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# The CO-OP CONNECTION

## THE CLASS OF 2009

Eight students graduated this spring in the combined Forest Service and BIA SCEPT programs. They are as follows:

**Kanisa Davie**, BIA SCEPT, graduated from Oklahoma State University in May with her degree in Wildlife Biology.

**Jeremy Eubanks**, Forest Service SCEPT, graduated from Oklahoma State University with his Bachelor's Degree in Forestry. Jeremy has converted to the Cherokee National Forest in Tennessee.

**Lori Gould**, BIA SCEPT, graduated from Salish-Kootenai in Forestry and works for Confederated Salish-Kootenai Tribal Forestry.

**Galen Hall**, BIA SCEPT, received his Bachelor's Degree in Range Management from the University of Montana. Galen is home in Browning, MT, working for the Blackfeet Tribe.

**Craig Longshore**, Forest Service SCEPT, also graduated from Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Forestry. He converted to the Lolo National Forest in Montana. Craig follows his brothers, Colby and Coy (FS) and cousin Caleb Cain (BIA) through our SCEPT program and Oklahoma State University. All four are now at work in Washington and Montana.

**Marci Moore**, BIA SCEPT, graduated from Salish-Kootenai College in June with her Degree in Forestry. Marci converted to Fort Bidwell Indian Community, California

**Robert Nix**, BIA SCEPT, received his Bachelor's Degree in Forestry from Oklahoma State University. Robert converted to Fort Apache Agency, Whiteriver, AZ.

## New Forest Service SCEPs

Eight students have been appointed to the Forest Service SCEP program this year. They are as follows:

**Orlando Cortez** is Navajo from Aztec, New Mexico. He recently received his Associate's degree from SIPI, and is attending New Mexico State University this fall majoring in Range. He has accepted a SCEP position at Mt. Taylor Ranger District, Cibola National Forest.

**Joshua Hewett** is a SCEP in the FS LEO program. Josh is from Doniphan, Missouri and attends Hannibal-LaGrange College majoring in Criminal Justice. Josh worked last summer in Vienna, IL on the Shawnee National Forest.

**Deborah Kirk** is Cherokee from Tennessee. She has received her Associate's degree from Haskell Indian Nations University and is attending the University of Arkansas – Monticello this fall to major in Forestry. Deborah has accepted a SCEP position on the Cherokee National Forest.

**John Littlefield** is Cherokee from Flagstaff, Arizona. He has a Bachelor's degree and is pursuing a Master's, both in Geology from Northern Arizona University. John has accepted a SCEP position in Hydrology on the Flathead National Forest in Montana.

**Cherie Owens** is Navajo from New Mexico. She attends New Mexico State University majoring in Range Management and has accepted a SCEP position at the Glenwood Ranger District, Gila National Forest, New Mexico.

**James Redhouse Jr.** attends Southern Utah University in Cedar City, UT. James has accepted a SCEP position in Civil Engineering with the Dixie National Forest in Cedar City.

**Alexander Schwartz** is Cherokee from Oklahoma and attends Oklahoma State University majoring in Natural Resources Ecology & Management. His SCEP position is in Forestry on the Escalante Ranger District, Dixie National Forest, Escalante, UT.

**Terinda Whisenant** is Eastern Band Cherokee from North Carolina. She attends Western Carolina University and has accepted a SCEP position in Forestry on the Cherokee National Forest.

## Food for Thought

In matters of style, swim with the current, in matters of principle, stand like a rock.

- Thomas Jefferson

Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.

- Martin Luther King

## BIA Sponsors Summer Youth Program

Menominee Trust Resources Director (and NCCE alumni) Chris Caldwell and Natural Resources Liaison Doug Eifler put their heads together this summer and came up with a Summer Youth Program sponsored by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Three high-school students took part in the program at Menominee, working under the leadership of NCCE SCEP student Adrian Ackley. The students are Denise Dodge (left) the surveyor, Camilo Perez (bottom), the bear trapper and Darrin McPherson, (right) the tree-hugger.

The program started June 25 and the students attended Orientation and a ground-breaking ceremony for Historic Preservation; helped with a bear monitoring project; tallied, paced and took compass shots and basal areas for check plots in the timber marking areas; correctively pruned over 40 acres of white pine; surveyed culverts on forest roads with Environmental services; and eradicated an invasive species (buckthorn) on one acre of land in a joint effort between Menominee Tribe and Menominee County. They also visited the University of Wisconsin – Madison and the USDA Forest Products Laboratory.



