

Forty-Sixth Annual National Indian Timber Symposium

"Landscape: The Forest Through the Trees"

June 12 - 15, 2023



Hosted by:

**Intertribal Timber Council & Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
At the Northern Lights Casino, Hotel & Event Center in Walker, MN**

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Host: Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Walker, MN

Welcome

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe welcomes you to the Intertribal Timber Council's Forty-Sixth Annual National Indian Timber Symposium held at the Northern Lights Casino, Hotel & Event Center in Walker, MN. This year's theme is "Landscape: The Forest Through the Trees." What does it mean to see the forest through the trees? This is an idea the Leech Lake Reservation has been spending considerable time with. A forest's benefits extend far beyond the financial value of its timber and other commercial products. The Leech Lake Band, members, and staff define their forests as relatives to live with, not to lord over. These forests offer sustenance for band members and wildlife alike. It also provides medicine and identity. Succinctly put, the forest is home. During the symposium we would like to impress these ideas and welcome you to enjoy the forests of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

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Monday, June 12, 2023

Pre-Symposium Workshops Require Additional Registration Fee

7:00 – 8:00 am

Pre-Symposium Workshop Registration for Workshop Attendees

Fees for the optional Pre-Symposium Workshops directly fund the Truman D. Picard Scholarship, dedicated to Native students pursuing an education in Natural Resources. Workshop attendees should check in at the registration desk at this time to pick up name tags. Full registration starts at 4:00 pm.

Location

Northern Lights Casino Event Center

8:00 am – 3:30 pm

Pre-Symposium Workshop 1: USDA-NRCS Funding & Opportunities

Coordinator

Keith Karnes, Forestry Director, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Cass Lake, MN

Moderator

Jessica Weis, Initiatives Coordinator, USDA-NRCS, St. Paul, MN

Location

Northern Lights Casino Event Center

Deadline / Limit

Register online by June 6, 2023 (50 maximum)

Description

Private lands opportunities for Indian Country

8:00 – 10:00 am

USDA NRCS Technical and Financial Assistance

Jessica Weis, Initiatives Coordinator, USDA-NRCS, St. Paul, MN

Candi Fuller, District Conservationist, USDA-NRCS, Baxter, MN

10:00 – 10:30

Break

10:30 – 11:15

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Private Lands

Andy Kernan, Private Forestry Manager, Minnesota DNR, Bemidji, MN

11:15 am – 12:00 pm

USDA-NRCS Success Stories with Grand Portage

Tim Miller, Reservation Forester, Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Grand Portage, MN

Ben Ellefson, Civil Engineering Technician, USDA-NRCS, Duluth, MN

12:00 – 1:00

Lunch (provided)

1:00 – 2:00

USDA-NRCS Practice Standards

Callie Bertsch, State Forester, USDA-NRCS, St. Paul, MN

2:00 – 2:30

USDA-NRCS Success stories with Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

Kate Hagsten, Plants Program Dir., Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Cass Lake, MN

2:30 – 3:00

Break

3:00 – 3:30

USDA-NRCS Success Stories with Nez Perce Tribe

Brian Kummet, Lead Projects Forester, Nez Perce Tribe, Lapwai, ID

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Coordinator

Pre-Symposium Workshop 2: Wildland Fire

Jim Durglo, Wildland Fire Technical Specialist, ITC Contractor, St. Ignatius, MT

Moderator

Vernon Stearns Jr, Fuels Manager, Spokane Tribe, Wellpinit, WA

Location

Northern Lights Casino Event Center & Field Tour Off Property

Deadline / Limit

Register online by June 6, 2023 (50 maximum)

Description

This workshop will provide an opportunity to dialog with the leadership of the wildland fire community and experience local active management practices. Participants will hear directly from local tribal practitioners, partners and learn about the new developments and challenges in wildland fire management.

