

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Region's VIRTUAL Partners in Action Conference

2021

Course Catalog

All times are Central Standard Time.





Dear Tribal Leaders, Staff, and Partners:

Welcome to "Partners in Action", I am happy to announce that this year marks our 11th annual conference! Your contribution to the panels, expertise and Q & A are as the center of the conference's success. As we continue our collaboration throughout the conference, I want to reflect back on why PIA is so important to all of us. It is about meaningful working relationships with the Tribes, Federal and State partners, fostering innovation, ideas and sharing success stories, overcoming challenges and building partnerships. I want to extend my appreciation to our conference lead staff, and the conference teams, for their dedication, commitment, and tireless efforts to make this year's conference a reality.



As we continue to focus on strengthening the sovereignty of tribal nations, building strong Government-to-Government relations we honor the Tribal Leaders and past Leaders for their commitment to their people, restoration of their Tribal homelands and building economic development in their communities. I also want to thank the Midwest Tribes that have firmly established and support this event as a top Regional event, fostering long lasting partnerships.

This years theme "Adapt, Improvise, Overcome", reflects back on the challenges that we have all worked through in 2020 and to date, with the COVID-19 and the May 2020 civil unrest that our country experienced. We have learned to adapt to a new way of communication within our families and work life balance. We continue to improvise as many of us telework, conduct meetings virtually and even attend conferences at the mercy of a flat screen. Overcoming will come in many forms, but I believe that critical to this is strong communications, working together & building meaningful partnerships.

I hope you enjoy the conference and find new possibilities that may influence your life, community, and tribe!

Kind regards,

Regional Director



Monday, July 19, 2021

Partners in Action - Opening Ceremony

Mon 7/19/2021 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

BIA History/ BIA Today

Mon 7/19/2021 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

This course will provide a basic overview of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and its history up to the modern day.

Presented by: Jason Oberle, Superintendent Michigan Agency, BIA, and Bart Stevens, Deputy Bureau Director Field Operations

Opioids in America – The Epidemic

Mon 7/19/2021 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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Presented by: Leidos/ Center for Domestic Preparedness

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Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Introduction to the Bureau - an overview for New Tribal Leaders

Tue 7/20/2021 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Attendees will receive an overview of the Bureau of Indian Affairs background, history, mission, and its programs, including Real Estate Services, Probate, Forestry and Fire, Water and Dam Safety, Wildlife and Parks, Environmental and Cultural Resource Management, Roads, and Land Title & Records Office. Attendees will learn tribes' rights and responsibilities and how Indian Affairs relates to Tribes and delivers services under its fiduciary obligation, including information on PL-93-638 contracting and compacting and other applicable laws and regulations. A Federal and BIA budget process overview will also be provided with information on additional funding opportunities outside of the BIA.

Presenters from the Midwest Region:

Todd Kennedy, Supervisor, Highway Engineering Sherrel LaPointe, Tribal Operations Officer

Tammie Poitra, Regional Director
Patricia Olby, Deputy Regional Director - Trust Services
Mathew Anderson, Midwest Regional Forester
Russell Baker, Supervisory Realty Specialist, Division of Fee to Trust
Scot Cameron, Regional Budget Officer
Michelle Corbine, Self Determination Officer
Scott Doig, Chief, Division of Environmental and Cultural Resource Management
Gerald Doolittle, Safety and Occupational Health Specialist
Heidi Gordon, Manager, Land Title and Records Office
Mervel Harris, Regional Realty Officer
Amie Hunt, Regional Property Officer
Albany Jacobson Eckert, Great Lakes Restoration Biologist
Gwendolyn Johns, Legal Administrative Specialist

Mary Manydeeds, Chief, Branch of Water Resources and Dam Safety
Winter Jojola-Talburt, Deputy Division Chief, Division of Energy and Mineral Development
Ken Reinfeld, Senior Policy/Program Analyst, Office of Self-Governance
Kenneth Roy, Indian Land Surveyor,
Branch of Cadastral Field Surveys, Bureau of Land Management
Valerie Vasquez, Regional Social Worker

Streamlining BIA's Processes - Round Table Discussion

Tue 7/20/2021 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

NEW!! This is a round table discussion surrounding just one question applicable to all program areas. "With streamlining in mind, if you could change anything about the BIA's processes, procedures, or regulatory requirements, what would you change?" Ideas will be captured, discussed, reviewed and researched to improve or recommend improvements in BIA's programs and services. There is no wrong answer. Put on your thinking cap, get your creative juices flowing and take part in what is sure to be an exciting brainstorm session.

Presented by the BIA - Midwest Region:

Tammie Poitra, Regional Director
Patricia L. Olby, Deputy Regional Director of Trust Services
Chris Redman, Deputy Regional Director of Indian Services
Jason Oberle, Michigan Agency Superintendent
Diane Baker, Great Lakes Agency Superintendent
Alan Fogarty, Minnesota Agency Superintendent

Suspicious Activity Reporting - Working with your Fusion Center

Tue 7/20/2021 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

"Suspicious Activity Reporting - Working with your Fusion Center," will introduce the audience to the need for suspicious activity reporting and cover some components to a Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) policy. In addition, it will provide an overview of how first responders can integrate with their Fusion Centers and discuss different roles that they may play in information gathering. How first responders can improve their situational awareness will also be discussed.

Presented by:

Leidos/Center for Domestic Preparedness

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Wednesday, July 21, 2021

Cultural Values and Social Work Code of Ethics (UMN)

Wed 7/21/2021 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Social Work Ethics drive high-quality child welfare practices. Just reading the Code of Ethics is not always the most helpful way to learn to apply social work ethics. Trainers will draw on their years of experience to translate the Code of Ethics for real-world application in Indian Country. One ethically complicated domain is boundaries. Where are the boundaries drawn in a tribal community? How do you work child welfare cases that involve members of your own small community? You may be exposed to personal information or respond to a family's crisis in the homes of your schoolmates, members of your clan, village, church, or even members of your family. Tribal child welfare work is not for those who can't clearly establish boundaries and keep to them. This session will help explore how to navigate the many relationships that exist in tribal communities when families are in crisis and provide ethical services similar to most cultural values in order to address safety of children, families, and yourself.

