

WILDLAND FIRE FIRST AID PROJECT

The Standing Rock Agency Fire Management Program hosted a Bureau of Indian Affairs Wilderness First Responder course February 29 through February 4th, 2016, at the Grand River Casino in Mobridge, South Dakota. Twenty students attended the training, representing Tribes and Agencies from throughout the Northern Plains and Great Lakes area.

This Wilderness First Responder Training provides Bureau of Indian Affairs and Tribal employees the instruction to perform skills, procedures, and administer medication for injury or sudden illness in remote locations. While initially developed to increase and improve the initial care response of wildland fire crews, this training benefits any BIA or Tribal employees that work in remote locations with limited equipment, extreme weather, and/or rugged terrain.

This training uses a Wilderness Medicine Curriculum Model developed for non-medical professionals for whom first aid delivery is a secondary responsibility. It is focused on logistical transport, prolonged patient care, extreme environmental conditions, improvised equipment, and interfacing with local EMS responders.

Emergency Medical Service (EMS) is not always available in isolated locations; many areas are inaccessible to ambulance ground transportation. It is not the goal of this training to replace licensed EMS providers; the goal is to provide immediate first aid and ensure the person is safely transported to definitive care.

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This well presented and interactive class provides wildland firefighters and other resource staff with the tools to make a life-saving difference. Three additional training classes will be presented this year at Southern Ute Agency, Mesclero Agency and Warm Springs Agency. Space is available for personnel attending the Warm Spring Agency session this year. If you are interested in hosting this outstanding training or want to learn more about it contact Michelle Moore, Fire Program Specialist, at mmoore@blm.gov or call 208-387-5811. You can also learn more at: <http://www.bia.gov/nifc/safety/firstresponder/index.htm>



Firefighters practice dressing field wounds using first aid techniques during the BIA Wildland Fire First Aid Project Training, February, 2016



NIFC EMPLOYEES INVITED TO NPS CENTENNIAL EVENT

In celebration of the 2016 National Park Service Centennial, the National Park Service Branch of Wildland Fire is sponsoring Fire Speaks the Land: An Active Audiences Dance Performance for Boise School District students as well as employees of the National Interagency Fire Center.

Fire science and Native American education for youth merges with the performing arts when CoMotion Dance Project presents the 50-minute performance. Using choreography, narration, and music, the dance explores fire science, forest ecology, and traditional Native perspectives on fire. It features five dancers, a narrator, unique scenery and lighting, and colorful costumes as well as several opportunities for the audience to participate in the performance both on and off stage.

Performances will take place at Timberline High School Auditorium at 701 E. Boise Avenue in Boise. Staff at the National Interagency Fire Center interested in attending may RSVP for the April 7 performances, scheduled for 9:45 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Parking and access to the auditorium will be through the school entrance on the Apple Street side of Timberline High School.

Written and produced by Karen Kaufmann and Steve Kalling, the piece features choreography by Karen Kaufmann and Joy French, with live performance by five professional dancers: Allison Herther, Kaitlin Kinsley, Jordan Dehline, Ashley Griffith, and Joy French. Original music was composed and recorded by Steve Kalling and nine Montana musicians. Blackfeet musician and storyteller Jack Gladstone narrates.

These performances are the conclusion of CoMotion's 2016 Fire Speaks the Land tour which included performances in Missoula, Helena and Choteau,



Students take part in the performance of Fire Speaks the Land

Montana reaching over 2,800 school children, and over 7,000 over the course of the production since 2013. The Boise performance is supported in part by the National Park Service Branch of Wildland Fire, University of Montana, Northern Rockies Fire Science Network, U.S. Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station, and Idaho Firewise.

According to Dan Buckley, National Park Service Branch Chief for Wildland Fire, the performance is an opportunity to give back to the Boise community and connect with the next generation of park visitors, supporters, and advocates. "The National Park Service values being a part of Boise and the interagency fire community. We look forward to sharing this opportunity to celebrate the National Park Service Centennial and reach our younger generation that will become stewards of our national treasures."

For more information about Fire Speaks the Land, visit <http://go.nps.gov/fire-speaks-the-land>.



Head's up! 6 Minutes for Safety will be moving from the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center website to the new NWCG website at the end of April. Starting April 27, if you have 6 Minutes for Safety bookmarked you will automatically be redirected to the new location and can update your bookmark at that time.

If you have any questions or comments please email 6minutesforsafety@gmail.com or on visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/6-Minutes-For-Safety-266447620037468/>



FWS AND BIA WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS AT NIFC



In 2015, the BIA, Branch of Wildland Fire Management reorganized to improve efficiency and program planning by combining the Branch's Budget and Planning services.

Linda Tatum was selected to become the Branch's new Director, Budget/Planning.

Linda started her government career with the Department of the Navy in 1989 after graduating from Northeastern State University in Oklahoma. After nine years, Linda joined the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Central Office in Washington D.C., where she provided administrative support to the Office of Trust Services and the Office of Justice Services. In 2001, she joined the BIA, Office of Budget.