8:00 – 9:00 am

Restoration of Cultural Landscapes Using Prescribed Fire on Leech Lake Ojibwe Homelands

Keith Karnes, Forestry Director, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Cass Lake, MN

Sean B. Dunham, Ph.D., Heritage Program Manager, U.S. Forest Service, Chippewa National Forest, Cass Lake, MN

9:00 – 10:00

Hazardous Fuels Reduction Funding - Short and Long-term Outlooks / BIA Regional Fuels

Thomas Remus, Fire Management Officer, BIA Midwest Region, Minneapolis, MN

Marty Cassellius, Fuels Specialist, BIA Midwest Region, Minneapolis, MN

Curtis Wayka, Fuels Specialist, Menominee Tribal Enterprises, Neopit, WI

10:00 – 10:30

Break

10:30 – 11:15

Panel: Prescribed Fire Collaboration - Opportunities for Engagement

Facilitator

Mary Huffman, Director, Indigenous People's Burning Network, The Nature Conservancy, Lyons, CO

Panelists

Margo Robbins, Executive Director, Cultural Fire Management Council, Hoopa, CA

Gregory Moon, Fire Chief and Director of Emergency Services, Hoopa Valley Tribe, Hoopa, CA

Tommy Cabe, Forest Resource Specialist, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee, NC

11:15 am – 12:00 pm

Update from BIA NIFC

Aaron Baldwin, Director, BIA Branch of Wildland Fire, Boise, ID

12:00 – 12:45

Lunch (provided)

12:45 – 1:00

Van loading at Northern Lights Casino Event Center

1:00 – 4:00

Field Tour to Visit Active Management on Local Units

Mike Rice, Deputy Fire Staff Officer, U.S. Forest Service, Chippewa National Forest, Grand Rapids, MN

Keith Karnes, Forestry Director, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Cass Lake, MN

8:00 am – 4:00 pm**Coordinator / Instructor****Location****Deadline / Limit****Description****Pre-Symposium Workshop 3: Crafting Rice Knockers**

Dave Bismarck, Surveyor, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Cass Lake, MN

Check in at Northern Lights Casino Event Center from 7:00 am – 7:45 am. Van loading from 7:45 am - 8:00 am for Cass Lake Resource Management.

Register online by June 6, 2023 (30 maximum)

Harvesting wild rice is a practice enjoyed by the Leech Lake Band every August and September as it ripens. Traditional ricing practice involves two people in a canoe. One person uses a ricing pole to maneuver the canoe throughout the rice beds. The other person uses two cedar sticks to “knock” the rice from the plant into the canoe with sticks called knockers. Lunch (provided).

8:00 am – 4:00 pm**Coordinator****Location****Deadline / Limit****Description****Pre-Symposium Workshop 4: Tour of Mississippi Headwaters at Lake Itasca**

BJ Gotchie, Forestry Technician, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Cass Lake, MN

Check in at Northern Lights Casino Event Center from 7:00 am – 7:45 am. Van loading from 7:45 am - 8:00 am to depart for Itasca State Park.

Register online by June 6, 2023 (50 maximum)

The Mississippi River is the backbone of the Leech Lake Reservation. This majestic river’s headwaters are in northern Minnesota at the Itasca State Park. We invite you on a field trip to visit the park and see where the river starts at Lake Itasca. Lunch (provided).

8:00 am – 2:00 pm**Coordinator****Location****Deadline / Limit****Description****Pre-Symposium Workshop 5: Fishing Trip on Leech Lake**

Jamie Mitchell, Chief Conservation Officer, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Cass Lake, MN

Check in at Northern Lights Casino Event Center from 7:00 am – 7:45 am. Van loading from 7:45 am - 8:00 am for Leech Lake.

Register online by May 19, 2023 (35 maximum)

Fishing will be from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Each boat will have a captain/guide. Cash gratuities appreciated. If enough fish are caught there may be an opportunity to help clean fish following the trip. All tackle and poles provided. Fishing license information required by the registration deadline. Lunch (provided).

Symposium Officially Begins**4:00 – 7:00 pm****Symposium Registration for All at the Northern Lights Casino Event Center**

All attendees check in and pick up name tags and symposium materials.