Presented by:

Rita Hart, MSW, Consultant/Trainer/Facilitator, UMN Tribal Training Partnership Program

Dallas Pettigrew, MSW Director and Clinical Asst. Professor, University of Oklahoma Center for Tribal Social Work

Cortney Bolt, MSW Program Manager & Academic Auntie, University of Oklahoma Center for Tribal Social Work

A Deadly Dose: Fentanyl, Opioids, and the First Responder

Wed 7/21/2021 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

A Deadly Dose: Fentanyl, Opioids, and the First Responder," will provide the audience with information on fentanyl, synthetic opioids, and other related substances. The escalating use of fentanyl-related substances increases the risk to responders during routine law enforcement emergencies or life-saving activities and should be treated with extreme caution to avoid

health-related complications. Additionally, information on substance recognition, PPE, detection, and other best practices will be discussed.

Presented by:

Leidos/Center for Domestic Preparedness

Best practices in Regional Vulnerability Assessments and Adaptation Planning

Wed 7/21/2021 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Climate change is impacting cultural, natural, and economic resources in the Midwest region. Partnerships between holders of Indigenous knowledges and western science present a model for climate adaptation that addresses the needs and values of Tribal partners, non-Tribal partners, and the natural world. In this session we will discuss some best practices in both vulnerability assessments and adaptation plans that intentionally integrate different knowledges for actionable science and management. We will also present regional tools for understanding climate impacts, conducting vulnerability assessments, and developing adaption plans. We will explore Dibaginjigaadeg Anishinaabe Ezhitwaad: A Tribal Climate Adaptation Menu as an example of successes in the region and will spend time discussing other nascent examples from emerging leaders in the region. Participants will be invited to discuss existing plans and projects in development to present and tackle challenges they are facing in their communities and organizations.

Presented by:

Sara Smith, Midwest Tribal Resilience Liaison, College of Menominee Nation Sustainable Development Institute and Midwest Climate Adaptation Science Center

Olivia LeDee, Acting Director, Midwest Climate Adaptation Science Center Marta Lyons, Ecologist, Midwest Climate Adaptation Science Center

Thursday, July 22, 2021

Midwest Land Title and Records Office (LTRO)

Thu 7/22/2021 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

This presentation will provide participants insight on a wide variety of information regarding functions performed by the Midwest LTRO. Our office hopes to give you a better understanding or an inside look at what the LTRO does and how it relates to your job. We will be discussing title review, title clean-up, what documents are required to be recorded. We will also touch on how to read and understand a Title Status Report and how documents are processed and the importance of how it relates to your job. We welcome anyone who wants to know a little bit more about the LTRO, and highly encourage questions and audience participation.

Presented by:

Heidi Gordon, Midwest Land Title & Records Office Manager, BIA- Midwest Region Richard Zephier, Acting Division Chief, Division of Land Titles and Records, BIA – Central Office Rosemarie Fresquez, Legal Instruments Examiner Lenore Plucinski, Legal Instruments Examiner Laurie Houle, Legal Instruments Examiner Tyler Gordon, Legal Instruments Examiner Paul Mahon, GIS Coordinator

■ Pathogens of Special Concern

Thu 7/22/2021 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

A discussion of characteristics and patient management considerations for pathogens of special concern based on transmissibility and mortality.

Presented by:

Leidos/Center for Domestic Preparedness

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Programmatic Considerations for Forestry Trespass

Thu 7/22/2021 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

^{*}This course will be presented via Zoom.

Forest trees can have high financial value and are usually located in remote areas, making them an easy target for thieves. This presentation will discuss the problem of forest products theft and some of the elements that a Natural Resources Management program needs to take in order to address and prevent it.

Presented By:

Matthew Anderson, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Region

Friday, July 23, 2021

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in Indian Country 101

Fri 7/23/2021 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Basic information on how NEPA applies in Indian Country

Presented By:

Frederick Vande Venter, Environmental Protection Specialist, Great Lakes Agency

BIA Tribal Energy & Mineral Development Strategies - Panel Session

Fri 7/23/2021 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Comprehensive energy and mineral development has been and continues to be a major strategy for developing resilient tribal economies. To support American Indian nations and Alaska Native villages with the development of their energy and mineral resources, the Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD) provides technical assistance through many avenues, from grant programs to advising on tribal economic development strategies. This panel will share the latest energy development approaches and opportunities to help tribes determine the right solutions for their local communities and resources. Presenter(s) will also discuss lessons learned and best practices for applying to DEMD's grant programs.

Presented by:

Winter Jojola-Talburt, Deputy Division Chief, Division of Energy and Mineral Development Duane Matt, Geologist, Division of Energy and Mineral Development Payton Batliner, Economic Development Specialist, Division of Energy and Mineral Development Sierra Squire, Natural Resources Specialist, Division of Energy and Mineral Development

Monday, July 26, 2021

Forest Development Program

Mon 7/26/2021 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM

Overview of the Forest Development Program

Presented by:

Michael Benedict, Forest Development Forester, BIA – Midwest Region

Medical Surge Management

Mon 7/26/2021 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Examines the process for medical management of the immediate response phase of a mass trauma event. Explores considerations and challenges of establishing triage and life-saving interventions at the scene, transition of patients to healthcare facilities, and the prioritization and providing of emergency, life-saving treatment at a healthcare facility to do the most good for the most patients.

