

Forty-Eighth Annual National Indian Timber Symposium

*“Managing Tribal and Multi-Agency Interest
& Empowering Tomorrow’s Stewards”*

June 2-5, 2025



Hosted by
Intertribal Timber Council & Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
at the University of Montana
Missoula, MT

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Welcome

The Confederated Salish, Qlispe & Ksanka (Kootenai) Tribes (CSKT) welcomes you to the Intertribal Timber Council’s 48th Annual National Indian Timber Symposium being held at the University of Montana in Missoula, MT. Aligning with this year’s theme “Managing Tribal and Multi-Agency Interest & Empowering Tomorrow’s Stewards” we will be focusing on collaborating with other agencies, workforce development, and educating our youth to become our future leaders. The workshops and presentations will highlight these opportunities and challenges faced by tribes across the nation. Please join us on Wednesday for the tribal tour day where we will showcase some of the outstanding and exciting work that our CSKT staff is involved in, and you will be able to admire our beautiful, exquisite lands.

Please note that there are no Pre-Symposium Workshops. **Symposium officially BEGINS on Monday, June 2, at 4:00 pm**, all attendees check in at the ITC registration desk located at the University of Montana: University Center 3rd Floor and pick up name tags and registration materials from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Then head to the Host Icebreaker at the Washington Grizzly Stadium Club from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

2025 Symposium Committee

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Monday, June 2, 2025

Symposium Officially Begins

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Location

Registration for All

University of Montana: University Center 3rd Floor
32 Campus Dr., Missoula, MT 59812

Description

Attendees check in and pick up name tags and registration materials.

5:00 – 7:00 pm

Location

Host Icebreaker

University of Montana: Washington-Grizzly Stadium Club

Description

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and mingle. Guests welcome. No registration required.

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

7:00 am – 4:30 pm

Location

Registration Open / Exhibits Open/ Raffle Begins

University of Montana: University Center 3rd Floor
32 Campus Dr., Missoula, MT 59812

Description

Collect your name tag and registration materials. Stop by the exhibit booths during the breaks and learn about the exhibitors. Raffle ticket prices are \$1 each or \$5 for 6 tickets. ATM located in the University Center.

8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Moderator

General Session

Whisper Camel-Means, Division of Fish, Wildlife, Recreation and Conservation Manager, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Pablo, MT

Performance

Opening Ceremony: CSKT Invocation, Posting of the Colors, and Drum

Stephen Small Slamon, Salish Elder, Ronan, MT

Mission Valley Honor Guard, St. Ignatius, MT

Sn Yel Mn Drum Group, Pablo, MT

Speakers

Welcomes

Mike Dolson, Tribal Chairman, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Pablo, MT

Cody Desautel, ITC President / Executive Director, Colville Tribe, Nespelem, WA

Keynote

Bryan Mercier, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC (invited)

Morning Break

Panel 1

Co-Management in Forestry

Coordinator / Moderator

Colleen Rossier, PhD, Senior Research & Policy Advisor, Karuk Tribe, Orleans, CA

Description

Tribal shared stewardship and co-management in forestry has been evolving for decades, through a variety of relationships and legal frameworks. This panel will focus on shared stewardship and co-management with partners and hear from Tribal leaders in forestry/natural resources as well as legal and academic experts, all of whom will share examples and opportunities on the horizon.

Speakers

Sara A. Clark, Attorney/Partner, Shute, Mihaly and Weinberger, San Francisco, CA

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

Dr. Martin Nie, Prof. Natural Resource Policy & Dir. Bolle Ctr for People & Forests, W.A. Franke College of Forestry & Conservation, University of MT, Missoula, MT

Reed Robinson, Director, USDA Forest Service, Office of Tribal Relations, Washington, DC

Jason Robison, ITC Board Member / Lands & Resource Officer, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, Roseburg, OR

Bill Tripp, ITC Fire Subcommittee Chair / Director of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy, Karuk Tribe, Orleans, CA