5:00 – 7:00 pm**Host Icebreaker at Northern Lights Casino Event Center: Ballroom**

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and mingle with attendees. Guests welcome. Comedian Rob Fairbanks “Rez Reporter” from Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe at 6:00 pm.

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

Moderator	Annette Drewes, Ph.D., Forest Restoration Partnership Manager, The Nature Conservancy, Bemidji, MN
Location	Northern Lights Casino Event Center: Ballroom
<u>7:00 am</u>	<u>Registration Open / Exhibits Open/ Raffle Begins</u>
<u>8:00 am – 4:30 pm</u>	<u>General Session</u>
8:00 – 8:30	Opening Ceremony Invocation Mike Smith, Jr., Tribal Elder, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Cass Lake, MN Posting of the Colors & Drums Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Honor Guard & Big Red Drum Group, Cass Lake, MN Welcomes Faron Jackson, Sr., Chairman, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Cass Lake, MN Cody Desautel, ITC President / Executive Director, Confederated Tribes of Colville, Nespelem, WA
8:30 – 9:15	Keynote Levi Brown, Retired Environmental Director, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Cass Lake, MN
9:15– 9:30	Featured Guest Speaker Video Message Amy Klobuchar, Senator for Minnesota, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC
9:30 – 10:00	Morning Break
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Land Base and the Return of Tribal Ancestral Lands
Coordinator / Moderator	Tim Beyer, Tribal Lands Consultant, Hudson, WI
Description	Many tribes are starting to see more of their ancestral lands returned to tribal ownership through various means. This session presents three case studies of how tribes are using tools and partnerships to reacquire tribal ancestral lands. The presenters will discuss how their unique acquisitions support their tribal values and goals, align with their acquisition strategy, and how they utilized existing and emerging tools and partnerships to undertake the acquisition, often at little to no cost to the tribe. Case Study 1: Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Ben Benoit, Deer River District Ranger, U.S. Forest Service, Chippewa National Forest, Deer River, MN Christine Herman, Tribal Relations Specialist, U.S. Forest Service, Chippewa National Forest, Cass Lake, MN Case Study 2: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tommy Cabe, Forest Resource Specialist, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee, NC Case Study 3: Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Cathy Chavers, Chairwoman, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Nett Lake, MN Kim Berns-Melhus, State Director, Minnesota, The Conservation Fund, Hugo, MN Rjay Brunkow, CEO and President, Indian Land Capital Company, LLC, Little Canada, MN

12:00 - 1:00	ITC Luncheon (provided) Screening preview of America's Forest with Chuck Leavell. Bruce and Paula Ward, Executive Producers, Denver, CO
1:00 - 2:30	Panel: IFMAT-IV – It's Not Just Another Report Steve Andringa, Forest Manager, Lummi Indian Nation, Bellingham, WA
Coordinator / Moderator	
Description	<p>The Fourth Indian Forest Management Assessment Team (IFMAT-IV) Report is not a report to sit on the shelf, but a document that has found many similar findings from past reports and important differences that make this report unique and a sign of the times. A key difference is the evolution of the relationship between tribes and the BIA which continues to challenge issues such as staffing, technical expertise and self-determination. Join us in a conversation with several members of the IFMAT-IV Team who will share the key points and findings, while keeping in mind the next steps will be the implementation of IFMAT-IV recommendations.</p> <p>Vincent Corrao, President, Northwest Management, Inc., Moscow, ID</p> <p>Adrian Leighton, Director & NR Dean, SKC TREES, Pablo, MT</p> <p>Serra Hoagland, Ph.D., CWB, Tribal Relations Specialist, U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station, Missoula, MT</p> <p>George Smith, President, Pacific Management Associates, North Bend, OR</p> <p>Tim Vredenburg, Director of Forest Management, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, Roseburg, OR</p>
2:30 - 3:00	Afternoon Break
3:00 - 4:30	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (LLBO) Host Presentation Keith Karnes, Forest Director, LLBO, Cass Lake, MN BJ Gotchie, Interagency Fire Restoration Coordinator, LLBO, Cass Lake, MN Kate Hagsten, Plants Program Director, LLBO, Cass Lake, MN Tanya Roerick, Wildlife Biologist, LLBO, Cass Lake, MN
4:30	Adjourn
<u>6:00 - 9:00 pm</u>	<u>Host Welcome Dinner at the Onigum Community Center</u> Invocation, drums, and dancers. Guests welcome.

