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CLIMATE CHANGE

ATNI Climate Resilience Newsletter November 2024

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

 **ATNI**
NATURAL RESOURCES

Natural Resources Summit

November 18-20, 2024
Tulalip Resort & Casino

Tribal Leaders, Natural Resources Staff, Tribal Lobbyists, and all others welcomed!

Register [here!](#) [Access the draft agenda.](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[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.**

[Landscape Scale Restoration Competitive Grant Program](#); The purpose of the Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) Program is to encourage collaborative, science-based restoration of priority forest landscapes. LSR objectives include reduced wildfire risk; improved fish and wildlife habitats; maintained or improved water quality; and mitigated invasive plants, insects, and disease. Recognizing the importance of forest land to Tribal Nations, the Forest Service is seeking proposals from federally recognized Tribal Nations to restore priority forest landscapes on Tribal land. **Deadline: December 16.**

[Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant \(EECBG\) Program for Tribal Nations](#); The U.S. Department of Energy's EECBG Program provides \$8.8 million of available non-competitive funding to 774 eligible Tribal Nations, including Alaska Native Regional and Village corporations. EECBG Program funding can be used as seed funding that can grow into bigger projects, assisting communities to meet energy efficiency goals. Tribal Nations can use EECBG Program funds to upgrade buildings, install renewable energy equipment, or develop climate and clean energy plans. **Deadline: May 31.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announced the release of the first version of the [Sea Level Calculator](#). This resource combines functionality from a variety of existing tools, streamlining the effort to access foundational NOAA and NASA sea level data and projections, as well as key findings from the 2022 interagency *Sea Level Rise Technical Report*. Users like stormwater managers, public works departments, and land-use planners can now better visualize and communicate site-specific sea level information to others in multiple formats for vital resilience planning.



In coordination with the U.S. Department of the Interior, the [U.S. Global Change Research Program \(USGCRP\) seeks public comment](#) on the proposed themes and topics of the first-ever [National Nature Assessment \(NNA1\)](#) represented in the chapter annotated outlines, i.e., the Zero-Order Draft. The scope of NNA1 is to assess the status, observed trends, and future projections of America's lands, waters, wildlife, biodiversity, and ecosystems and the benefits they provide, including connections to the economy, public health, equity, climate mitigation and adaptation, and national security. All comments must be submitted via the [USGCRP Review & Comment System](#) by **November 21.**



USDA also announced that applications are now open for the [Summer 2025 Tribal Food and Agriculture Policy Internships](#). This program welcomes interns to learn about Tribal agriculture and Tribal food sovereignty. Through the Future Leaders in

Public Service Internship Program, undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate students will work on USDA agriculture, food, and nutrition programs that benefit Indian Country. Sponsored by USDA's Office of Tribal Relations, the program seeks to develop a new generation of agricultural professionals with a better understanding of Tribal food and agriculture issues. **Deadline: November 22.**

The University of Washington Climate Impacts Group and Office of the Washington State Climatologist, in collaboration with NOAA's National Integrated Drought Information System, are asking for your help to document weather and climate impacts of the 2024 Water Year (October 1, 2023–September 30, 2024) for the Northwest. [This anonymous survey](#) asks about impacts and response actions implemented during the 2024 Water Year by sector due to either abnormally dry or abnormally wet conditions in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. The survey should take ~15 minutes and will inform the Pacific Northwest [Water Year Impacts Assessment](#). **Deadline: November 27.**



The [Northwest Environmental Justice Center](#) is seeking an entity to develop curriculum for and facilitate an energy justice cohort for rural communities. The Center is building community capacity by connecting current and emerging EJ leaders to a community of practice through our Cohort Learning tracks. Over the course of one year, cohort members will participate in training, webinars, networking opportunities, and 1:1 coaching, guided by experienced facilitators. [Learn more about the request for quotes here](#). **Deadline: December 1.**



The Washington Department of Ecology invites Tribal leaders and staff to a Tribal forum focused on [Cap-and-Invest linkage](#). Ecology is interested in receiving feedback on issues to consider for linkage agreement negotiations. They will also share updates about our work to implement the Climate Commitment Act, including the initiative to work with Tribes and communities most highly impacted by criteria air pollutants. [Register for the online Tribal forum: December 11, from 9:30 - 10:30am Pacific. A comment period](#) for the linkage agreement will open from **November 21, 2024 to January 31, 2025.**



The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) seeks to support the vital role of Tribal Nations and Tribal collaboratives in offshore wind energy decision-making processes. Share your ideas on how DOE should design such an effort by joining the strategy session webinar on **December 11**. [Register here](#). [Follow the capacity accelerator website](#) for details and updates, including the webinar recording and frequently asked questions.



TRAININGS, WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS

[Introduction to Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers \(TCTACs\) Webinar for Tribal Governments and Communities.](#) Virtual. November 21, 11am - 12pm Pacific.



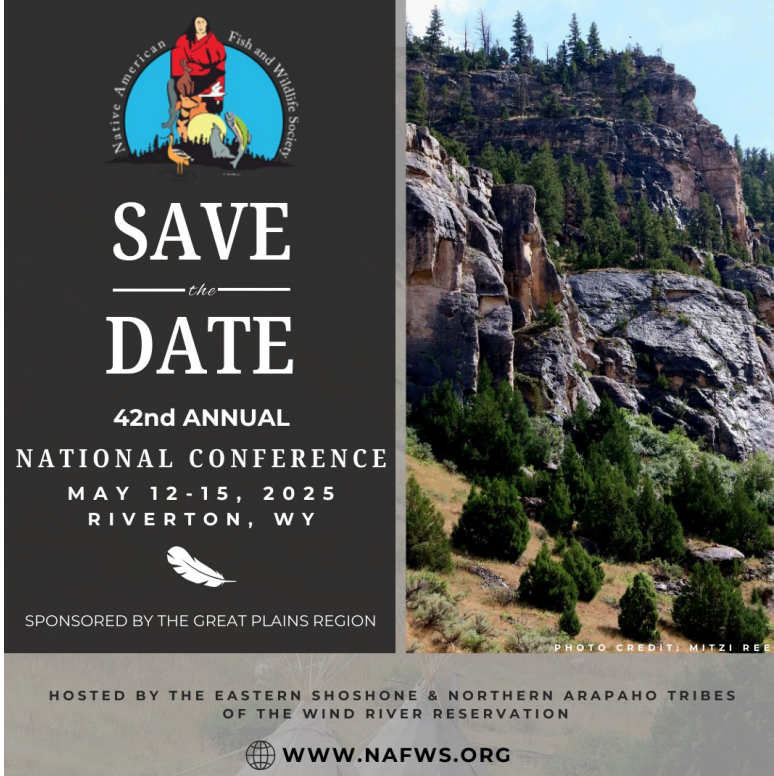
[Empowering Tribal Nations: Funding through EPA's Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program.](#) Virtual. November 21, 12 - 1pm Pacific.



EVENTS



[November 19-20.](#) Chandler, AZ.



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NAFWS Annual Conference. [The call for abstracts and award nominations is open through March 7, 2025.](#)

IN THE NEWS



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