	ITC Luncheon (provided)
Panel 2	Lumber and Log Market Indications & Political Influences
Coordinator	Mark Stutzman, Professional Resources Manager, Northwest Management Inc., Moscow, ID
Moderator	Greg Howisey, Senior Forester, Northwest Management Inc., Moscow, ID
Description	Lumber and log markets projections for 2025/2026 focusing on impacts on sawmills and the how tariffs and other market disturbances may impact price and values.
Speaker	Chuck Roady, Retired Vice President and General Mgr., F.H. Stoltze Land & Lumber Company, currently advising as a Forestry Consultant with multiple organizations and landowners advocating for sustainable forestry, Bonners Ferry, ID
	Afternoon Break
Host Presentation	Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
Speakers	Kevin Askan, Preservation Department Head, CSKT, Ronan, MT Tony Incashola, Jr., Tribal Relations Director, CSKT, Pablo, MT Rich Janssen, Jr., Natural Resource Department Head, CSKT, Pablo, MT Kathryn McDonald, Tribal Relations Specialist, CSKT, Pablo, MT Stephen McDonald, Forest Manager, CSKT, Pablo, MT
4:30	Adjourn
<u>6:00 – 9:00 pm</u>	<u>Host Welcome Dinner at Fort Missoula Regional Park</u>
Location	3401-3499 S Ave W, Missoula, MT 59804
Description	Join us for dinner provided by our host Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes. Parking onsite. Guests welcome. No registration required.

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

<u>8:00 am – 4:30 pm</u>	<u>Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes Tribal Tour</u>
Location	Attendees will be notified via email of bus loading locations prior to the event. Bus loading 7:30 am – 8:00 am. Leaves promptly at 8:00 am.
Questions	Please contact ITC in advance with any questions about the tour. If you require special accommodations let us know by May 21, 2025. Email monica@itcnet.org or call 503-282-4296. Guests welcome. No registration required.
Coordinator	Nizhoni Harvey, Inventory Forester, CSKT, Ronan, MT
Description	The tour features the CSKT Bison Range and the CSKT Forestry North Greenhouse. Lunch (provided) at the River Honoring Site on the Flathead River in Moiese Valley. The weather may change, a jacket is recommended. There will be some light walking and the tour through the Bison Range will take place on the buses.
Speakers	Shannon Clairmont, Supervisory Biologist, CSKT Bison Range, Charlo, MT Matt Ogden, Nursery Manager, CSKT Forest Development, Ronan, MT
<u>5:30 – 7:30 pm</u>	<u>General Membership Meeting</u>
Location	University of Montana 32 Campus Dr., Missoula, MT 59812
Description	An opportunity for member tribes to meet with the Board of Directors to discuss the activities of the Intertribal Timber Council.

Thursday, June 5, 2025

7:30 am – 3:00 pm

Location

Registration Open/ Raffle Continues

University of Montana: University Center 3rd Floor
32 Campus Dr., Missoula, MT 59812

Description

Collect your name tag and registration materials. Place your tickets in the raffle buckets by 3:00 pm. Winners must be present at the Awards Banquet to pick up items or a friend can pick them up on your behalf.

7:30 am – 4:00 pm

Description

Exhibits Open

Stop by the exhibit booths during the breaks and learn about the exhibitors.

8:00 am – 10:30 am

Moderator

General Session

McKaylee Duquain, GIS & Inventory Forester, Menominee Tribal Enterprises, Neopit, WI

ITC President's Report

Cody Desautel, ITC President / Executive Director, Colville Tribe, Nespelem, WA

U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Wildland Fire

Jeff Rupert, OWF Director, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, DC

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Peter Wakeland, Chief Forester, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Trust Services, Albuquerque, NM

Aaron Baldwin, Branch Chief, Wildland Fire Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Trust Services, Boise, ID

Legislative Update

Matt Hill, Information & Research Specialist, Lone Rock Strategies, Glide, OR

USDA Forest Service, Office of Tribal Relations

Reed Robinson, Director, USDA Forest Service, Office of Tribal Relations, Washington, DC

Workshop Introductions

Morning Break

10:30 am – 4:15 pm

Description

Breakout for Concurrent Workshops

See following pages for workshop agendas. Attendees are welcome to select one workshop or spend time in all three.

12:00 – 1:00

Lunch (provided)

2:30 – 3:00

Afternoon Break

4:15

Adjourn

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Description

Annual Business Meeting

Member delegates will cast votes for 2025 ITC Board elections and select a Host Tribe for the 2029 Symposium.