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (LLBO) Tribal Tour

Coordinator

Brandy Toft, Interim Environmental Director, LLBO, Cass Lake, MN

Location / Description

Bus loading from 7:30 am - 8:00 am at Northern Lights Casino Event Center. Each stop will allow for 2 hours, including driving time to get to next sites. Lunch (provided) at Knutzen Dam. Guests welcome.

Stop 1

Snowshoe Hare Habitat Restoration Tribal Forest Protection Act (TFPA) Pilot Project

This stop was a TFPA proposal submitted to the Chippewa National Forest to restore areas adjacent to northern white cedar lowlands for secondary habitat to assist populations of snowshoe hare, a keystone species on the Leech Lake Reservation.

Tanya Roerick, Wildlife Biologist, LLBO, Cass Lake, MN

Cory Mlodik, Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Forest Service, Chippewa National Forest, Blackduck, MN

Stop 2

Multiple TFPA site for Red Pine Plantation Ecosystem Restoration and Fire Ecology Restoration

This stop will show the initial TFPA project to return red pine plantations to a more ecologically functioning system. It is also a site of TFPA for Fire Restoration which is being set the site up for a return of fire. This stop has also become our 2018 Farm Bill 638 Pilot Authority with USDA Project that is drafted as a combination of plantation thinning/ diversification work while utilizing Reserved Treaty Rights Lands (RTRL) grant funds to work towards eliminating fuel loading to plan for fire restoration.

Keith Karnes, Forestry Director, LLBO, Cass Lake, MN

Michael Stansberry, Forest Supervisor, U.S. Forest Service, Chippewa National Forest, Cass Lake, MN

Stop 3

Lydick Prescribed Burn, Fire Restoration TFPA Site

This stop is one of the first locations where LLBO's Fire Restoration TFPA has prescribed fire that is being restored to the landscape. Ideally, we intend to utilize sites like this as anchor restoration sites that prescribed restorative fire can expand upon in years to come.

BJ Gotchie, Interagency Fire Restoration Coordinator, LLBO, Cass Lake, MN

Mike Rice, Deputy Fire Staff Officer, U.S. Forest Service, Chippewa National Forest, Grand Rapids, MN

Stop 4

RTRL Sand Plains Pine Project Monitoring

This site is utilizing RTRL grant funding to monitor the combination of work being done in a landscape project titled the Sand Plains Pine Project (SP3). SP3 is combining aggressive variable density plantation thinning, hazardous fuels hazard removal (multiple entries) and planned fire to restore this 50,000-acre landscape to a fire dependent community.

Kate Hagsten, Plants Program Director, LLBO, Cass Lake, MN

Annette Drewes, PhD, Forest Restoration Partnership Manager, The Nature Conservancy, Bemidji, MN

