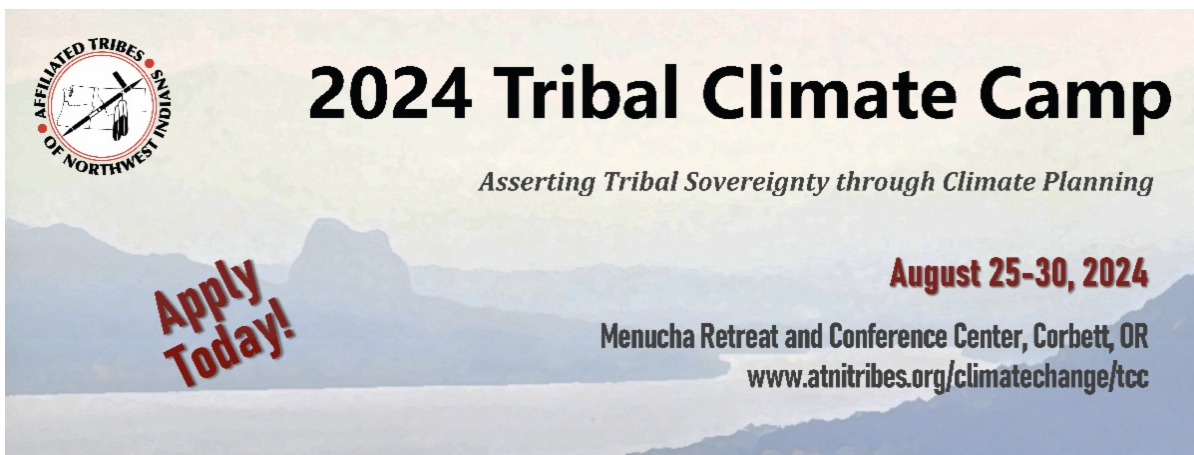





**ATNI**  
CLIMATE CHANGE

## ATNI Climate Resilience Newsletter April 2024

### HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS



 **2024 Tribal Climate Camp**  
*Asserting Tribal Sovereignty through Climate Planning*

**Apply Today!**

**August 25-30, 2024**  
Menucha Retreat and Conference Center, Corbett, OR  
[www.atnitribes.org/climatechange/tcc](http://www.atnitribes.org/climatechange/tcc)

Learn more [here](#). [Applications](#) to attend are being accepted through **May 1**.



Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians  
**2024 CHANGING CURRENTS TRIBAL WATER SUMMIT**

**August 11-16, 2024**  
North Bend, Oregon

 [www.changingcurrents.net](http://www.changingcurrents.net)



Learn [more](#) and register [here](#).

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[Advancing Tribal Nature-Based Solutions Grant](#); First Nations Development Institute expects to award 6 grants up to \$200,000 each to eligible tribes and organizations for projects designed to provide tribes and Native nonprofits with resources to support climate action that addresses adaptation and disaster preparation (e.g., wildfires, flooding, drought) through the application of nature-based solutions based on Native knowledge. **Deadline: May 22.**

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[Inflation Reduction Act Community Change Grants Program](#); EPA is accepting applications on a rolling basis for \$2 billion in Inflation Reduction Act funding available to support community-driven projects that build capacity for communities to tackle environmental and climate justice challenges, strengthen their climate resilience, and advance clean energy. Awards vary depending on application track. Technical assistance available. **Deadline: November 21.**

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[Click here for additional funding opportunities.](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW TOOL!** [The Tribal Resilience Action Database](#) project brings together a group of project partners and advisors representing more than a dozen Tribes across North America to create a culturally sensitive, easily accessible, and useful database of climate adaptation strategies and community examples already published by Tribes that can be used to inform ongoing and new climate adaptation and resilience work in Tribal communities. The development of the web portal was made possible by a generous grant from the USGS through the [Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Center](#).



[The Northwest Environmental Justice Center](#) provides no-cost technical assistance and support for communities to address environmental and energy justice issues and work towards thriving futures in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. The Center is now accepting intake forms, reaching out to communities, and has launched a full website of resources, funding opportunities, and events.