6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Annual Awards Banquet

Cody Desautel, ITC President, Nespelem, WA

Shawn de France, ITC Education Chair, Pablo, MT

Robin Harkins, ITC Awards Chair, North Bend, OR

Stephen McDonald, Forest Manager, (2025 Host Tribe), Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Pablo, MT

Mike Waukau, Silviculturist, (2026 Host Tribe), Menominee Indian Tribe, Keshena, WI

10:30 am – 4:15 pm

Workshop 1: Indigenous Workforce Development Partnership Success Stories

Coordinator	Nicole Stiffarm, Tribal Partnerships Manager, Environmental Policy Innovation Center, Polson, MT
Moderator	Joshua Rosenau, TREES Program Coordinator, Salish Kootenai College, Pablo, MT
Description	This workshop will usher the audience through the arc of opportunities available for tribal students and youth with an interest in Natural Resource management. Highlighting successes in programs available from youth through their early career opportunities. Lunch (provided).
Speakers	<p>Terry Baker, CEO, Society of American Foresters, Washington DC</p> <p>Charles Bird III, Student, Salish Kootenai College, Pablo, MT</p> <p>Tom DeLuca, Dean of Forestry, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR</p> <p>Mike Dockry, PhD, Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN</p> <p>Gary Dunning, Executive Director, The Forest School at the Yale School of the Environment, New Haven, CT</p> <p>McKaylee Duquain, GIS & Inventory Forester, Menominee Tribal Enterprises, Neopit, WI</p> <p>Joe Jessepe, Program Coordinator, Montana Conservation Corps / Blackfeet Tribe, Blackfeet, MT</p> <p>Adrian Leighton, PhD, Western Forests Conservation Coordinator, Intermountain West Joint Venture, Missoula, MT</p> <p>Ryan Reed, Program Director, FireGeneration Collaborative, Eugene, OR</p> <p>Phil Rigdon, ITC Vice Pres./ DNR Superintendent, Yakama Nation, Toppenish, WA</p> <p>Paul Robitaille, Senior Advisor Indigenous Relations, SFI, North America</p> <p>Jeff Ross, Dir. Indigenous Relations, SFI North America</p> <p>Kay Seven, Program Coordinator, Nez Perce Tribe, Lapwai, ID</p> <p>LaTasha Wauneka, Program Specialist, USDA Forest Service, Cloudcroft, NM</p> <p>Frankie Wright, SKC Student / Fire Technician, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Ronan, MT</p>

10:30 am – 4:15 pm

Workshop 2: Burning for a Resource Benefit

Coordinator

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

Moderator

Germaine White, Member, Salish Qlispe' Elders Cultural Advisory Committee, St. Ignatius, MT

Description

This workshop will provide background and relevance to the importance of acknowledgement and practice of traditional burning. Participants will learn from firsthand practitioners and leadership about the importance, benefits, and methods to incorporate traditional burning into contemporary management programs. Lunch (provided).

Speakers

Elizbeth Azzuz, Director of Traditional Fire, Cultural Fire Management Council, Hoopa, CA

Claire Brown, Fire Effects Monitoring / Botanist, Cultural Fire Management Council, Hoopa, CA

Cristina Eisenberg, PhD, Associate Dean for Inclusive Excellence, Maybelle Clark Macdonald Director of Tribal Initiatives in Natural Resources, Oregon State University, College of Forestry, Corvallis, OR

Alvin First Rider, Environmental Technician, Blood Tribe Land Management, Standoff, AB, Canada

Bill Tripp, ITC Fire Subcommittee Chair / Director of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy, Karuk Tribe, Orleans, CA

Troy Watlamet, Archeologic Technician, Yakama Nation, Toppenish, WA

Monique Wynecoop, Tri-Regional Fire Ecologist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, / Fire Ecologist and Tribal Liaison, Northern Rockies Fire Science Network, Portland, OR

10:30 am – 4:15 pm

Workshop 3: Federal Funding and Partnership Opportunities

Coordinator / Moderator

Kathryn McDonald, Tribal Relations Specialist, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Pablo, MT

Description

This workshop will provide information to participants about federal funding and other partnership opportunities available for tribes to create collaborative inter-agency partnerships. As tribes continue to face ongoing challenges of workforce development, the need to identify opportunities is increasing. These partnerships can support tribes with both capacity, workforce sharing, research and information to better meet tribal land management needs. Lunch (provided).