5:30 – 7:30 pm

General Membership Meeting at the Northern Lights Casino Event Center

Thursday, June 15, 2023

Moderator	Tommy Cabe, Forest Resource Specialist, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee, NC
Location	Northern Lights Casino Event Center: Ballroom
<u>7:30 am</u>	<u>Registration Open/ Exhibits Open/ Raffle Continues</u>
<u>8:00 am – 10:30 am</u>	<u>General Session: Updates</u>
8:00 – 8:20	ITC President's Report Cody Desautel, ITC President / Executive Director, Confederated Tribes of Colville, Nespelem, WA
8:20 – 8:40	Department of the Interior, Office of Wildland Fire Update Jolie Pollet, Wildfire Risk Reduction Program Coordinator, DOI-OWF, Boise, ID
8:40 – 9:00	Bureau of Indian Affairs Update Peter Wakeland, Chief Forester, BIA, DFWFM, Albuquerque, NM
9:00 – 9:20	Legislative Update Matt Hill, Information & Research Specialist, Lone Rock Strategies, Glide, OR
9:20 – 9:40	U.S. Forest Service, Office of Tribal Relations Update Reed Robinson, Director OTR, U.S. Forest Service, Washington, DC
9:40 – 9:45	Workshop Introductions
9:45 – 10:00	Retire Colors & Drums Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Honor Guard & Big Red Drum Group, Cass Lake, MN
10:00 – 10:30	Morning Break
<u>10:30 am – 4:15 pm</u>	<u>Workshop 1: Cross-Boundary Shared Stewardship Opportunities</u>
Coordinator / Moderator	Keith Karnes, Forestry Director, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Cass Lake, MN
Location	Northern Lights Casino Event Center
Description	Opportunities to work across agencies to achieve successes are as abundant as ever. This workshop will highlight some of these opportunities for collaborative inter-agency work to restore indigenous forest management.
10:30 – 11:15 am	Landscape Scale Restoration & State, Private and Tribal Forestry Margee Haines, Natural Resource Specialist, U.S. Forest Service, Washington, DC
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Arrowhead Project and Lacroix Landscape NEPA Sunny Lucas, LaCroix District Ranger, U.S. Forest Service, Superior National Forest, Cook, MN Juan Martinez, Tribal Liaison, U.S. Forest Service, Superior National Forest, Duluth, MN
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch (provided)
1:00 – 1:45	Combining Stewardship Plans and Regional Landscape Plans with Watershed Plans to Achieve Shared Goals Lindberg Ekola, Private Forested Watersheds Protection Coordinator, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, Brainerd, MN

1:45 – 2:30	Reserved Treaty Rights Lands Carl Crawford, Wildland Fire Specialist, BIA, Bemidji, MN
2:30 – 2:45	Afternoon Break
2:45 – 3:30	Joint Collaborative Capacity Building Lisa Radosevich-Craig, Community Relations & External Affairs, U.S. Forest Service, Chippewa National Forest, Cass Lake, MN Stephanie Lucero, Senior Program Manager, John S. McCain III NCECR, Udall Foundation, Fair Oaks, CA Tanya Roerick, Wildlife Biologist, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Cass Lake, MN
3:30 – 3:50	Question and Answer
3:50 – 4:15	Workshop 1 Summary
<u>10:30 am – 4:15 pm</u>	<u>Workshop 2: Forest Technology Applications and Their Use for Assessing Fire Risk Across a Landscape</u>
Coordinator	Tia Beavert, Tribal Forestry Program Manager, Yakama Nation, Toppenish, WA
Moderator	Mark Corrao, Ph.D., Director of Technology, Northwest Management, Inc., Moscow, ID
Location	Northern Lights Casino Event Center
Description	Developments in landscape technology applications and their use for assessing fire risk, avoided financial costs, and inventory resources in forested and woodland environments.
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Developments in Landscape Technology Applications and Their Use for Assessing Fire Risk, Avoided Financial Costs, and Inventory Resources in Forested and Woodland Environments Mark Corrao, Ph.D., Director of Technology, Northwest Management, Inc., Moscow, ID
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch (provided)
1:00 – 1:45	Inventory, Fire, Avoided Cost, and Planning on Yakama Nation Lands Ryan Sanchey, Administrative Forester, Yakama Nation, Toppenish, WA
1:45 – 2:30	LiDAR Driven Fuels Mapping and 3D Fire Models: Building Our Capacity For Next Generation Fuel and Fire Management Russ Parsons, Research Ecologist, U.S. Forest Service, RMRS Fire Sciences Laboratory, Missoula, MT
2:30 – 2:45	Afternoon Break
2:45 – 3:30	Aerial Lidar on Yurok Lands Dawn Blake, Forestry Department Director, Yurok Tribe, Klamath, CA
3:30 – 3:50	Question and Answer
3:50 – 4:15	Workshop 2 Summary

