# Forty-Third Annual National Indian Timber Symposium

*"500 Years of Change"*June 10 – 13, 2019



Hosted by:
Intertribal Timber Council
& Seminole Tribe of Florida
At the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, FL

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Host: Seminole Tribe of Florida Hollywood, FL

#### Welcome

The Seminole Tribe of Florida welcomes you to the Intertribal Timber Council's 43rd Annual Symposium being held at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, FL. Come experience the beauty and unpredictability of peninsular Florida. This year's symposium will be held at the end of our wildfire season so don't be surprised to see smoke in the air in close proximity to thunderstorms as you fly into the Fort Lauderdale airport. Symposium attendees will get chances to see famous Florida images of the Everglades, alligators, sunshine, and after meeting outings to the beaches and casinos. Hotels are just a few minutes from the airport with convenient shuttle buses to most locations. Most activities will be held at the Hard Rock Casino and Event Center or the Big Cypress Reservation. Local outings and events are available for the entire family including airboat tours, swamp safaris, and the beaches. We look forward to seeing you in June. SHO NA BISH.

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#### **Tuesday, June 11, 2019**

Moderator Stacy Myers, Acting Exec. Director, ERM Dept., Seminole Tribe of Florida,

Hollywood, FL

**Location** Hard Rock Hotel & Casino: Terrace Ballroom

7:00 am Registration Opens

Exhibits Open

Raffle Begins

8:00 - 8:30 Opening Ceremonies

Invocation

Bobby Henry, Tampa Cultural Center Dir., Seminole Tribe of Florida, Tampa, FL

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Welcomes

Marcellus W. Osceola, Jr., Chairman, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Hollywood, FL

Mitchell Cypress, President, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Hollywood, FL

Vernon Stearns, Jr., President, Intertribal Timber Council

8:30 – 9:30 Keynote: Health of the Land in the Southeast and Connection to Fire

Cecil Frost Ph.D., Landscape Fire Ecologist Research Collaborator, University of

North Carolina, Rougemont, NC

9:30 - 10:00 Morning Break

10:00 - 11:00 Host Tribe Presentation

Bobby Frank, Hollywood Cultural Ctr. Dir., Seminole Tribe of Florida, Hollywood,

FL

Joe Frank, Big Cypress Board Rep., Seminole Tribe of Florida, Hollywood, FL

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Panel 1: Hydrology Changes Over Time

**Moderator** Dorothy F. Sifuentes, Ph.D., Supervisory Hydrologist, USGS Caribbean-Florida

Water Science Center, Davie, FL

Panel 1 will look at two examples of tribes working to overcome hydrological changes to improve the land health. Water is the basic element of life and overlooked as how it pertains to forest and fire management. Water quality and quantity can be the most important factor in the resiliency of the land before and

after the fires.

#### 11:00 - 11:30

#### Seminole Native Area Water Quality Analysis and Interpretation?

Surface water quality analyzed using whole genome RNA Sequencing and Quantitative PCR Analysis to detect and quantify all microbes (bacteria, viruses, fungi, parasites and protozoa). Water quality samples were obtained from natural condition, Mixed Wetland Hardwood, Inland Slough, and Cypress Dome habitats and compared. Surface water quality samples were also obtained from nearby Central Southern Florida Flood Control/South Florida Water Management District canals and are compared with the natural area results.

Lisa Meday, ERMD, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Hollywood, FL

Nwadiuto Esiobu, Professor, Florida Atlantic University / Consultant, Applied Biotech Inc., Plantation, FL

Brian Mercer, Microbiology Director, Florida Spectrum Environmental Laboratories, Fort Lauderdale, FL

#### 11:30 - 12:00

## Managing Land for Water in the Southwest: Realities & Challenges in a Changing Climate

This presentation will focus on ecological restoration and other land management activities, both natural and anthropogenic, which have direct and indirect impacts to water runoff and capture within different biomes and locations within their watersheds. The adaptation and use of multiple management techniques, including application and timing, is crucial to their success when coping with the climactic changes occurring in the desert southwest on the San Carlos Apache Reservation.

Paul Buck, Supervisory Soil Conservationist, San Carlos Apache Tribe, San Carlos, AZ

#### <u>12:00 - 1:15</u>

#### **ITC Luncheon**

#### 1:15 - 2:30 pm

#### Panel 2: Changes in Fire Management Through the Years

Moderator

Jim Schortemeyer, Former Wildlife Biologist, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, Naples, FL

Panel 2 will look at two examples of how fire has stayed on the landscape and how the two areas have utilized fire and responded to wildfire to promote the health of the land. The First Nations people have a very long history of positive use of fire and mitigation of the negative effects while the southeastern states learned from tribes on how to use fire and resisted the efforts to remove fire from the landscape. The two speakers have similar messages from dissimilar habitats thousands of miles apart.

