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Three Indian Country Foresters Complete Last Module of the 2016 National Advanced Silviculture Program

The fourth module of Class 9 of the National Advanced Silviculture Program (NASP) finished in April at the University of Tennessee.

Congratulations to Taurus Diaz, Southwest Regional Office; Richie Gardner, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation; and Remington Daniels, Colville Tribes for successfully completing all four modules of this intensive advanced silviculture program!

Their next step will be to complete a formal prescription using, among other things, growth and yield modelling to demonstrate their ability to analyze alternative treatments to best meet tribal goals. They will also defend their prescription and understanding of silviculturally sound treatments to a BIA/Tribal certification panel.



Top Row: Taurus Diaz, Southwest Regional Office at a field session in Minnesota; Richie Gardner, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation gives a presentation to 35 students regarding climate change and silvicultural strategies; and Remington Daniels, Colville Tribes listening to instructor at field session in Minnesota. Bottom Row: Richie Gardner documents data during field session in Minnesota; Remington Daniels preparing for class presentation.

Class 10 begins in July at the University of Minnesota. The Branch of Forest Resources and Planning will be sending 4 students. Congratulations and good luck to Fabian Keirn, Tanana Chiefs Conference; Sean Maiers, Midwest Regional Office; Jason Quade, Sokaogon Chippewa Tribe; and Jeffrey Sampson, Yakama Agency.

Foresters with at least three years of experience are encouraged to apply – it is one of the best ways to develop and maintain professional skills. BIA pays the student's tuition, which includes lodging and most meals. Travel costs and nominal per diem are the responsibilities of the sending Agency, Tribe or Region.

BIA's expectation is that after attending all 4 NASP modules, each forester will complete the process to become certified as a silviculturalist through a panel-reviewed prescription defense.

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