## New NCCE/BIA SCEP Students Appointed

Seven new NCCE SCEP students were appointed in March 2009. Six of the seven, along with two summer 2009 BIA STEP students, attended orientation at Haskell Indian Nations University in May. The new SCEP students are as follows:

**Shawn Blackman** is Blackfeet from Montana. She attends Salish-Kootenai College majoring in Forestry and is worked this summer at Navajo, Ft. Defiance Agency.

**Weston Cain** is Cherokee from Oklahoma. He attends Eastern Oklahoma State University, and expects to transfer to Oklahoma State University for forestry in 2010. He was at Yakima Agency in Washington for the summer. (Yes, he's part of that Longshore/Cain family mentioned on the front page).

**Jamie Cordray** is Lac Courte Oreilles from Wisconsin. She has her Associate's Degree from Lac Courte Oreilles Community College and has transferred to New Mexico State University to major in Range Management. Jamie worked at Yakima Agency this summer.

**Danielle LaPlant** is Blackfeet from Montana. She attends the University of Montana where she majors in Resources Management. Danielle worked this summer for Blackfeet Agency in Browning, MT.

**Nick Reed** is Eastern Band Cherokee from Cherokee, NC. Nick attends Haskell Indian Nations University where he majors in Environmental Science. He worked this summer for Cherokee Agency.

**Tyrel Ten Bear** is a member of the Crow Tribe from Montana. He attends Montana State University of Bozeman, MT. where he majors in Fish & Wildlife. Tyrel worked for Crow Tribal Forestry and Crow Agency this summer.

**Rochelle Reyes** is a member of the Assinobioine Nation of the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation in Montana. She graduated with her Associates Degree last year from Fort Belknap Community College and now attends the University of Montana majoring in Forestry. Rochelle worked this summer for the BIA Rocky Mountain Regional Office out of Billings, MT.

## Eifler's to Botswana

Natural Resources Liaison **Doug Eifler** received a Fulbright Fellowship to teach in Botswana for the 2009-2010 school year. He is at the University of Botswana in Gaborone, Botswana, where he teaches several classes, writes curriculum for the science department and hopes to do some research on the nearby Kalahari Desert. Doug was accompanied on the trip by his wife, Maria, and son Mitchell. Maria posts letters and pictures on the web – if you want access or more information, contact the Eifler's at [deifler@haskell.edu](mailto:deifler@haskell.edu).



## Our Amazing Alumni.....

Jim Archuleta, right, is Soil Scientist on the Umpqua National Forest, Roseburg, OR. Among his accomplishments, Jim has patented several pieces of equipment, including the big yellow thing in the picture. Jim is SEPM on his forest and another of Jim's accomplishments is, perhaps, being our first alumni to answer to the name "Grandpa."



Amy Hedinger, left, is a Forest Service SCEP alumna. She graduated from Oklahoma State University in Forestry, and converted to the Nebraska NF. Amy is now a Forester on the Rogue River National Forest, Power RD in Powers, Oregon.

## Bumper Crop of STEP Students This Summer

We had another big crop of temporary students this summer. Here they are, starting with the Bureau of Indian Affairs STEPs.

**Daryl Lorenzo Jr.**, Navajo from Ramah, NM attends Northern Arizona University in Forestry. Daryl worked summer for Ramah Navajo Chapter – Natural Resources, Forestry out of the Southwest Regional Office in Albuquerque.

**Tanya Velarde** is Jicarilla Apache from Dulce, NM. She graduated from Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) this spring. Tanya worked at Yakima for the summer.

**Cierra Bradley**, Kaibab, high school student from Fredonia, Arizona worked on the Kaibab Indian Reservation.

**Kallie Pretty On Top**, Crow, worked for Crow Agency in Montana in the supervisor's office.

**Denise Dodge, Camilo Perez and Darrin McPherson**, high school students, worked with the Menominee Tribe in Kashena, Wisconsin.

Forest Service STEPS:

**Kimberly Begay**, Navajo, attends Northern Pioneer College in Arizona and fought fire at Tusayan on the Kaibab National Forest.

**Lisa Bighorse**, Navajo, fought fire from Pine Valley Ranger Station, Dixie National Forest in Utah. Lisa attends Salish-Kootenai College in Ronan, Montana.