<u>10:30 am – 4:15 pm</u>	<u>Workshop 3: Indian Trust Asset Reform Act (ITARA)</u>
Coordinator	Peter Wakeland, Chief Forester, BIA, DFWFM, Albuquerque, NM
Moderator	Jason Robison, Lands and Resource Officer, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, Roseburg, OR
Location	Northern Lights Casino Event Center
Description	ITARA overview, requirements, application, and development of an Indian Trust Asset Management Plan (ITAMP).
10:30 – 11:15 am	ITARA Overview, Requirements, Application, & Development of an ITAMP
	Peter Wakeland, Chief Forester, BIA, DFWFM, Albuquerque, NM
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Case Study 1: Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians Experience with ITARA and Successes After an Approved ITAMP
	Jason Robison, Lands and Resource Officer, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, Roseburg, OR
	Tim Vredenburg, Director of Forest Management, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, Roseburg, OR
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch (provided)
1:00 – 1:45	Case Study 2: Other ITARA Perspectives
	Steve Andringa, Forest Manager, Lummi Indian Nation, Bellingham, WA
1:45 – 2:30	Case Study 3: Coquille Indian Tribe Experience with ITARA and Successes After and Approved ITAMP
	Robin Harkins, Land & Water Stewardship Director, Coquille Indian Tribe, North Bend, OR
	Zachary Seeger, Forest Manager, Coquille Indian Tribe. North Bend, OR
2:30 – 2:45	Afternoon Break
2:45 – 3:30	Closer Examination of Key Components of an ITAMP
	Peter Wakeland, Chief Forester, BIA, DFWFM, Albuquerque, NM
	George Smith, President, Pacific Management Associates, North Bend, OR
3:30 – 3:50	Question and Answer
3:50 – 4:15	Workshop 3 Summary
<u>3:00</u>	<u>Raffle Closes</u>
<u>4:15</u>	<u>Adjourn</u>
<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>Annual Business Meeting at the Northern Lights Casino Event Center</u>
<u>6:30 pm</u>	<u>Annual Awards Banquet at the Northern Lights Casino Event Center: Ballroom</u>
	Cody Desautel, ITC President, Nespelem, WA
	Nicole Stiffarm, ITC Education Chair, Pablo, MT
	Robin Harkins, ITC Awards Chair, North Bend, OR
	Keith Karnes, Forestry Director, LLBO (2023 Host Tribe), Cass Lake, MN
	Tommy Cabe, Forest Resource Specialist, EBCI (2024 Host Tribe), Cherokee, NC

2023 Event Schedule

Pre-Symposium Workshops

Day	Time	Description	Location
Mon, Jun 12	8:00 am – 3:30 pm	Pre-Symposium Workshop 1: USDA-NRCS Funding & Opportunities	Northern Lights Casino Event Center
	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Pre-Symposium Workshop 2: Wildland Fire	Northern Lights Casino Event Center. Van loading from 12:45 pm – 1:00 pm for field tour of Active Management on Local Units
	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Pre-Symposium Workshop: 3 Crafting Rice Knockers	Check in at Northern Lights Casino Event Center from 7:00 am – 7:45 am. Van loading from 7:45 am - 8:00 am for Cass Lake Resource Management.
	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Pre-Symposium Workshop 4: Tour of the Mississippi Headwaters at Lake Itasca	Check in at Northern Lights Casino Event Center from 7:00 am – 7:45 am. Bus loading from 7:45 - 8:00 am for Itasca State Park.
	8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Pre-Symposium Workshop 5: Fishing Trip on Leech Lake	Check in at Northern Lights Casino Event Center from 7:00 am – 7:45 am. Van loading from 7:45 am - 8:00 am for Leech Lake.
	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Pre-Symposium Workshop 1 & 2 Attendee Lunch	Northern Lights Casino Event Center
	2:00 - 7:00 pm	Exhibitor Set Up	Northern Lights Casino Event Center