Presented by:

Leidos/Center for Domestic Preparedness

*This course will be presented via Zoom

Human Services program requirements for Budgets, Statements of Work and Reporting

Mon 7/26/2021 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

An overview of submitting proposed budgets, evaluating, and updating your programs statement of work and submitting required reports for each contracted program.

Presented by:

Valerie Vasquez, Awarding Official's Technical Representative and Regional Social Worker BIA-Midwest Region

Forest Trespass Process

Mon 7/26/2021 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

This course describes the process of what to do when a trespass is discovered, and the steps required to resolve the trespass. The target audience is any natural resource staff that may have to be involved in the forest trespass process.

Presented by:

Sean Maiers, Forester, BIA – Midwest Region

Emergency and Disaster Flexibilities & Waivers

Mon 7/26/2021 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

The course provides information on ACF program flexibilities and waivers available to States, Tribes and grantees during emergencies and disasters. This presentation summarizes and provides examples of programmatic and administrative guidance for each ACF program with emergency flexibilities and waivers. The information provided emphasizes an all-hazards approach, meaning the flexibilities and waivers may apply to any potential disaster (e.g., flooding, tornado, fire). There are ACF programs without applicable flexibilities/waivers for emergencies and disasters and will not be discussed.

Presented By:

Marc Fisher, Regional Emergency Management Specialist
US Department of Health and Human Services/ Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Housing Improvement Program

Tue 7/27/2021 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Provides background and information on the HIP Program including an orientation for TAPR (Tribal Priority Planning) Reporting and Developing Tribal Work Plans.

Presented by:

Leslie Jensen, Housing Program Officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Public Law 101-630: Conducting Background & Character Investigations Session I

Tue 7/27/2021 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Overview and Guidelines, Minimum Standards of Character, Determining suitability and the applicability to PL 93-638. We will also cover positions that are required to background checks and your responsibility as a tribal contractor to conduct investigations and the rights of employees, volunteers and potential employees.

Presenter: Harold Rivkin, Falmouth Institute

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■ Leveraging ICWA and Developing Your Tribe's Own Child Protection Code Session I Tue 7/27/2021 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

We will do an overview of the Indian Child Welfare Act and its application, what the states' duty is to tribes and deciding how/if a tribe wants to incorporate ICWA into its tribal code. We will also examine custody and adoption.

Presenter: Patina Park, Falmouth Institute

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Autism Awareness For Emergency Services

Tue 7/27/2021 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Discussing the behavioral complications of autistic adults and children. Identifying some of the subtle signs typically associated with autistic individuals, hazards associated with autistic individuals in a stressful emergency situation, calming techniques, dangers autistic individuals may put themselves, the public and responders into, recommendations for police and fire departments to better understand autism and the autistic individuals in their communities.

Presented by:

Leidos/Center for Domestic Preparedness

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Wednesday, July 28, 2021

■ Public Law 101-630: Conducting Background & Character Investigations Session II

Wed 7/28/2021 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Reexamining Minimum Standards of Character, Determining suitability and the applicability to PL 93-638. Defining crimes against persons and determining suitability.

Presenter: Harold Rivkin, Falmouth Institute

Tribal Transportation Program - Update & Overview (Midwest Region)

Wed 7/28/2021 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

This session will provide participants insight on a wide variety of information regarding Tribal Transportation Program (TTP). We will be providing updates on the status of funding, as well as the current Highway Authorization. We hope to provide you a better understanding of the various programs within the TTP, and how each program can be utilized to maximize the benefits to your respective communities. We will discuss delivery options available for how tribes can interact and receive TTP funding. Guidance will be provided on maintaining your respective TTP inventories, Planning, Project Development & Delivery, as well as Safety.

Presented by: BIA Midwest Region Transportation Staff:

Todd Kennedy, Regional Road Engineer, BIA-Midwest Region Tony Saccoman, Supervisory Highway Engineer Dave O'Donahue, Supervisory Highway Engineer Kurt Slettvedt, Supervisory Highway Engineer Scott Hewitt, Supervisory Highway Engineer

■ Media Relations and Press Conferences

Wed 7/28/2021 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Explains the Public Information Officer (PIO)'s responsibility to effectively plan for media reaction during routine as well as emergency situations, including how to contact local, regional, and national media outlets that can be instrumental in reaching the public with emergency information. Further explains how to prepare speakers for a press conference.

Presented by:

Leidos/Center for Domestic Preparedness

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■ Leveraging ICWA and Developing Your Tribe's Own Child Protection Code Session II

Wed 7/28/2021 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

We will look at the Native American Children's Safety Act (NACSA) requirements for Tribes, the BIA guidelines, and analyze the law and what considerations tribes should include to develope a strong child protection code.

Presenter: Patina Park, Falmouth Institute

*This course will be presented via Zoom.

■ FEMA's Flood Risk Studies for Native Sovereign Nations - Developing a new Guidance Wed 7/28/2021 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

This course will begin with an overview of FEMA's flood risk studies and floodplain mapping program. We will highlight the Risk MAP program and the development of non-regulatory products, like depth grids and Base Level Engineering. The course structure will then shift to provide an opportunity for participants to share their flooding experiences and familiarity with these flood risk products. Course facilitators will lead a discussion on ways to improve this program to better honor tribal sovereignty and promote mitigation/resilience. The intended audience are GIS, Environmental, and Emergency Management staff, but all are welcome!

Presented by:

Nick Bruscato, , FEMA R5 Mitigation Tribal Liaison

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Tribal Transportation Program Update (National)

Thu 7/29/2021 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Update on the tribal transportation program. Currently operating under an extension of the FAST Act until the end of FY2021. Updates on the program accomplishments of the past 5+ years. Discussion on the BIA road maintenance program also.

