The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the US Geological Survey (USGS) are working together with tribal organizations to station tribal resilience liaisons across the Department of Interior (DOI) Climate Science Centers (CSCs). The liaisons will help tribal communities respond to climate change by providing:

- extension efforts to help tribes access information, data, and expertise at the CSCs, through the BIA TRP, and other agencies
- facilitate research focusing on Traditional Knowledges integration, and coordinate forums and information exchange.

These efforts are designed to better understand, communicate, and meet the needs of tribes through partnerships to promote more resilient tribal communities facing increasing challenges to lifeways. Below are highlights of the tribal resilience liaisons by region and information on the inter-tribal organizations that are partnering with BIA and USGS to hire and support the liaisons, while enhancing inter-tribal capacity to lead in each of the CSC Regions (see map).

**Alaska Liaison**

The Alaskan Pribilof Islands Association (APIA) [http://www.apia.org](http://www.apia.org) hired Malinda Chaste to serve as the Tribal Resilience Liaison at the Alaska Climate Center consortium University of Alaska - Anchorage. Malinda is a enrolled tribal member of Anvik, a Dena'ina Alutiiq village, located in the Yukon Delta region. She has a B.S. in Biology from the University of Alaska, Southeast, and a Master of Science from the University of Alaska, Anchorage. Her experience is in community planning, non-profit management, Native language revitalization, post-secondary distance education and Alaska Native education. More recently, Malinda’s focus is on tribal resilience education that aims to engage the AN Native community in her work with the Association of Interior Native Educators. Malinda loves cutting and preserving salmon and kayaking, especially with her daughter.

**Southwest Liaison**

The American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) [http://www.aihec.org](http://www.aihec.org) hired Holly Barton as the Tribal Resilience Liaison to work specifically on adaptation efforts within the Southwest Climate Science Center service area (AZ, CA, NV, UT). She is Mo’ii deošighit’ihin (Coyote Pass People clan), born for Tabahaa (Water’s Edge clan). Her maternal grandfather is Tače’i’nii (Red Running into the Water clan) and her paternal grandfather is Toddi’nii (Bitter Water clan). She is a member of the Navajo Nation from Dilkon, Arizona. Prior to this position, she was the Ecologist for the Tohono O’odham Nation and currently serves on the Diné Community Land Use Planning Committee. Holly has a Bachelor of Science in Sustainability from Arizona State University and will be pursuing a Masters in Environmental Planning & Geodesign at the University of Arizona - Tucson.

**Northwest Liaison**

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) [http://atntribes.org](http://atntribes.org) hired Chas Jones as the Tribal Resilience Liaison for the Northwest Climate Science Center in Corvallis, OR. Chas is an interdisciplinary expert in the dynamic interactions between climate, water, ecology, and society. He has a Ph.D in Hydrology from the University of Washington. Chas also has a M.S. in Environmental Science and Policy and a B.S. in Biology from Northern Arizona University, studying ecological impacts of dams. Chas has a record of success in writing grants and technical writing, useful skills as the NW Tribal Resilience Liaison.

**North Central Liaison**

The University of Minnesota (UM) [http://sustainabledevelopmentinstitute.org](http://sustainabledevelopmentinstitute.org) hired Sara Smith as the Tribal Resilience Liaison for the North Central Climate Science Center in Fort Collins, CO and will serve tribes and tribal climate concerns in MT, KS, WY, CO, ND, SD, and NE.

**Midwest Liaison**

The College of Menominee Nation Sustainability Development Institute (CMNDI) [http://sustainabledevelopmentinstitute.org](http://sustainabledevelopmentinstitute.org) hired Sara Smith as the Tribal Resilience Liaison for the North Central Climate Science Center in Fort Collins, CO and will serve tribes and tribal climate concerns in MT, KS, WY, CO, ND, SD, and NE.

**Eastern Liaison**

United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (UST) [http://www.uset.org](http://www.uset.org) is selecting a Tribal Resilience Liaison from a short list of screened candidates to be based at the NE Climate Science Center at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. The liaison will serve most Tribes in the NE and SE CSCs and the BIA Eastern Region. USET’s Office of Environmental and Resource Management works to address environmental concerns including climate change, community ecosystems, traditional practices, clean and safe drinking water, and public safety. USET also serves on the LCC Council.