments in research and application of weather and climate information for societal decision-making. Participants will include researchers, service producers, resource managers, planners, practitioners, social scientists, and others making weather and climate-sensitive decisions. Open to the public.

Annual Workshop:

8th Annual Rising Voices
Workshop, April 29-May 01,
2020. The workshop will build upon previous workshops to focus on exchanges between communities, generations, place-based knowledges, and different ways of knowing to learn from place-based climate resilience actions. In partnership with the Lummi Nation and the Northwest Indian College and will be on Coastal Salish Traditional Lands. Application deadline has passed. For more information contact [Heather](#) or [Julie](#).

38th Annual Native American Fish & Wildlife Society National Conference

May 4-7, 2020, Miami, FL

The conference is an opportunity for tribal natural resource managers, technicians, conservation law officers, government agencies, and many others, to receive training, network, share information, and discuss current technical information and legislative initiatives.

Upcoming Events Continued...

May 2020

Training:

[Climate Series #1: ITEP's Introduction to Climate Change Adaptation Planning-Climate 101](#)

May 19-21, Blue Lake, CA.

Tribal Only: This course is a collaboration between ITEP and the Blue Lake Rancheria Tribe. The course will provide an introduction to planning for climate change impacts, with examples of tribes that have been going through the adaptation planning process. The course is intended for tribal environmental and natural resource professionals who expect to be involved in climate change adaptation planning. Since the course will focus on climate change impacts in the region, we especially encourage people from the region to attend. This course will feed into the second course offered in July. Click [here](#) to register today! **Registration deadline:** Friday, March 20th.

Annual Forum:

[ITEP's National Tribal Forum on Air Quality \(NTFAQ\)](#)

May 27-29, 2020, Tulsa, OK.

Hosted by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The NTFAQ provides environmental professionals from tribes, EPA, and other organizations an opportunity to meet and discuss current policies, regulatory initiatives, and technical topics in air quality. The NTFAQ is a cooperative endeavor co-sponsored by The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) and the National Tribal Air Association (NTAA), made possible by funding from US EPA and our generous sponsors.

June 2020

Annual Conference:

[14th Annual Native American Economic Development Conference](#)

June 15-16, Pechanga Resort & Casino, Temecula, CA. Through a variety of tracks, panels and interactive discussions, attendees will engage with top experts focusing on economic diversification. Discovering new ways to diversify your tribe's economic ventures helps to reduce risk and ensure the growth of your community. You'll hear success stories and case studies in addition to digging deeper into new ways to generate revenue beyond gaming. By

networking with other tribal leaders, decision makers and industry professionals you can exchange tangible ideas on how to maximize your respective economies.

July 2020

[USET Tribal Climate Resilience Camp, Winter Harbor, ME](#)

July 12-17, hosted by the Penobscot Indian Nation & held at the Schoodic Institute. The Tribal Climate Resilience Camp invites Tribal Nation teams/delegates of Tribal leaders, Tribal staff, climate change coordinators, early career professionals/youth, and elders/culture keepers to apply to participate in this camp. The focus is to learn about Tribal-based climate change adaptation and to apply these lessons to climate resilience and adaptation in our home Tribal Nations/Communities.

Training:

[Climate Series #2: Integrating Climate Change into FEMA Approved Mitigation Plans](#)

July 14-15, Blue Lake, CA.

Tribal Only: This course is a collaboration between ITEP and the Blue Lake Rancheria Tribe. This workshop will build upon the previous course "Climate Series #1: Climate Change 101, which provided an introduction to planning for climate change impacts using examples from tribes that have been going through the adaptation planning process. This second course will provide information on how climate change considerations can be mainstreamed into FEMA multihazard mitigation plans while considering cultural values, priorities and indigenous knowledges. The course agenda will include tribal case studies and representatives from FEMA and ITEP to provide knowledge and guidance on the process. As with the previous course, this course is intended for tribal managers from this particular region. If tribal staff from outside the region would like to apply, please contact ITEP staff.

Earth to Sky Workshop: South Central Region

July 15-17, Sulphur, OK.

Join us for three days of training with native informal educators from across the South Central region who recognize the importance of teaching climate change. This workshop will

be packed with interesting topics and fun activities for you to bring back to your community. If you would like to be notified when registration is up, email April.Taylor@chickasaw.net

August 2020

[Tribal Climate Camp August 9-14, Southcentral, Anchorage, Alaska.](#)

In 2020, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan State University, Portland State University's Institute for Tribal Government, Chugach Regional Resources Commission, and the Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Center are collaboratively offering 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 policy needed to address climate change impacts. For more information, please contact Peggy Harris at: DP@Seventhgenerationllc.com

Conference:

[ITEP's Tribal Lands & Environment Forum \(TLEF\)](#)

August 17-20, 2020, Milwaukee, WI. This year's TLEF: A National Conversation on Waste and Response Strategies will be hosted by the Forest County Potawatomi Tribe. Registration, session proposals forms, travel information, and field trip announcements will be coming soon. Join us for the 10th anniversary of the TLEF!

Meeting:

[Interfaith Climate Action Network of CCC](#)

August 20, 1:00-2:30pm, Pleasant Hill, CA. Offered by the Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra Costa County. The mission is to to inform and educate faith and non-faith communities and interested individuals about how to mitigate climate change, and represent and advocate on their behalf by contacting elected representatives, government agencies, industries and other organizations that need to hear our collective voices.

Upcoming Events Continued...

September 2020

Conference:

[ITEP's National Tribal & Indigenous Climate Conference \(NTICC\)](#)

August 31-September 4, 2020.

Location TBA soon. First Biennial National Tribal and Indigenous Climate Conference (NTICC) along with support from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Tribal Resilience Program. The NTICC is open to all US tribal nations and Indigenous Peoples from throughout the world, with an emphasis on including our Elders and Youth. The NTICC will convene experts on climate change and will include a balance of Traditional Indigenous Knowledges and Western Science. MOre info coming soon. Contact: NTICC@nau.edu

October 2020

Summit:

[National Tribal Leadership Climate Change Summit](#)

October 12-14, Seattle, WA.

The 2020 Summit will convene leaders from Tribes and First Nations throughout the United States, Canada, and Indigenous people around the world. Participants will build on the knowledge and experiences related to climate change impacts and traditional knowledges; develop approaches that promote tribal leadership in adaptation, mitigation and resiliency programs; and foster pathways to influence climate policy. The Summit will include internationally renowned plenary speakers, participatory breakout sessions, and more. For questions or to join the planning committee, please email Don Sampson: DP@seventhgenerationllc.com

Conference:

[International Conference on Global Climate Change \(ICGCC\)](#)

September 24-25, San

Francisco, CA. This gathering aims to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers and research scholars to exchange and share their experiences and research results on all aspects of Global Climate Change.

Summit:

**Shifting Seasons 3 Summit
October 6-8, 2020, Menominee
Conference Center, Keshena, WI**
Hosted by the College of Menominee and respective partners. More information coming soon.

Conference:

**28th Annual EPA Region 9/
Tribal Conference**

**October 19-22, Harrah's Lake
Tahoe, CA.**

Early bird registration opens April 1st and closes July 31st. For more conference information, contact spenvironmental@sanpasqualtribe.org or Vanessa at 760-651-5151, vanessam@sanpasqualtribe.org