Presented by:

Leroy Gishi, Chief, Division of Transportation, BIA Office of Indian Services

■ Public Law 101-630: Conducting Background & Character Investigations Session III Thu 7/29/2021 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

We will review the processes for adjudication, what cases go to the adjudication official, appeals and adverse findings. We will also review tribal rights to adjudicate and review tribal versus federal standards and what liability issues may arise.

Presenter: Harold Rivkin, Falmouth Institute

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Opioids in America – The Epidemic

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Field Medical Tactics during an Emergency Response to an Active Assailant Incident

Thu 7/29/2021 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Field Medical Tactics during an Emergency Response to an Active Assailant Incident" will discuss active assailant data and the paradigm shift in response tactics to a mass casualty event. This ELS will include an overview of field medical tactics that are based on the principles of Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC). Presentation will include the stages of care, medical equipment, common types of wounds, and the assessment protocol for wound treatment

Presented by:

Leidos/Center for Domestic Preparedness

*This course will be presented via Zoom.

Leveraging ICWA and Developing Your Tribe's Own Child Protection Code Session III

Thu 7/29/2021 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

We will review best practices for Indian Child Welfare and how to use a strength-based trauma-informed response when working with families. We will also review funding options for tribal Indian child welfare programs.

Presenter: Patina Park, Falmouth Institute

*This course will be presented via Zoom.

■ Promoting Recovery and Resilience: Broadband Expansion for Tribal Nations

Thu 7/29/2021 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

This course will offer an overview of how broadband access impacts tribal communities while sharing available resources that can be utilized to bridge the digital divide. Our panel discussion will dive deeper into why broadband expansion is important for both the resilience and recovery of economics, healthcare, public health, and social services networks. We will have a panel-discussion with partners from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Indian Health Service, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response), U.S. Economic Development Administration, National Telecommunications, and Information Administration (First Responder Network Authority), and other partners involved in tribal affairs or emergency management work. NTIA's speaking role will focus on NTIA's Tribal Broadband Grant program (TBCP), with a special lens on the telehealth benefits of connecting Tribal nations. Participation in the panel will also support outreach efforts to Tribes in the region to learn about the grant program rules (see Tribal Nations | BroadbandUSA (doc.gov) for more information). The target audience for this event is tribal leadership, emergency managers, federal partners, etc.

Presented by:

Danielle Perry, Region V Recovery Coordinator, Office of the Assistance Secretary for Preparedness and Response Carlann Unger, Economic Development Integrator, Economic Development Administration
Chris Fore, Director, IHS Tele-behavioral Health Center of Excellence (TBHCE)
Donna E. Enfield, LICSW, QCSW, Behavioral Health Consultant, Indian Health Service
Margaret Gutierrez, National Tribal Liaison, First Responder Network Authority
Vanesscia Cresci, Broadband Program Specialist, National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Lee Shirey, Economic Development Representative for Michigan, U.S. Economic Development Administration
Madia Al-Amin, Assistant Regional Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Friday, July 30, 2021

■ Fee-to-Trust (Changes to the NEPA Process)

Fri 7/30/2021 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

This course will detail how 2020 NEPA Regulations, President Biden's executive orders and Secretary Haaland's Secretarial Orders impact NEPA compliance in the Fee-to-Trust process. This course will have a fee-to-trust for gaming purposes theme but widely applicable information regarding changes to the NEPA process will be useful for all NEPA practitioners.

Presented by:

Philip Bristol, Policy Advisor, Office of Indian Gaming Maja Pepion, Management Analyst, Office of Indian Gaming

Public Law 101-630: Conducting Background & Character Investigations Session IV

Fri 7/30/2021 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Technical Assistance and Questions that remain.

Presenter: Harold Rivkin, Falmouth Institute

*This course will be presented via Zoom.

Gaming Compacts (Sports Betting and i-Gaming)

Fri 7/30/2021 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

This course will discuss recent developments in tribal-state class III gaming compacts related to sports betting and i-gaming.

Presented by:

Troy Woodward, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Indian Gaming

What is Probate and Estate Services?

Fri 7/30/2021 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

The session to provide an overview the service that probate provides, what the program is responsible for and the partnerships with Native American families, tribal offices and other federal government programs that are created and maintained to contribute to the program's success in completing their mission.

Presented by:

Mandy Priester, Regional Legal Administrative Specialist, Probate and Estate Division, BIA Midwest Region

■ Leveraging ICWA and Developing Your Tribe's Own Child Protection Code Session IV Fri 7/30/2021 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Technical Assistance and Questions that remain.

Presenter: Patina Park, Falmouth Institute

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Monday, August 2, 2021

Probate and Estate Services Program Updates for Midwest Region

Mon 8/2/2021 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Session will address the updates to the Midwest Probate and Estate Services program, share our region's GPRA goal, Case Prep goals, fiscal year successes and also provide an overview of how the program is set up in the Midwest Region.

Presented by:

Mandy Priester, Legal Administrative Specialist, Midwest Regional Office

Mass Violence Toolkit (MVT) Preplanning, Response and Recovery

Mon 8/2/2021 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

"Mass Violence Toolkit (MVT) Preplanning, Response and Recovery" will discuss how significant events resulting in mass violence affect us all, directly and indirectly. While we can never be fully prepared for future unknowns, we can establish effective community partnerships and build comprehensive response and recovery plans. The Mass Violence Toolkit (MVT) is a comprehensive online resource that will assist local officials and responders in establishing effective response plans and community partnerships.

Presented by:

Leidos/Center for Domestic Preparedness

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Suspicious Activity Reporting - Working with your Fusion Center

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Presenters Organization:

Leidos/Center for Domestic Preparedness

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USGS Science: Ecosystem Threats in a Changing World

Mon 8/2/2021 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is the science bureau of the Department of the Interior and provides robust and unbiased science in support of partners, including tribes. Within the USGS Midcontinent Region, our goals include better understanding tribes' science needs, and sharing information about USGS science capabilities, in pursuit of collaborative science that helps support tribes' needs. In this session we will highlight USGS capabilities with respect to ecosystem threats in a changing world. Topics to be discussed include invasive species (invasive carp, mussels, Phragmites, European frogbit, etc.), contaminants (nutrients, PFAS, CECs, etc.), water availability, and climate change.