**Terilyn Billie**, Navajo, attends Haskell and worked this summer on the Stanley Ranger District, Sawtooth National Forest in Idaho.

**Clark Bockhahn** attends Oklahoma State University and spent the summer at the San Juan National Forest SO in Durango, Colorado.

**Winston Dan**, Navajo, attends Pima Community College and worked out of Tusayan RD on the Kaibab National Forest.

**Charmayne Dayaye** is White Mountain Apache and attends SIPI. She worked for the summer at the Blackduck Ranger Station, Chippewa NF, in Minnesota.

**Warren Edaakie**, from Isleta Pueblo, attends New Mexico State University and worked on the Springerville RD, Apache-Sitgreaves NF in Arizona.

**Wayne Francisco**, White Mountain Apache, attends Haskell and worked on the Beaver RD, Manti-LaSal National Forest in Utah.

**William Hacker**, Rosebud Sioux from South Dakota and Haskell student, worked this summer in Chemult, Oregon, Chemult RD, Fremont-Winema NF.

**Jennifer Keahnah**, Kickapoo from Oklahoma and Haskell student, worked at Evanston, Wyoming on the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NF.

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Sisters **Jessica** and **Rachel Lackey**, Cherokee from California and Haskell students, worked on the Saguache Ranger District, Rio Grande National Forest in Colorado. **Franklin Lewis**, Haskell student from Oklahoma, fought fire on the Dixie NF, Escalante Ranger District.

**Daryl Lucero** attends New Mexico State University and worked this summer on the Ashley National Forest in Utah.

**Victor Mace**, who attends the University of New Mexico, worked on the Rifle RD, White River National Forest, in Colorado.

**Christopher Marshall**, Haskell student from Oklahoma, worked on the Chemult RD, Fremont-Winema National Forest.

**Marla McCance**, Haskell student from Oklahoma, worked on the Goosenest Ranger District, Klamath National Forest.

**Julie Neeld**, Oklahoma State University, worked at the Mt. Hough/Quincy Ranger District, Plumas NF.

**Ariel Paxson**, White Mountain Apache from Arizona and Haskell student, worked this summer at Hungry Horse RD, Flathead National Forest in Montana.

**Carol Red Wing**, Haskell student from Nebraska, worked at the Chemult RD, Fremont-Winema National Forest.

**Jaclyn Scott** attends Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute in Albuquerque and fought fire this summer out of the Cedar City RD, Dixie NF, in Utah.

**Todd Siow**, SIPI student from New Mexico, worked this summer at the Kemmerer RD, Bridger-Teton National Forest.

**Skyler Stanley**, White Mountain Apache and Haskell student, fought fire this summer out of Logan Ranger District, Uinta Wasatch-Cache National Forest.

**Rodney Steve**, from Wisconsin, worked with Rocky Mountain Research Station out of Ogden, UT.

**Holly Tanner**, Haskell student from Oklahoma, fought fire on the Gila National Forest, Glenwood RD.

**Jaya Tessay**, White Mountain Apache and Haskell student, fought fire this summer for the Escalante RD, Dixie NF in Utah.

**Ian Velasquez**, SIPI student from San Felipe Pueblo, New Mexico, worked this summer at the Fremont River RD, Fishlake NF, Utah.

**Anastasia Watson**, Haskell student from Oklahoma, worked on the Evanston RD, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NF, in Wyoming.

**Martin Wind**, Haskell student from Oklahoma, worked at the Bailey RD, Pike-San Isobel National Forest, in Colorado.

## Odds & ENDS

- ✚ Alumni – please send pictures! I know you are out there doing interesting things in beautiful places and I love to share your pictures with our readers.
- ✚ Brenda and Elaine will be at the AISES Conference in Portland, Oregon the end of October. Look for us in booth 252 at the Career Fair on October 30, 2009.
- ✚ Students, don't forget the photo contest. Send photos in one of three categories – People, Work and Nature – to Brenda Woods-Brown. We award prizes to the best photographers and use the pictures in our display.



- ✚ BABIES - left, Aaron Andrew Cain, born March 2009 to Caleb and Elise, Crow Agency, Montana - right, Eva Germaine Ackley, born September 2009 to Adrian and Anna, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.
- ✚ NCCE students – please get us a copy of your resume by the first of the year.