#### 1:15 - 1:45

#### Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation - BC First Nations Perspective

This presentation will provide an overview of the First Nations burning practices based on research and interviews with Elders regarding traditional burning practices. We are seeking to gather First Nations values, objectives & practices, and combine that knowledge through contemporary Provincial burn plans, with the intent of developing of a burn plan that meets both objectives and seek

implementation for reserve lands and adjacent crown lands. Plans are in place for a spring 2019 burn with the Xwisten First Nation and Shacken Band.

Jeff Eustache, RFT Manager Forest Fuel Mgmt. Dept., First Nations' Emergency Services Society-Kamloops Regional Office, Kamloops, BC

#### 1:45 - 2:15

#### Keeping the Flames: How Tall Timbers Legacy of Prescribed Fire can Solve America's Wildfire Trap

Tall Timbers was formed from the refusal of southern game managers to abandon woods burning during the U.S. Forest Service focus on fire suppression. The consequences of removing fire from North American forests has been catastrophic for biodiversity and society. This talk presents recent efforts to expand the culture of fire from the SE United States to northern and western forests. Critical to this effort is rediscovery of our connection to fire, innovative policies, traditional ecological knowledge, and new science to overcome risks to increasingly complex landscapes.

Eric Rowell, Wildland Fire Scientist, Tall Timbers, Tallahassee, FL

#### 2:15-2:30

#### Video & Question and Answer

#### 2:30 - 3:00

#### Afternoon Break

#### <u>3:00 - 4:30</u>

### Panel 3: Workforce Development: The Emerging Needs and Opportunities for Tribal Forestry and Our Federal Partners

Coordinator

Adrian Leighton, Director, SKC TREES, Polson, MT

**Moderator** 

Stephanie Cowherd, Forest and Ecosystem Services Program Associate, Ecotrust, Portland, OR

Speaker(s)

James Allen, Ph.D., Professor and Executive Director, Northern Arizona University, School of Forestry, Flagstaff, AZ

Serra Hoagland, Ph.D., Certified Wildlife Biologist Liaison Officer, U.S. Forest Service, RMRS, Fire, Fuels & Smoke Program, Missoula, MT

Cody Desautel, Natural Resources Director, Colville Tribes, Nespelem, WA

Kelly Hetzler, Inventory & Planning Forester, BIA-NWRO, Portland, OR

This round-table discussion will explore some of the complex issues around work force development and the many different threads that it contains including youth opportunities, higher education, technician training and professional development. This diverse group of panelists will share their experiences and attempts to meet some of the challenges around providing a skilled, diverse and prepared workforce to meet the needs of tribes and their federal partners for the years to come and address the role that ITC can play in finding opportunities to meet these needs.

#### 4:30

#### **Adjourn**

#### 6:00 pm

#### Host Tribe Welcome Dinner at the Fort Lauderdale Grand Hotel

#### Wednesday, June 12, 2019

#### 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

#### **Big Cypress Reservation Tribal Tour**

Buses depart the Hard Rock Casino & Hotel. Lunch provided at the Big Cypress Rodeo arena. The Seminole Tribe of Florida was driven to small plots of lands on the fringe of the Everglades in the 1800's. These lands do not support traditional economic forestry practices. Therefore, the tribe learned to utilize the lands for other resources and committed to conserving the natural lands for traditional and cultural needs of the members. Visitors will get to see some history of the tribe and land management practices utilized since the 1960's.

#### Stop 1: Seminole Cattle and History with the Tribe

The Seminoles' relationship with cattle has endured for centuries. Prior to their arrival in Florida and subsequent designation as Seminoles, Creek Indians in Alabama and Georgia were engaged in cattle production. By 1740, the followers of the Oconee Creek leader, Cowkeeper, established Florida's largest settlement in the Alachua area. Continued aggression between the Seminoles and European-American settlers over cattle and grazing lands contributed significantly to starting the Second (1835-1842) and Third Seminole Wars (1855-1858), which reduced the Seminole population to around 200. After the Civil War, Seminole families in Big Cypress and around Lake Okeechobee raised cattle despite harassment by rustlers. A new era of Seminole cattle ranching began in the 1930s, when the Dania and Brighton Seminoles acquired starter herds. The Seminole Tribe established the Indian Livestock Association in 1939. In 1944, they created separate cattle enterprises for Brighton and Big Cypress, with the Central Tribal Cattle Organization providing general supervision. Seminoles banded with other Native American stockmen in 1974 to form the National American Indian Cattlemen's Association. Today, the Seminole Tribe is one of Florida's leading beef producers.