Presented by:

Scott Morlock, Regional Director, USGS Midcontinent Region
Bryan Richards, Tribal Liaison, USGS Midcontinent Region
Mark Gaikowski, Center Director, USGS Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center
Russ Strach, Center Director, USGS Great Lakes Science Center
John Walker, Center Director, Upper Midwest Water Science Center
Additional scientists from the USGS Midcontinent Region

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

COVID-19, One year Later

Tue 8/3/2021 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Lessons learned from the beginning of the pandemic in February 2020 through present time, going over details of steps, closures, teleworking issues, school closings, changes in PPE awareness, and vaccinations rollouts.

Presented by:

Gerald Doolittle, Regional Safety Manager, Midwest Regional Office

■ Public Law 101-630: Conducting Background & Character Investigations Session I Repeat Tue 8/3/2021 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Overview and Guidelines, Minimum Standards of Character, Determining suitability and the applicability to PL 93-638. We will also cover positions that are required to background checks and your responsibility as a tribal contractor to conduct investigations and the rights of employees, volunteers and potential employees.

Presenter: Harold Rivkin, Falmouth Institute

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Midwest Region Safety Program Overview

Tue 8/3/2021 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Overview of Midwest Region Safety programs, top ten accident mishaps, and top excuses for not thinking about safety in work performance.

Presented by:

Gerald Doolittle, Regional Safety Manager, Midwest Regional Office

Budget 101

Tue 8/3/2021 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Basics of Federal Budget Process

Scot Cameron, Regional Budget Officer, BIA Midwest Regional Office

■ The Effective Use of Social and Traditional Media during Emergencies

Tue 8/3/2021 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

The Effective Use of Social and Traditional Media during Emergencies will focus on the role of media during disaster/emergency situations and how to plan for the interaction. Additionally, there will be discussion encouraging agency communicators to evaluate their current plans for public information and ensure the plans have the appropriate balance of social and traditional media outreach. It will also encourage agencies that do not have a robust social media presence to increase their online presence to meet the needs of the communities they serve during disasters.

Presented by:

Leidos/Center for Domestic Preparedness

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Leveraging ICWA and Developing Your Tribe's Own Child Protection Code Session I Repeat

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Presenter: Patina Park, Falmouth Institute

Midwest Region Facilities Management Program

Tue 8/3/2021 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

The presentation will provide an overview of the Facility Management Program providing Operation and Maintenance, Minor Improvement and Repair, Emergency Reimbursement, and Demolition Funding to BIA (Agency's and Forestry), BIE (Tribally Controlled Schools under P.L. 100-297 and P.L. 93-638), and OJS (Law Enforcement and Detention both adult and juvenile) and the program in which funding must be requested through.

Presented by:

Gerald Doolittle, Acting Regional Facility Manager, BIA Midwest Regional Office

BIA & FWS FERC Hydropower- Relicensing Process - Intervention v. Public Commenting Tue 8/3/2021 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Between now and 2033, over 100 hydropower dams in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin enter the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relicensing process. These project licenses last 30+ years and impact, among other things: fish passage up and down stream; create fish mortality through the turbines; and reduce diversity within the stream environment.

There is a small window of opportunity to become an intervenor which allows your issues to be identified, discussed, and analyzed during the year long process. If you miss this opportunity, they will allow a period of public comment when a majority of decisions have been made. This session will present the licensing process and steps you can take to protect natural assets or mitigate issues that have been present in current licenses. It will also discuss the Federal Power Act for hydropower projects (§4(e) authorizes DOI and DOA to impose mandatory conditions on a FERC license for hydropower projects located on federal reservations; §10(e) annual charges for use of inundated Indian trust lands; §10(j) recommendations to protect, mitigate damages to, and enhance fish and wildlife resources; and §18 fishway prescription requirements

Presented by:

Mary Manydeeds, Chief, Branch of Water and Dam Safety, BIA- Midwest Region Nick Utrup, Hydropower Coordinator and Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

Understanding the Land Description Review (LDR) and Certificate of Inspection and Possession (CIP) steps of the Fee to Trust Application Process

Wed 8/4/2021 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

This presentation will offer insights into the reasons and methods of the LDR and CIP steps of the Fee to Trust Application process to better understand land descriptions, the information and documentation necessary for those steps, and preparing applications that don't encounter hurdles during those steps.

Presented by:

Ken Roy, Indian Land Surveyor, Bureau of Land Management

■ Public Law 101-630: Conducting Background & Character Investigations Session II Repeat Wed 8/4/2021 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Reexamining Minimum Standards of Character, Determining suitability and the applicability to PL 93-638. Defining crimes against persons and determining suitability.

Presenter: Harold Rivkin, Falmouth Institute

Proposed Trespass Procedures for Trust and Real Estate Services

Wed 8/4/2021 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

^{*}This course will be presented via Zoom.

This course will advise attendees of the Midwest Region's proposed trespass procedures regarding Trust and Real Estate Services transactions (i.e., Leases, Rights of Way) that would apply to both tribal and allotted lands within the Midwest Region. Discussion will focus on the application of the proposed procedures regarding a Public Law 93-280 State as well as non-Public Law 93-280 States and will outline the actions to be taken against a trespassing entity for any unauthorized use or occupancy on Indian agricultural lands in accordance with applicable law.