Symposium Officially Begins

Day	Time	Description	Location
Mon, Jun 12	4:00 - 7:00 pm	Registration	Northern Lights Casino Event Center
	5:00 - 7:00 pm	Host Icebreaker	Northern Lights Casino Event Center: Ballroom
Tue, Jun 13	7:00 am - 4:30 pm	Registration & Raffle	Northern Lights Casino Event Center
	7:00 am - 4:30 pm	Exhibits	Northern Lights Casino Event Center
	8:00 am - 4:30 pm	General Session	Northern Lights Casino Event Center: Ballroom
	12:00 - 1:00 pm	ITC Luncheon	Northern Lights Casino Event Center
	6:00 - 9:00 pm	Host Welcome Dinner	Onigum Community Center 8826 Onigum Rd NW, Walker, MN
Wed, Jun 14	7:30 - 8:00 am	Bus loading for Tribal Tour	Northern Lights Casino Event Center
	8:00 am - 4:30 pm	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Tour	Off Property
	5:30 - 7:30 pm	General Membership Meeting	Northern Lights Casino Event Center
Thu, Jun 15	7:30 am - 3:00 pm	Registration & Raffle	Northern Lights Casino Event Center
	7:30 am - 4:00 pm	Exhibits	Northern Lights Casino Event Center
	8:00 am - 10:00 am	General Session Updates	Northern Lights Casino Event Center: Ballroom
	10:30 am - 4:15 pm	Workshop 1: Cross-Boundary Shared Stewardship Opportunities	Northern Lights Casino Event Center
	10:30 am - 4:15 pm	Workshop 2: Forest Technology Applications and Their Use for Assessing Fire Risk Across a Landscape	Northern Lights Casino Event Center
	10:30 am - 4:15 pm	Workshop 3: Indian Trust Asset Reform Act (ITARA)	Northern Lights Casino Event Center
	12:00 - 1:15 pm	Lunch	Northern Lights Casino Event Center
	4:30 - 6:00 pm	Annual Business Meeting	Northern Lights Casino Event Center
	6:30 - 9:30 pm	Annual Awards Banquet	Northern Lights Casino Event Center: Ballroom
All	Varies	SAF CFE Credits	Current members sign in at Registration
Northern Lights Casino, Hotel & Event Center, 6800 Y Frontage Rd NW, Walker, MN 56484			

Closest Airports / Car Rentals

Minneapolis-St Paul International Airport (MSP)

- Flights offered daily from most airlines. www.mspairport.com/flights-and-airlines
- Car Rentals should be reserved in advance. Check office hours to ensure you will be able to pick up and drop off around your flight times. www.mspairport.com/directions/ground-transportation/car-rentals
- Drive 194 miles (3 h 18 m) from Minneapolis, MN to Walker, MN

Fargo Hector International Airport (FAR)

- Flights offered daily from Allegiant, American, Delta, Frontier and United to these cities: <https://www.fargoairport.com/fly-with-us/airlines/>
- Car Rentals should be reserved in advance. Check office hours to ensure you will be able to pick up and drop off around your flight times. Hours are based on flight operations. <https://www.fargoairport.com/at-the-airport/transportation-services/>
- Drive 124 miles (2 h 14 m) from Fargo, ND to Walker, MN

Duluth International Airport (DLH)

- Flights offered daily from Delta Airlines - Duluth to Minneapolis-St Paul International Airport; United Express - Duluth to Chicago O'Hare; and Sun Country Airlines - Duluth to Fort Meyers and Phoenix
- Car Rentals should be reserved in advance. Check office hours to ensure you will be able to pick up and drop off around your flight times. Hours are based on flight operations. <https://duluthairport.com/before-you-arrive/transportation-directions/car-rentals/>
- Drive 121 miles (2 h 7 m) from Duluth, MN to Walker, MN