Alex Johns, Director of NR, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Brighton Reservation, FL

#### Stop 2: Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, Collection, and Village Tour

The Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum is home to more than 180,000 unique artifacts and archival items featuring five exhibit galleries. The permanent galleries also provide a glimpse into life as a Seminole in the late 19th century. A must see is our expansive mile-long boardwalk where visitors can gain a deeper understanding of the Florida Everglades flora and fauna, while delighting their senses of sight, sounds and smell.

#### Stop 3: Billie Swamp Safari

Whether its airboat rides, swamp buggy tours or live alligator shows, Billie Swamp Safari is the perfect destination to experience the Everglades. Each year, thousands explore 2,200 acres of untamed Florida Everglades.

#### Stop 4: Big Cypress Native Area Management

The Big Cypress Native Area is highly impacted by past land use. Narrow gauge rails for timber, roads for the great swamp sale, ditches and canals for citrus and row crops, invasive plants and animals, drought, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires are some of the major impacts on the landscape. Recent tribal member management plans requested focus be placed on managing the natural plants and animals for their cultural importance. Restoring the hydrology, allowing natural and prescribed fires, and removing invasives combine work to heal the land from the past and ensure the culture for the future.

Michael Lightsey, Field OS-Brighton, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Okeechobee, FL Anthony Curella, Field OS-Big Cypress, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Clewiston, FL

#### General Membership Meeting at the Holiday Inn-Fort Lauderdale Airport

#### Thursday, June 13, 2019

**Moderator** Will Putman, Forestry Director, Tanana Chiefs Conference, Fairbanks, AK

**Location** Hard Rock Hotel & Casino: Terrace Ballroom

7:30 am Registration Opens

Exhibits Open

Raffle Continues

8:00 - 8:20 ITC President's Report

Vernon Stearns, Jr., ITC President / Fuels Manager, Spokane Tribe, Wellpinit, WA

**Updates** 

8:20 - 8:40 Office of Wildland Fire

Jeff Rupert, Director, DOI, Office of Wildland Fire, Washington, D.C.

8:40 - 9:00 Bureau of Indian Affairs

Peter Wakeland, Chief, BIA-Office of Trust Services, DFWFM, Washington, D.C.

<u>9:00 – 9:20</u> <u>Legislative</u>

Matt Hill, Information & Research Specialist, Lone Rock Strategies, Washington, D.C.

9:20 – 9:40 <u>U.S. Forest Service, Office of Tribal Relations</u>

Fred Clark, Director, USDA Forest Service, Office of Tribal Relations, Washington, D.C.

9:40 - 9:45 Workshop Introductions

9:45 - 10:00 Retire Colors

Veterans Group, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Hollywood, FL

<u>10:00 - 10:30</u> <u>Morning Break</u>

10:30 am - 4:30 pm Workshop 1: Contracts and Consultations

**Coordinator/Moderator** Leon Ben, Jr., Chief, BIA, Branch of Wildland Fire Management, Boise, ID

**Location** Hard Rock Hotel & Casino: Salon East 1/2/3

This workshop will provide information on the benefits and cost of contracting forestry and fire programs along with changes in the contracting formats and expectations. Two long-standing programs give insight on the highs and lows of

contracts and show how to work efficiently within the contracting system.

10:30 - 11:00 am 638 Contracts

Sunshine Jordan, Chief, Office of Indian Services, Division of Self-Determination, BIA,

Washington, D.C.

11:00 - 11:30 Compact Tribal Programs

Sharee Freeman, Director, DOI, Office of Self-Determination, BIA, Washington, D.C.

(Invited)