Presented by:

Mervel Harris, Regional Realty Officer, BIA Midwest Regional Office

Pathways Internship

Wed 8/4/2021 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Information on how to get into the BIA Pathways internship program. Opportunities, Advantages, Success, Goals.

Presented by:

Scot Cameron, Budget Officer, Midwest Region

BIA & GLIFWC- Groundwater Governance Project for the Great Lakes Region, collaboration with Freshwater Society

Wed 8/4/2021 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Introducing the Groundwater Governance Project for stakeholders residing within the states adjacent to the Great Lakes. The intended outcome is to present a shared understanding of the current status of groundwater policy; help create the conditions to improve communications and prepare recommendations for processes to improve long-term stewardship among tribes, states and municipal stakeholders.

We welcome Tribal Leaders, and anyone interested in a sustainable future for the natural assets and their habitats which can be impacted by activities that reduce groundwater and therefore surface water (dewatering for mining; increased usage from population shifts, manufacturing, or agriculture practices related to climate change, etc.) Questions and audience participation are encouraged.

Presented by:

Mary Manydeeds, Chief, Branch of Water and Dam Safety, Midwest Regional Office
Ann McGammon-Soltis, Director – Division of Intergovernmental Affairs, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission

■ Leveraging ICWA and Developing Your Tribe's Own Child Protection Code Session II Repeat

Wed 8/4/2021 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

We will look at the Native American Children's Safety Act (NACSA) requirements for Tribes, the BIA guidelines, and analyze the law and what considerations tribes should include to develope a strong child protection code.

Presenter: Patina Park, Falmouth Institute

Manoomin (Wild Rice) Monitoring & Restoration in the Lakes Michigan-Huron Basin Wed 8/4/2021 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

NOAA will provide an update on its current manoomin (wild rice) work in the Lakes Michigan-Huron basin. This will include how NOAA adapted previous in-person committee meetings and manoomin workshops to virtual settings due to COVID-19 precautions and an overview of current remote sensing data collection at 12 sites in the Lake Michigan-Huron basin during summer/fall 2021. This course will also provide information on other technical support NOAA can provide to tribal partners for coastal management. The target audience is tribal natural resource staff as well as any other tribal staff interested in wild rice monitoring and restoration work.

Presented by:

Jennifer Ballinger, Environmental Scientist, CSS-Inc. Contract, NOAA's Office of Coastal Management

^{*}This course will be presented via Zoom.

Brandon Krumwiede, Physical Scientist / Great Lakes Regional Geospatial Coordinator, NOAA's Office for Coastal Management

Thursday, August 5, 2021

Public Law 101-630: Conducting Background & Character Investigations Session III Repeat

Thu 8/5/2021 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

We will review the processes for adjudication, what cases go to the adjudication official, appeals and adverse findings. We will also review tribal rights to adjudicate and review tribal versus federal standards and what liability issues may arise.

Presenter: Harold Rivkin, Falmouth Institute

*This course will be presented via Zoom.

The Role of American Indian Tribes in Federal Cultural Resource Laws

Thu 8/5/2021 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

This course will cover the role of American Indian Tribes in the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). It will also discuss Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPO), Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), and Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA).

Presented by:

William Kurtz, Archaeologist / Fire, BIA Midwest Region

Career Fair and Diversity in the Workforce Updates

Thu 8/5/2021 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

We will be hitting on some of the key topics from the Career fair that was conducted in May. Covering some of the key element to assist in getting diversified applicants into our selection process. How to get a federal job.

Presented by:

Scot Cameron, Budget Officer, Midwest Region

Streamlining the Application Process for Telecommunication Projects (NPM - TRUS - 40)

Thu 8/5/2021 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

This course will focus on the process and procedures established with the May 5, 2021, release of National Policy Memorandum (NPM) TRUS-40 by the Central Office Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Real Estate Services and how the streamlining will affect the processing and approval of Rights of Way for the purposes of Broadband infrastructure for tribes. Attendees will be advised of the existing procedures and the streamlined procedures established by NPM-TRUS-40, considerations a tribe may contemplate and how tribes can better prepare when submitting Rights of Way applications for Broadband projects for review to the BIA.

Presented by:

Mervel Harris, Regional Realty Officer, BIA Midwest Region

Leveraging ICWA and Developing Your Tribe's Own Child Protection Code Session III Repeat

Thu 8/5/2021 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

We will review best practices for Indian Child Welfare and how to use a strength-based trauma-informed response when working with families. We will also review funding options for tribal Indian child welfare programs.

Presenter: Patina Park, Falmouth Institute

USGS Earth Science in a Changing World

^{*}This course will be presented via Zoom.

Thu 8/5/2021 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

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Presented by:

Scott Morlock, Regional Director, USGS Midcontinent Region
Bryan Richards, Tribal Liaison, USGS Midcontinent Region
Warren Day, Science Coordinator, USGS Earth-MRI Program
Cindy Thatcher, Elevation Planning and Management Lead, USGS 3DEP Program
Ben Drenth, Research Geophysicist, USGS Geology, Geophysics, and Geochemistry Science Center
Laurel Woodruff, Research Geologist, USGS Geology, Energy & Minerals Science Center
Additional scientists from USGS National Programs

■ Hazardous Materials Personal Protective Equipment Determination and Considerations Thu 8/5/2021 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

A comprehensive examination of the requirements and considerations for determining appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for a hazardous materials response. Discusses the OSHA and NFPA categorization of hazardous materials PPE; factors in determining required PPE to stock on-hand based on community hazards and threats, and for a specific incident; determining chemical compatibility of PPE items for an identified substance using various resources and tools; limitations of structural firefighting equipment in hazardous materials response; and medical screening, respirator fit testing, and other considerations for operations and management of personnel required to wear PPE.

Presented by:

Leidos/Center for Domestic Preparedness

*This course will be presented via Zoom.