Bemidji Regional Airport (BJI)

- Flights offered daily from Delta Airlines - Bemidji to Minneapolis/St Paul International Airport.
- Car Rentals should be reserved in advance. Check office hours to ensure you will be able to pick up and drop off around your flight times. www.bemidjiairport.org/transportation
- Drive 43.2 miles (49 m) from Bemidji, MN to Walker, MN

Lodging Information

Walker Hotel

907 Minnesota Ave W, Walker, MN 56484

Book a single or double occupancy standard room for **\$98.00 per night**, plus taxes. Check-in time is at 3:00 pm and check-out time is 11:00 am. Daily continental breakfast, complimentary WIFI, indoor pool and hot tub. **This special rate is only available until May 11, 2023.**

Walker Hotel is located 5.1 miles from the Northern Lights Casino Hotel.

Reserve by phone only, call 218-547-2200 and refer to Group Code: ITC.

- Group rate offered for June 11-16, 2023.

Cedar Lake Casino Hotel

6268 Upper Cass Frontage Road NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633

Book a single or double occupancy standard room with 2 queen beds or 1 king bed for **\$55.00 per night**, plus taxes. Additional guests are \$7.00 per person, per night. There is a \$50.00 credit card deposit required for all hotel reservations. Check-in time is at 4:00 pm and check-out time is 11:00 am. **This special rate is only available until June 3, 2023.**

Cedar Lakes Casino Hotel is located 26 miles from the Northern Lights Casino Hotel. A shuttle will be provided to the Northern Lights Casino Hotel.

Reserve by phone only, call 844-554-2646, tell the operator that you want to book a room at the Cedar Lakes Casino Hotel, and refer to Group Code: 3809.

- Group rate offered for June 10-16, 2023.

Northern Lights Casino Hotel

6800 Y Frontage Rd NW, Walker, MN 56484

- **Update – Northern Lights Casino Hotel room block is SOLD OUT as of April 21, 2023.**

Country Inn Walker

442 Walker Bay Blvd, Walker, MN 56484

- **Update – Country Inn Walker room block is SOLD OUT as of April 21, 2023.**

Register online at
<https://www.eventsquid.com/event/19564>

Online registration closes June 6, 2023. Register now!!

<u>Registration Fee Types</u>	<u>Early Price Up to May 5</u>	<u>Late Price May 6 to June 6</u>
General or Associate Member	\$275.00	\$375.00
Government Employee	\$300.00	\$400.00
All Others	\$325.00	\$425.00
Pre-Symposium Workshops	\$105.00	\$120.00
Exhibit Booth Space (2 registrations) Exhibit Terms: Subletting or sharing space is prohibited. Registration is for the use of exhibitors & is nontransferable.	\$750.00	\$850.00

Merchandise

Company Registration Packet Inserts	\$500.00
Guest Luncheon Ticket	\$ 40.00
Guest Awards Banquet Ticket	\$ 50.00

**Purchase Guest Meal Tickets online
until June 6. No onsite sales.**

The Symposium Registration fee includes a Registration Packet, Tuesday Luncheon, Host Tribe Welcome Dinner, Wednesday Tribal Tour, Thursday Luncheon, Thursday Awards Banquet, and Final Proceedings.

Pre-Symposium workshop fees include lunch.

Registration fees can be paid online by credit card or through mail by check or money order.

Payments must be received by Tuesday, June 6, 2023, please mail to our CURRENT address:

**Intertribal Timber Council
Symposium Registration
PO Box 11790
Portland, OR 97211
503-282-4296**

ITC uses symposium fees to cover symposium-operating costs. Therefore, we have established the following refund policies:

- All refund requests must be emailed to monica@itcnet.org.
- Refund requests received after Friday, May 19, 2023, will be charged a \$100 processing fee.
- No refunds will be issued after Friday, May 26, 2023.
- An NSF fee will be charged for returned checks.