11:30 am - 12:00 pm Cooperative Agreements

Joshua Simmons, Director-Fire Operations, BIA, Branch of Wildland Fire Mgmt.,

Boise, ID

12:00 - 1:00	Lunch (provided)		
1:00 - 1:45	Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Program Overview		
	Tom Lowry, Senior Director of Natural Resources, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Talihina, OK		
1:45 - 2:30	Yakama Nation Program Overview		
	Phil Rigdon, Deputy Director, Yakama Nation, Department of Natural Resources, Yakama, WA		
2:30 - 2:45	Afternoon Break		
2:45 - 3:15	Cooperative Agreement Invoice Assistance		
	Joanne Metcalfe, Certified Grant Specialist, BIA, Reston, VA		
3:15 - 3:45	Question and Answer		
3:45 - 4:30	Workshop 1 Summary		
10:30 am - 4:30 pm	Workshop 2: Funding Opportunities for Tribes		
Coordinator	Don Motanic, Technical Specialist, Intertribal Timber Council, Portland, OR		
Moderator	Alicia Bell-Sheeter, Policy Analyst, U.S. Forest Service, Office of Tribal Relations,		
	Washington, D.C.		
Location	Hard Rock Hotel & Casino: Salon East 4/5/6		
	This workshop will be a showcase of private, foundation, and natural resource funding opportunities and processes available to tribes.		
10:30 - 10:35 am	Workshop Overview		
	Don Motanic, Technical Specialist, Intertribal Timber Council, Portland, OR		
10:35 - 11:15	Farm Bill: Tribal Forestry 638		
	Colby Duren, Director, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative, Fayetteville, AR		
11:15 am - 12:00 pm	Funding Sources: Federal, Foundation and Private		
	Dawn Houle, President / CEO, SunSinger Consulting, LLC, North Potomac, MD		
12:00 - 1:15	Lunch (provided)		
1:15 - 2:00	U.S. Forest Service Funding Opportunities and Processes		
	Alicia Bell-Sheeter, Policy Analyst, U.S. Forest Service, Office of Tribal Relations, Washington, D.C.		
2:00 - 2:30	USDA NRCS Funding Opportunities and Processes		
	Barry Hamilton, National Tribal Relations Liaison, USDA NRCS, Washington, D.C.		
2:30 - 2:45	Afternoon Break		
2:45 - 3:15	BIA Funding Opportunities and Processes		
	Travis Britton, Rangeland Management Specialist, BIA, Pacific Regional Office, Sacramento, CA		
3:15 - 3:45	Speaker Discussion: Coordinating Federal and Other Funding		
3:45 - 4:30	Workshop 2 Summary		

10:30 am - 4:30 pm Workshop 3: Indigenous Use of Fire Coordinator lim Durglo, Wildland Fire Technical Specialist, ITC Contractor, St. Ignatius, MT **Moderator** Zachary A Prusak, Fire Manager, The Nature Conservancy, Maitland, FL Location Hard Rock Hotel & Casino: Salon West 1/2/3 This workshop will provide background and provide some relevance from research and consideration of climate disturbance, to the importance of recognizing the Tribal worldview of allowing fire to take a more natural role on the landscape. Most Tribal managers understand that fire is an ecological necessity to create landscapes that provide benefits to tribal lifeways. We will explore various aspects of way Tribes are using fire management to provide resource benefit. 10:30 - 10:45 am **Workshop Overview** Jim Durglo, Wildland Fire Technical Specialist, ITC Contractor, St. Ignatius, MT 10:45 - 11:30 Future Fire 2.0 Mark Finney, Research Forester, U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mt. Research Station, Missoula, MT The Implications of a Changing Climate 11:30 am - 12:15 pm Gary Morishima, Technical Advisor, Quinault Indian Nation, Bellevue, WA Lunch (provided) 12:15 - 12:45 12:45 - 1:30 Case Study 1: San Carlos Apache Tribe Tribal Managers will provide case studies showing how their respective fire programs are using wildfire and/or prescribed fire to provide benefits to tribal cultural, traditional resources on their landscapes. Marvin Victor, Jr, Timber Sale Forester, San Carlos Apache Tribe, San Carlos, AZ 1:30 - 2:15 Case Study 2: Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes Art Trahan, Fuels Tech II, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Division of Fire, Ronan, MT 2:15 - 2:30 Afternoon Break Case Study 3: Seminole Tribe of Florida 2:30 - 3:15Grant Steelman, Forester / FMO, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Clewiston, FL 3:15 - 4:00Case Study 4: Karuk Tribe Bill Tripp, Deputy Director Eco-Cultural Revitalization, Karuk Tribe, Orleans, CA 4:00 - 4:30 Workshop 3 Summary 4:00 Raffle Closes 4:30 **Adjourn** 5:00 pm Annual Business Meeting at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino: Salon East 4/5/6

Annual Awards Banquet at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino: Terrace Ballroom