Friday, August 6, 2021

FEMA 101: An Overview of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Tribal Nations Fri 8/6/2021 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

This course will provide a broad overview of FEMA programs, policies, and funding opportunities for Tribal Nations. The target audience includes Tribal Leaders, emergency managers, environmental, planning and grants staff. The goal of this course will be to present information in an acronym-free environment. No prior emergency management experience is required!

Presented By:

Troy Christensen, Regional Tribal Liaison, FEMA Region 5, Federal Emergency Management Agency

■ Public Law 101-630: Conducting Background & Character Investigations Session IV Repeat Fri 8/6/2021 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Technical Assistance and Questions that remain.

Presenter: Harold Rivkin, Falmouth Institute

*This course will be presented via Zoom.

Purchase at Probate, Midwest Region Process

Fri 8/6/2021 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Session will provide an overview of the Purchase at Probate Process, highlight the changes to the process that were posted in the Federal Register in FY 2021.

Presented by:

Gwendolyn Johns, Supervisory Legal Administrative Specialist, Minnesota Agency

Psychological Preparedness for Responders

Fri 8/6/2021 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Psychological Preparedness for Responders," will review common examples of situations encountered by emergency responders that have a tendency to cause stress and/or stress-induced psychological trauma. The audience will gain knowledge of stress disorder causes, signs and symptoms of stress-induced psychological trauma, and multiple coping methods for stress and stress disorders.

Presented by:

Leidos/Center for Domestic Preparedness

*This course will be presented via Zoom.

Geospatial Coordination with Midwest Tribes, and GIS and the Ho-Chunk Nation

Fri 8/6/2021 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Two talks during this session:

- 1. BIA Regional Geospatial coordination with Midwest Tribes: A path forward, will cover BIA regional geospatial efforts in supporting tribes GIS programs. The presentation will introduce the newly created position of BIA Regional Geospatial Coordinator, Christopher Kaczmarek and his roles as they pertain to geospatial program development and future growth.
- 2. GIS and the Ho-Chunk Nation: Using ESRI products to assist with Broadband mapping and land management in a tribal government.

Presented by:

Christopher Kaczmarek, Regional Geospatial Coordinator, BIA Midwest Wyatt Pajtash, GIS Coordinator, Ho-Chunk Nation

Leveraging ICWA and Developing Your Tribe's Own Child Protection Code Session IV Repeat

Fri 8/6/2021 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Technical Assistance and Questions that remain.

Presenter: Patina Park, Falmouth Institute

*This course will be presented via Zoom.

Monday, August 9, 2021

Mass Casualty Incident Response

Mon 8/9/2021 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Provides mass casualty triage education and practical experience in the application of the SALT (Sort, Assess, Lifesaving Interventions, Treatment/Transport) Mass Casualty Triage Algorithm. Addresses global sorting of mass casualties, assessment of individual patients, performance of on-scene lifesaving interventions, and the treatment, stabilization, and transport of patients for further treatment in a healthcare facility.

Presented by:

Leidos/Center for Domestic Preparedness

*This course will be presented via Zoom.

Tribal Climate Resilience Program

Mon 8/9/2021 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

The Tribal Climate Resilience Program (Program) supports Federally recognized Tribes and Tribal organizations through financial assistance for Climate Adaptation Planning and Vulnerability Assessments, Ocean and Coastal Management Planning, and Relocation, Managed Retreat, and Protect-in-Place Planning. The Program also provides Technical Assistance through training and regional Tribal Climate Resilience Liaisons. The presentation will also provide examples of Programfunded Tribal Climate Resilience projects in the Midwest Region.

Presented by:

Alyssa Samoy, Natural Resources Specialist, BIA Tribal Climate Resilience Program
Corwin Carroll, Natural Resources Specialist, BIA Tribal Climate Resilience Program
Matthew Anderson, Regional TCRP Point-of-Contact and Regional Forester, BIA – Midwest Region

Partnering with the Corps of Engineers for Water Resources and other projects

Mon 8/9/2021 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

This presentation will discuss opportunities to partner with the Corps of Engineers under our Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) including the Tribal Partnership Program. Under CAP, the Corps of Engineers can cost share (primarily water resources related) projects with a Tribe and the first 511k of a Tribe's cost share is waived. For projects under 511k, the cost would be covered 100% by the federal government. CAP covers a wide variety of project types including environmental restoration, protection of tribal infrastructure and protection of cultural resources. Funding may not be immediately available but agreements can be prepared ahead of time so projects can move ahead when funding is available. This is not grant program but rather an opportunity to cost share a project with the Corps of Engineers.

This presentation is open to everyone but is aimed to environmental, water resources and cultural staff

Presented by:

Curtis Sedlacek, District Archeologist and Tribal Liaison, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District Vanessa Alberto, Archeologist and Tribal Liaison, United States Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District Ashley Dailide, District Archaeologist and Tribal Liaison, Chicago District Amanda Holdeman, Archaeologist, Detroit District

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Public Information for All Hazard Incidents

Tue 8/10/2021 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Addresses the responsibilities of the Public Information Officer and the media's role in disseminating public information during emergencies to include crisis and emergency risk communication planning.

Presented by:

Leidos/Center for Domestic Preparedness

Understanding the Reservation Proclamation Process

Tue 8/10/2021 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

This presentation will discuss the following topics:

- 1) Reservation Proclamation History
- 2) Different Types of Reservations
- 3) Current Reservation Proclamation Process
- 4) Why proclamations are important for off-reservation fee-to-trust acquisitions

Presented By:

Russell Baker, Division of Fee to Trust, BIA- Midwest

USGS Aquatic Science in a Changing World

^{*}This course will be presented via WebEx.

