

33rd Annual BIA Tribal Providers Conference
November 28-30, 2023 | Anchorage, Alaska

NATURAL RESOURCES

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Tuesday, November 28, 2023

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Overview of the BIA Tribal Climate Resilience Program in Alaska <i>Rosalie Debenham, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, BIA-Alaska Region</i> <i>Jennifer Robinette, Climate Resilience Coordinator, BIA-Central Office</i>
2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Q&A Discussion on Current Fish, Wildlife and Parks Request for Proposals <i>Rosalie Debenham, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Alaska Region</i>
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Afternoon Break
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Invasive Species in Alaska Collaborations <i>Rosalie Debenham, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Alaska Region</i>
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Reindeer in Alaska <i>Rosalie Debenham, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Alaska Region</i>

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8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	BIA Alaska Region Forestry Program Update Forest Health Thinning Project on the Kenai Peninsula <i>Joshua Holte, Forester, BIA Alaska Region</i>
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	BIA Division of Forestry Funding Opportunities <i>Fabian Keirn, Forester, BIA Alaska Region</i>
9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Morning Break
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Alaska Division of Forestry and Fire Protection The Alaska Local Use Lumber Program: Description and Update <i>Jeremy Douse, Northern Region Forester, Alaska DOFFP</i>
11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory: Value and Use Cases in Alaska <i>Sydney Thielke, Regional Wetlands Coordinator, USFWS</i>
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Wildfire Management in Alaska <i>Jake Dollard, BLM Alaska Fire Service</i>
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Wildfire Risk Mitigation Through BIA Fuels Management <i>Christopher Friar, BIA Alaska Region</i>
2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Tanana Chief Conference Wildfire Program Updates <i>Alysa Johnson, TCC</i>

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2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Afternoon Break
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Fuels Management in Southwest Alaska Bristol Bay Native Association <i>Frank Woods, BBNA</i>
3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Fuels Management in Southcentral Alaska Ninilchik Traditional Council <i>Darrel Williams, NTC</i>
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Developing a UAV Tool for Early Detection of Spruce Beetle in Southcentral. 2023 Update <i>Clay Hoyt, Chugachmiut</i>

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8:00 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.	Chugach Regional Resources Commission Subsistence projects update <i>TB, CRRC</i>
8:40 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.	Ahtna Intertribal Resources Commission Subsistence projects update <i>Karen Linnell, AITRC</i>
9:20 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Chickaloon Village Traditional Council Subsistence projects update. <i>Jessica Winnestaffer, CVTC</i>
9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Morning Break
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Kuskokwim River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Commission Subsistence projects update <i>Justin Leon, KRITFC</i>
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Kenai and Kasilof Federal Subsistence Fisheries Update <i>Darrel Williams, Ninilchik Traditional Council</i>
11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	Seldovia Village Tribe Subsistence projects update <i>Stephen Payton, SVT</i>

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11:20 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Ketchikan Indian Community Update on Ketchikan Rural Determination <i>Tony Gallegos, KIC</i>
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Energy Project Development Pipeline Join a panel of representatives from U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and more to discuss the energy project pipeline and the resources available to help shepherd projects forward, conception to deployment.
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Afternoon Break
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Renewable Energy Accelerated Deployment Initiative (READI) The U.S. Department of the Interior (Department) is seeking input on how to streamline and advance Tribal renewable energy development. Through the BIA Office of Trust Services, the Department will hold a Tribal listening session to hear directly from you about renewable energy resource needs and priorities specific to the Alaska Region. The listening session will be guided by the following discussion prompts: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What is your Tribal vision for renewable energy development?2. What obstacles or challenges hinder your Tribal Nations' renewable energy development?3. What additional resources are needed to implement your Tribal Nation's vision for renewable energy development?4. What additional resources are needed to sustain your Tribal Nation's vision for renewable energy development?5. How can the BIA best support Tribes' renewable energy development visions and plans? For more information visit us at https://www.bia.gov/readi