Speakers

Austin Allen, Tribal District Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Pablo, MT

Alicia Bell-Sheetter, Assistant Director, USDA Forest Service, Office of Tribal Relations, Washington, DC

Faith Berry, Fire Program Specialist, US Fire Administration / Federal Emergency Management Agency, Wareham, MA

Erin Carey, Mgr. Missoula Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, Missoula, MT

Melissa Cook, Tribal Relations Specialist, USDA Forest Service, Office of Tribal Relations, Washington, DC

Adrian Leighton, PhD, Western Forests Conservation Coordinator, Intermountain West Joint Venture, Missoula, MT

Trina Locke, Director of Environmental and Natural Resources, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Trust Services, Washington, DC

Adrew Olsen, Conservation Coordinator, Intermountain West Joint Venture, Missoula, MT

Mike Schaedel, Forest Restoration and Partnership Manager, Montana, The Nature Conservancy, MT

What to Expect during the 2025 Symposium

Questions

- Please contact the ITC office in advance with any questions. If you require special accommodations let us know by May 21, 2025. We can be reached via email monica@itcnet.org or by phone 503-282-4296.

Airports and Car Rentals

- Missoula International Airport (MSO) is in Missoula, MT and 7 miles west of the University of Montana.
- For more airline, car rental, and ground transportation information: <https://flymissoula.com>
- Details on getting here & getting around: <https://missoulameetings.com/getting-here-around>

Dietary Restrictions

- Select dietary restrictions(dairy free, gluten free, vegan) during registration. Meals will be labeled. If you have any questions about meals, ask a server, visit the ITC registration desk, or email monica@itcnet.org. Pick up special items for breakfast (muffins) and breaks (desserts) at the ITC registration desk.

Event Website

- Visit the symposium event website for information regarding the agenda, lodging per diem waiver, hotel information, registration, speakers, and more: <https://www.eventsquid.com/event/27325>.

Guest Wi-Fi at the University of Montana

- View available wireless networks and select “grizzlyguest”. Open a web browser. You should be redirected to a Guest User login page. Read the terms of use, then enter your email and Click on “I accept” button.

Lodging at the Host Hotels

- The reduced group rate is for Symposium attendees only. ITC reserves the right to review the hotel rooming list and remove reservations that do not have a corresponding conference registration.
- Three hotels have negotiated group rates for the Symposium. The Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown exceeds the per diem. There is also limited availability of hotels within the per diem rate in June 2025. The current published maximum lodging rate for the Missoula area through June 5, 2025 is \$195.00 per night. The BIA has approved ITC’s request to increase the maximum for lodging on June 2-5, 2025 from \$195.00 to \$239.00.
- Download the Symposium Lodging Per Diem Waiver 2025 from the “Documents” menu of the event website.

Parking at the University of Montana

- Visitors may pay to park by the hour via the Passport app in any parking area except those specifically designated as reserved parking, quick stop or service and delivery spaces. There are some spaces specifically designated as hourly pay parking in Lots V, F, and S, and there are stationary parking meters in Lots E, F, Lommasson, M, S, U, V, and Missoula College. Hourly rate is \$1.00/hr. or \$8.00/day.
- **Parking Portal:** multiple days can be purchased on the <https://umt.t2hosted.com/Account/Portal>. You may also purchase a day pass on the Passport App and in person at the University Police Department.
- **Passport Parking App:** Download the Passport Parking app from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#). Create an account with your mobile phone number or email address. You can park anywhere you see Passport Parking app signs & decals. Pay for your parking session from your phone. Extend your time remotely.

Public Bus to the University of Montana

- [How to Use UDASH](#): No ID or payment required: You do not need to show an ID to use UDASH. The service is funded through student fees, so no payment is required. 5 Bus Routes: All routes run Monday - Friday and connect to the Transit Hub located outside of the Music Building/ Business Building.
- Download the [Transit App](#). Track your bus in real-time. Receive timely alerts about route changes and other important information. Simplifies your public transit experience.

Symposium Shuttle to the University of Montana

- ITC will provide limited shuttles from the three host hotels. A schedule will be provided prior to the event.

Scholarship Raffle Fundraiser

- Since 1988, ITC has awarded 585 Truman D. Picard scholarships totaling \$1,228,000!
- ITC members donate raffle items, many of which are hand-made. The 2024 raffle fundraiser raised \$10,000.
- Raffle ticket prices are \$1 each or \$5 for 6 tickets. ATM located in the University Center. Deposit your tickets by 3:00 pm on Thursday. Winners must be present at the Banquet to pick up items or a friend can pick up.