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Presented by:

Scott Morlock, Regional Director, USGS Midcontinent Region
Bryan Richards, Tribal Liaison, USGS Midcontinent Region
Russ Strach, Center Director, USGS Great Lakes Science Center
John Walker, Center Director, Upper Midwest Water Science Center
Mark Gaikowski, Center Director, USGS Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center
Additional scientists from the USGS Midcontinent Region

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

Rescue Task Force During an Emergency Response to an Active Assailant Event

Wed 8/11/2021 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

"Rescue Task Force During an Emergency Response to an Active Assailant Event" will review active assailant statistics and discuss a paradigm shift for medical and fire teams to respond to an ongoing active assailant incident. The concept of operations for an integrated medical response utilizing Law Enforcement, Fire, and EMS will be presented in this lecture. The importance of establishing an Incident Command structure and the impact that a Rescue Task Force can have on an active assailant event will be discussed.

Presented by:

Leidos/Center for Domestic Preparedness

Understanding Recent Policy Changes to the Fee-to-Trust Process

Wed 8/11/2021 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

In this presentation, we will discuss the following topics:

- 1) 2018 updates to the fee to trust process
- 2) Updated Delegation of authority for off-reservation fee-to-trust acquisitions
- 3) Implementation of the TAAMS fee-to-trust module
- 4) The "Under Federal Recognition" analysis process (required for all discretionary fee-to-trust acquisitions

Presented By:

Russell Baker, Division of Fee To Trust, BIA - Midwest Regional Office Thomas Wilkins, Realty Specialist, Division of Real Estate Services, BIA - Midwest Regional Office Mervel Harris, Regional Realty Office, BIA - Midwest Region

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant Program (FEMA)

Wed 8/11/2021 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program supports grant recipients as they undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards. BRIC is a new FEMA pre-disaster hazard mitigation program that replaces the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program. Now entering its second year, the BRIC presentation will focus on both a summary of FY20 and what to expect for FY21..

Kira Baltutis, Grants Management Specialist, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

■ USGS Terrestrial Science in a Changing World

Wed 8/11/2021 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

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Presented by:

Scott Morlock, Regional Director, USGS Midcontinent Region

Bryan Richards, Tribal Liaison, USGS Midcontinent Region

Mark Gaikowski, Center Director, USGS Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center

Jonathan Sleeman, Center Director, USGS National Wildlife Health Center

Additional scientists from the USGS Midcontinent Region

Thursday, August 12, 2021

Empowering the Public with Infrastructure to Clean, Drain, and Dry Boats and Trailers Thu 8/12/2021 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

This presentation will showcase how cleaning infrastructure at a boat ramp, when combined with signage and education, can catalyze the adoption of cleaning, draining, and drying boats and trailers.

Presented by:

Edgar Rudberg, Ph. D. CD3, General Benefit Corporation

Partnering with Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) for Disaster Response and Recovery

Thu 8/12/2021 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Partnering with Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) for Disaster Response and Recovery," will discuss Whole Community Approach to Emergency Management, VOAD organizations and other community-based organizations/non-profit organizations as key partners in response and recovery efforts. The audience will gain a better understanding of VOAD organizations; their role in response and recovery efforts; formal organizational structures of VOAD groups; and, strategies for partnership.

Presented by:

Leidos/Center for Domestic Preparedness

*This course will be presented via Zoom.

Friday, August 13, 2021

Solicitor's Office Session on Wind and Solar Leases; Part 151 Fee-to-Trust; Administrative Record Best Practices; and Interior Board of Indian Appeals Case Survey

Fri 8/13/2021 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM

1. Wind and Solar Leases: This presentation will provide an overview of the BIA leasing regulations at 25 C.F.R. Part 162, Subpart E - Wind and Solar Resource Leases, and discusses the process for SOL and BIA review of proposed wind and solar leases on Indian land.

Presented by Kallie Jacobson, Attorney-Advisor, Twin Cities Regional Office.

2. Part 151 Fee-to-Trust: This presentation will provide an overview of the Part 151 Fee-to-Trust process and discuss the recently reinstated standard in Sol. Op. M-37029 used to determine whether the Secretary has statutory authority for

a Fee-to-Trust acquisition.

Presented by Robert Hitchcock, Attorney-Advisor, Division of Indian Affairs.

3. Administrative Records Best Practices: This presentation will cover what you need to know in compiling administrative records.

Presented by Kara Pfister, Senior Attorney and Jennifer Hill, Attorney-Advisor, both with the Twin Cities Regional Office.

4. Interior Board of Indian Appeals (IBIA) Case Survey: This presentation will contain an overview of noteworthy Interior Board of Indian Appeals (IBIA) case law published from August 2020 through present.

Presented by Alex Dyste-Demet and Kristin Carlson, Attorney-Advisors, Twin Cities Regional Office.

Forestry for non-Foresters

Fri 8/13/2021 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

A light tour of some basic forestry concepts.

Presented by:

Joe Mortzheim, Minnesota Agency, Midwest Region Forestry

Holistic Strengths-Based Engagement

Fri 8/13/2021 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

In Indigenous communities a strength-based approach is a common value and supports positive change. We have all heard that we catch more flies with honey. Successful engagement with families, colleagues, and others is easier when identifying strengths and supportive of well-being. In this session the trainers will share examples of strengths-based approaches in various situations and will help learners practice using a strengths-based perspective in their professional relationships. The concepts and methods explored in this session are helpful with enhancing all relationships. No one likes to have their weaknesses exposed. People respond better when we help them identify and build on their own strengths. We can still hold people accountable, even while focusing on their strengths instead on any shortcomings. There will be practice activities and exercises in this session, so please be ready to get involved!

Presented By:

Rita Hart, UMD Tribal Training Certification Partnership
Dallas Pettigrew, MSW Director & Clinical Asst Professor, OU-Tulsa The Center for Tribal Social Work
Cortney, Bolt, MSW Program Manager. OU-Tulsa The Center for Tribal Social Work