[The United States Department of Agriculture \(USDA\) is seeking Tribal input](#) on USDA's Consultation on Tribal Barriers at USDA. These consultations build upon the consultations that occurred from 2021-2023. This specific consultation topic is on Economic Development, taking place **April 25, 11AM PT.**



[ATNI Natural Resources Program released a Request For Proposals](#) for an event venue to host the 2024 Natural Resources Summit. **Deadline: April 30.**



[Nominations for the 2024 Indigenous Leadership Awards](#) are open. The Ecotrust Indigenous Leadership Awards recognizes outstanding Indigenous leaders for their dedication to strengthening tribal self-determination and their unwavering efforts to uplift the environmental, cultural, economic, and social conditions of their communities and homelands. **Due May 15.**

Ecotrust

## TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

[Webinar Series: Incorporating Climate and Environmental Justice into Research and Resource Management](#); every other Thursday (12-1 PM Pacific) from Feb. 29 – May 9, 2024. Virtual.



[Sagebrush and Climate Training Series](#); April 30 (12 PM PT). Virtual. Registration required.



[Climate Change Adaptation for Tribes and Tribal Partners Workshop](#); May 20 – 22. Sulpher, OK. Registration deadline: April 22.



[Fundamentals of Western Conservation Leadership: Through the Looking Glass](#)





## EVENTS

A blue banner for the NTFAQ 2024 event. It features a photograph of a modern building with a glass facade. The text is in white and yellow. The URL [nau.edu/NTFAQ2024](http://nau.edu/NTFAQ2024) and hashtag #NTFAQ2024 are in the top right. The event title and details are in the center and bottom left.

**NTFAQ 2024**

NATIONAL TRIBAL FORUM ON  
AIR QUALITY

MAY 6, 2024- MAY 9, 2024

HARRAHS CHEROKEE CASINO & RESORT, NORTH CAROLINA

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A banner for the Tribal Lands and Environment Forum. It features a photograph of a river flowing through a lush green forest. The text is in yellow and white. The URL [nau.edu/tlef2024](http://nau.edu/tlef2024) is in the top left. The event title and details are in the center and bottom.

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**Tribal Lands and  
Environment Forum**

August 12 - 15, 2024

Eugene, Oregon

# NATIONAL TRIBAL & INDIGENOUS CLIMATE CONFERENCE

September 9-12, 2024  
Anchorage, Alaska



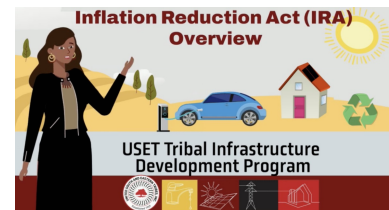
## IN THE NEWS



[Addressing inequities and meeting needs of Indigenous communities in floodplain management](#)



[The Yurok tribe regains Redwood park land to create their own historical park](#)



[Overview of the Inflation Reduction Act \(2024\)](#)

## MEET THE CLIMATE RESILIENCE TEAM



We would like to introduce Patrick Austin Freeland as the new Senior Tribal Climate Resilience Liaison for ATNI. Patrick is Este Hotvltvke Mvskokvke (Wind Clan, Muscogee Nation of Oklahoma) and brings a deep commitment to advancing sovereignty and fostering collaborative efforts to address climate change. His approach intertwines traditional wisdom with contemporary educational and scientific methods, emphasizing core values of: Sovereignty, Relationality, and Responsibility.

A first-generation college graduate from Haskell Indian Nations University and Purdue University, Patrick's journey through creative writing, Indigenous studies, and ecological sciences has shaped his multifaceted approach to climate adaptation science and serving Indigenous Nations. Patrick's interdisciplinary expertise in science, arts, and engineering drives his mission to advance human and environmental well-being. Patrick has dedicated nearly two decades to the convergence of Climate Change Adaptation, Higher Education, and the advancement of Indigenous Peoples, steadfast in his commitment to research ethics, data sovereignty, and the healing of intergenerational trauma.

Join us in welcoming Patrick Freeland to the ATNI Climate Resilience Team!





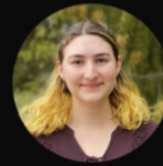
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