6:30 pm

Event Schedule							
Day	Time	Description	Location				
	8:00 am to 4:00 pm	WS 1: Swamp Buggy Tour	Off Property				
	8:00 am to 4:00 pm	WS 2: Traditional Seminole Craft	HRH&C: Salon East 2/3				
	8:00 am to 4:00 pm	WS 3: Wildland Fire Update	HRH&C: Terrace Ballroom A/B				
	8:00 am to 4:00 pm	WS 4: Everglades Tree Island Tour	Off Property				
Monday, June 10	8:00 am to 5:00 pm	WS 5: Lidar, Drones, Inventory, Production,	HRH&C: Salon East 4/5/6				
		& Investment for Working Forests					
	11:45 am to 1:00 pm	Workshop Attendee Lunch	HRH&C: Terrace Corridor C/D				
	2:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Exhibitor Set Up	HRH&C: Terrace Ballroom Pre-Function				
	4:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Registration	HRH&C: Terrace Ballroom Pre-Function				
	5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Icebreaker	HRH&C: Terrace Corridor C/D				
	7:00 am to 4:30 pm	Registration & Raffle	HRH&C: Terrace Ballroom Pre-Function				
Tuesday,	7:00 am to 4:30 pm	Exhibits	HRH&C: Terrace Ballroom Pre-Function				
June 11	8:00 am to 4:30 pm	Symposium General Session	HRH&C: Terrace Ballroom				
	12:00 pm to 1:15 pm	ITC Luncheon	HRH&C: Terrace Ballroom				
	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Host Tribe Welcome Dinner	*Fort Lauderdale Grand Hotel				
Wednesday,	8:00 am to 4:30 pm	Big Cypress Reservation Tribal Tour	Off Property				
June 12	5:30 pm to 7:30 pm	General Membership Meeting	**Holiday Inn Fort Lauderdale Airport				
	7:30 am to 4:00 pm	Registration & Raffle	HRH&C: Terrace Ballroom Pre-Function				
	7:30 am to 4:00 pm	Exhibits	HRH&C: Terrace Ballroom Pre-Function				
	8:00 am to 9:40 am	Symposium General Session	HRH&C: Terrace Ballroom				
Thursday	10:30 am to4:30 pm	WS 1: Contracts and Consultations	HRH&C: Salon East 1/2/3				
June 13	10:30 am to 4:30 pm	WS 2: Funding Opportunities for Tribes	HRH&C: Salon East 4/5/6				
Julie 13	10:30 am to 4:30 pm	WS 3: Indigenous Use of Fire	HRH&C: Salon West 1/2/3				
	12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Boxed Lunches	HRH&C: Terrace Ballroom Pre-Function				
	5:00 pm to 6:30 pm	Annual Business Meeting	HRH&C: Salon East 4/5/6				
	6:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Annual Awards Banquet	HRH&C: Terrace Ballroom				
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*Fort Lauderdale Grand Hotel, 4900 Powerline Rd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309							
**Holiday Inn Fort Lauderdale Airport, 2905 Sheridan St, Hollywood, FL 33020							

Shuttle Schedule						
Day	Time	Pick Up	Drop Off	Event / Return		
Monday, June 10	6:30 am to 10:00 am	Holiday Inn	Hard Rock	Every 15 minutes		
	8:00 am to 4:00 pm	Hard Rock Hotel Pick up at 8:00 am	Hard Rock Hotel Drop off at 4:00 pm	Monday Pre-Symposium Workshops 1 & 4		
	3:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Holiday Inn	Hard Rock Hotel	Every 15 minutes		
Tuesday, June 11	6:30 am to 11:30 am	Holiday Inn	Hard Rock Hotel	Every 15 minutes		
	3:00 pm to 5:30 pm	Hard Rock Hotel	Holiday Inn	Every 15 minutes		
	6:00 pm	Holiday Inn Pick up at 6:00 pm	Fort Lauderdale Grand Hotel	Host Tribe Welcome Dinner Return at 9:00 pm		
	6:00 pm	Hard Rock Hotel Pick up at 6:00 pm	Fort Lauderdale Grand Hotel	Host Tribe Welcome Dinner Return at 9:00 pm		
Wednesday, June 12	7:45 am – 4:30 pm	Hard Rock Hotel Coaches load at 7:30 am	Hard Rock Hotel Drop off at 4:30 pm	Tribal Tour		
	8:00 am to 4:30 pm	Holiday Inn Coaches load at 7:30 am	Holiday Inn Drop off at 4:30 pm	Tribal Tour		
	5:00 pm	Hard Rock Hotel Pick up at 5:00 pm	Holiday Inn	General Membership Mtg Return at 7:30 pm		
Thursday, June 13	7:00 am to 11:30 am	Holiday Inn	Hard Rock Hotel	Every 15 minutes		
	3:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Hard Rock Hotel	Holiday Inn	Every 15 minutes		
Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, 1 Seminole Way, Hollywood, FL 33314						
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