During her 13 years working with the Office of Budget, she was able to provide support to several BIA Regional Offices, including Eastern, Southern Plains and Eastern Oklahoma Regions. In 2014, she became the Senior Budget Analyst for the Office of Trust Services, Division Budget/Program Coordination. Here, Linda provided financial management and oversight to seven divisions within the Office of Trust Services.

Given Linda's strong background in budget and program coordination, the Branch of Wildland Fire Management is excited to welcome her to the Director, Budget/Planning position. Her role is to oversee BIA's Budget Execution/ Formulation and will manage a newly-created Service Center which will deliver acquisitions, contracts, reimbursable support agreements and invoices to BIA's regions and agencies involved in wildland fire management.

Linda is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma. In her free time, she is exploring Boise's foothills, greenbelt and other open spaces.

The FWS Branch of Fire Management at NIFC recently filled two vacancies and welcomed these new employees to Boise – Gillian Fay as Budget Officer and Reah Reedy as Administrative Officer.

Gillian Fay, formerly of the BLM Colorado State Office, served 8 years active duty in the U.S. Navy, working as an aircraft mechanic. After earning a B.S. in Accounting and working as a municipal accountant for 8 years, she began her federal career in 2005 and spent the last 3 years with BLM Fire and Aviation Program. Gillian has a son in Whibley Island, WA, an Avionics Tech working on F-18's for the Navy, and a daughter in nursing school, working as a labor and delivery technician at the Parkview Hospital in Pueblo, Colorado.



Reah Reedy transferred from FWS headquarters in Falls Church, VA. Prior to joining FWS 3 years ago, Reah worked for 14 years for the Consulate General of Canada in Dallas, Texas, near where she grew up. One of her first jobs was working for the Youth Conservation Corps in Angelina National Forest. After earning a B.S. in Wildlife Biology, she served 8 years in the U.S. Army as a Communications Officer in Korea, Arizona, Germany, Georgia, Saudi Arabia, and Washington. Her hobbies include golf, cycling and traveling.



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Karen Kee comes to the BIA, Branch of Wildland Fire Management, from the Department of the Navy – Fallon Naval Air Station in Nevada where she served as a Financial Technician.

A native Nevadan, Karen started her federal career in 1991, working as an Office Automation Assistant with the US Forest Service on the Humboldt National Forest, Mountain City Ranger District in Nevada.

In 1994, Karen moved to BIA Portland Area Office where she served as an Office Automation Assistant, eventually working into the Computer Assistant position with the Northwest Information Management Center.

Karen then transferred to the BIA, Office of Justice Services where she worked as an IT Specialist at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Indian Police Academy in Artesia, New Mexico. She taught introductory Microsoft classes and the Crime Reporting Information System to Basic Police students and Dispatch Officers. In addition, she traveled with an IT team throughout Indian Country to install networks and to provide Tribal Police Departments with connectivity to the BIA infrastructure which resulted in a standardized crime reporting system. Upon completion, Karen worked with IT to provide end user training and support to Indian Country.

In 2003 Karen and her husband moved back to Nevada to care for her father. While caring for her dad, she held an administrative position for the Office of Law Enforcement Services before she accepted a position at Fallon Naval Air Station.

Karen is of the Shoshone Paiute Tribe from Duck Valley Indian Reservation. Her father Ernie Jimmy was an enrolled member of the Yomba Shoshone from Reese River, NV and her mother Cynthia Strawbuck, was an enrolled member of the Duck Valley Shoshone Paiutes and a descendent of the native Boise Valley people.

Karen has spent 23 years working with the BIA and is glad to be back in the IT field here in Boise. An avid animal lover and gardener, the BIA welcomes her to our team.

The BIA, Branch of Wildland Fire Management welcomes Robin White as the Branch's new Administrative Officer. Robin comes to the Branch from Washington, DC where she served two years as the Associate Chief, Division of Real Estate Services, Office of the Deputy Bureau Director, Trust Services.

Robin has a diverse background working for BIA's Central office, Northwest Regional Office in Portland, Oregon, the Intertribal GIS Council, City of Springfield Public Works, Oregon State University Extension Service and the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

Robin is an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge and grew up in Rapid City, South Dakota. It was here she served the Oglala Sioux Tribal Land Office for 15 years, seven of which was as the tribe's Land Director. An opportunity to work with the Intertribal GIS Council moved her west where she worked as a project manager for a year. Shortly thereafter, she took an Engineering Assistant position with the City of Springfield's Public Works and also worked with Oregon State University Extension Service as their Operations Manager.

In 2009, the BIA's Northwest Regional Office hired her to be the Regional Realty Specialist. While her duties held a strong focus in processing applications that would allow tribal land to be moved into Trust status, she also served two years as an Acting Superintendent for the Coeur d'Alene Agency in Plummer, Idaho.

Robin has a Bachelor of Science degree in Planning, Public Policy & Management, and a Masters degree in Public Administration from the University of Oregon. Robin is married with three grown children, one granddaughter and three grandsons. She is an avid UO Ducks fan and enjoys gardening, golf and reading.