Lodging at the Host Hotels

Comfort Inn Missoula University: 1021 E Broadway St., Missoula, MT 59802

Book a standard, 2 queen or 1 king room for **\$195.00 per night**, plus taxes. **This special rate is only available until May 2, 2025, or until the room block is filled.** A credit card is required at the time of the reservation. Maximum of 2, 3 or 4 guests per room depending on room. Guests may contact the front desk 24/7 to make reservations or ask questions. Rooms have microwave and refrigerator. Complimentary breakfast buffet, Wi-Fi, and use of fitness center, grill, firepits & bikes. Pet friendly with a fee. Group rate is available from June 1, 2025 to June 6, 2025.

Link to book online: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/ZD30A9>

Reserve by phone: 406-549-7600

Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown: 200 S Pattee St., Missoula, MT 59802

Book a standard, 2 queen or 1 king room for **\$239.00 per night**, plus taxes. **This special rate is only available until May 2, 2025, or until the room block is filled.** A credit card is required at the time of the reservation. Maximum of 4 guests per room. Guests may contact the front desk 24/7 to make reservations or ask questions. Rooms have microwave and refrigerator. Complimentary self-parking (based upon availability), Wi-Fi, and use of indoor pool & fitness center. Provide Group Name and Group Booking Code when calling by phone or booking online. Group rate is available from June 1, 2025 to June 6, 2025.

Group Name: Intertribal Timber Council

Group Booking Code: CSK

Link to book online: [Intertribal Timber Council](#)

Online instructions: Link is NOT mobile compatible. Visit ITC event website for clickable link.

Reserve by phone: 406-721-8550

Residence Inn Missoula Downtown: 125 N Pattee St., Missoula, MT 59802

Book a studio, 1 king room for **\$194.00 per night**, plus taxes. **This special rate is only available until May 1, 2025, or until the room block is filled.** A credit card is required at the time of the reservation. Maximum of 2 guests per room. Rooms have full kitchen. Pet friendly with a fee. Complimentary breakfast Wi-Fi, and use of rooftop, indoor pool, and business & fitness centers. Group rate is available from June 1, 2025 to June 6, 2025. Online is preferred method for booking.

Link to book online: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1736969378166&key=GRP&guestreslink2=true&app=resvlink>

Online instructions: If the link is not working for you, email ri.msori.sales@marriott.com with reservation details.

Reserve by phone: Call Lily Janson at 406-218-7108, reference Intertribal Timber Council

2025 ITC SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION

Visit the event website or scan the QR code!

<https://www.eventsquid.com/event/27325>



Online registration closes May 23, 2025. Register now! For one-day rates contact the ITC office.

<u>Registration Fee Types</u>	<u>Early Price up to Mar 30</u>	<u>Regular Price Mar 31 to Apr 30</u>	<u>Late Price May 1 to May 23</u>
General or Associate Member	\$275.00	\$375.00	\$475.00
Government Employee	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$500.00
All Others	\$325.00	\$425.00	\$525.00
College Students	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$200.00
Exhibit Booth Space (2 registrations)	\$750.00	\$850.00	\$950.00

Exhibit Terms: Subletting or shared space is prohibited. Registration is for the use of exhibitors & is nontransferable.

Merchandise

Price

Company Registration Packet Inserts	\$500.00
Guest Tuesday Luncheon Ticket (18+ event)	\$ 30.00
Guest Thursday Awards Banquet Ticket	\$ 70.00

Purchase guest meal tickets online until May 23, 2025, no onsite sales.

Registration fee includes a Registration Packet, Tuesday General Session and Luncheon, Host Tribe Welcome Dinner, Wednesday Tribal Tour and Lunch, Thursday General Session/Workshops and Lunch, Thursday Awards Banquet, and Final Proceedings.

Please note there are no Pre-Symposium workshops.

Payment Policies

- Registration fees can be paid online by credit card or through mail by check or money order.
- There is an option to pay later by May 23, 2025.
- Contact ITC if your mailed payment will not arrive by May 23.
- Payments must be received by May 23, please mail to:

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

Refund Policies

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 May 9, 2025, will be charged a \$100 processing fee.
- No refunds will be issued after May 16, 2025. ITC has to submit headcounts prior to the event.
- An NSF fee will be charged for returned checks.



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