

**Intertribal Dialogue Series, Session 2 Wildfire Crisis Strategy Implementation
Workforce Assessment and Regional Considerations,**

Thursday, March 9, 2023, 9-10:30 am AK/ 10am-11:30am PT/
11am-12:30pm MT/12pm-1:30pm CT/1-2:30 pm ET

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On April 26, 2022, the USDA Forest Service (FS) and Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) hosted an Intertribal roundtable to discuss the Forest Service [Confronting the Wildfire Crisis Strategy](#) and associated [Implementation Plan](#). Key themes and recommendations from this roundtable and associated discussions focused heavily on short-term and long-term workforce capacity considerations for Tribes, Federal agencies, and partners surrounding wildfire risk reduction.¹

To support ongoing efforts to address the recommendations shared at the April 2022 roundtable, ITC and FS are co-hosting a series of virtual dialogue sessions on the various facets of workforce capacity development. The objectives of these sessions are to:

1. Respond to recommendations outlined in the [2022 WRITT Intertribal Roundtable](#).
2. Identify opportunities to address long-standing workforce issues to address Tribal priorities through new funding opportunities under recent federal legislation.
3. Create a forum and networking opportunities to foster interagency coordination with Tribes.
4. Identify opportunities and barriers, and determine solutions to address both Tribal workforce and Federal agency workforce capacity constraints.
5. Create opportunities for greater workforce recruitment and retention and increasing workforce diversity (e.g., youth, underrepresented populations, etc.)

These sessions are intended for Tribal wildfire response, risk reduction, forestry staff, Federal agency staff, and other State, private, industry, and non-profit partners.

Session 2 Focus: Workforce Assessment and Regional Considerations

Objectives:

- Overview of Workforce needs identifying to date
- Discussion of additional considerations and obstacles to workforce capacity and development
- Create a shared understanding of potential regional considerations in workforce capacity and development.

Materials:

- [Wildfire Crisis Implementation Plan](#)
- [Wildland Fire Management: Building the workforce for the next 100 years](#)
- [https://www.nifc.gov/sites/default/files/blm/training/Std Trng WFD.pdf](https://www.nifc.gov/sites/default/files/blm/training/Std%20Trng%20WFD.pdf)
- <https://cdm17192.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p17192coll1/id/1120/rec/4>

¹ For a full list of recommendations and summary, please go to:

https://www.itcnet.org/file_download/a2e02050-2f38-4944-a823-51f086808464

- Intertribal Timber Council - https://www.itcnet.org/issues_projects/issues_2/forest_management/assessment.html
- Session 1 Materials and Resources:
 - [Recording from Session 1: Funding Opportunities](#)
 - [Tribal Workforce Funding Opportunities with BIL PPT](#)

TIME PT	AGENDA ITEM
10:00am	Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Andrea Bedell Loucks, Wildfire Risk Reduction Infrastructure Team, USFS</i> • <i>Jen Croft, Office of Tribal Relations, USFS</i> • <i>Adrian Leighton, Co-Chair, IFMAT-IV, Pablo, MT</i> • <i>Jim Durglo, Intertribal Timber Council</i>
10:40 am	Overview of Workforce Capacity Discussion Guide
10:45 am	Dialogue Session between Participants and speakers.
11:15 am	Closing Remarks
11:25 am	Wrap-up
	Thank you and ADJOURN (<\1 min.)