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Forest County Potawatomi Community Facebook Live Session Recap - June 17, 2020

Chairman Ned Daniels Sr.

Good morning.

If I seem a little giddy today, it's because I'm very happy. Things are continuing to move in a positive direction. And each week, we are receiving more good news.

Your efforts to help stop the spread of COVID in Forest County have been paying off, and because you are all doing your part, we are now in a position to do more things and open more things up. Migwetch for all that you have done and continue to do for this community.

As I mentioned last week, limited operations resumed at Potawatomi Hotel & Casino in Milwaukee. I'm very happy to report that things are going well at the casino, and they are having no problems. We will keep you updated on when they will move to the next phases of re-opening.

And since things are going well at our Milwaukee casino, operations at the Carter Casino will resume on Monday, June 22. Like we did in Milwaukee, extra safeguards and precautions will be put in place to ensure the health and safety of our guests and employees.

Our casino management has done an excellent job putting together plans for a safe reopening and implementing these important safeguards so we can protect the health and safety of everyone at our facilities. Thank you to the teams

at both Milwaukee and Carter for their hard work to get our facilities open in the safest way possible.

The new C-Store in Carter also officially opened last week. As I mentioned in my last update, this is an exciting addition for not only the Potawatomi, but also for Forest County. This new store will both enhance the services of our tribal enterprises, but also provide area residents with items that they need in their daily lives. This includes locally-grown fresh fruits, vegetables, and meats from our very own Potawatomi Farm. If you are in the area, and need some essential items, I encourage you to stop by and see what the new store has to offer.

I'm also happy to report that both C-Stores began to offer expanded hours this week. Both stores are now open from 5 a.m. to midnight. And both C-Stores will continue to offer curbside pick-up service upon request for all products except cigarettes and tobacco. This service will be available Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. To take advantage of this service, customers may place and pay for orders over the phone during these hours. For orders or to ask any questions, please contact the Stone Lake C-Store at (715) 478-4199 and the Carter C-Store at (715) 473-5100.

The Community Center is also really taking shape. It is really exciting to see the wings of the building filling in the landscape and the vision of the Community Center becoming a reality!

The concrete floor has been poured in the gym. The interior of the child-minding, pediatric therapy, and bathrooms adjacent to the gym area have all been framed and drywalled. Contractors have been busy erecting structural steel and roofing over the field house. The block work is complete in the locker rooms, showers, fab lab, wood shop and kitchen areas. Crews continue to work on mechanicals, electrical work, plumbing, erecting steel, framing and drywall finishes. The first glue laminate wooden beams have been put in place over the pool area. The first beam was installed with a very large crane. The beam weighed approximately 40 tons, was over 6 feet tall and 130 feet in length. The supplier states that it is the largest glue laminate beam ever installed in the United States!

In addition, the first meeting was held with FCP Community members

who signed-up to participate on the Art Advisory Board. The board will help to identify what artwork should be included throughout the building and shape ideas for a hands-on community art project. If you have ideas or are interested in being part of the Art Advisory Board, please contact Jay Martinez, Community Center Director at (715) 889-0548.

And if you've driven past the Potawatomi Farm recently you might have noticed some new additions. The farm now has 13 bison calves. In addition, the cows should be having their calves soon and there are several litters of piglets.

This is a beautiful time of year in Forest County, and there are plenty of ways that you and your family can enjoy everything that nature has to offer in a safe way. Get out fishing on Bug, Devils, Cloud, King or Valley Lakes, or one of the several streams that run through our reservation. Build a campfire and sleep outside under the stars. And soon, you will be able to spend the day outside harvesting berries. Mother Earth provides us with everything we need. I encourage you all to take advantage of what she gives us.

Migwetch
Family Services Division Administrator Abbey Lukowski

Bosho! Good morning, Forest County Potawatomi Community.

It's been a great week – activities for the kids are onsite and we will begin delivery soon.

This week, we direct our attention to our community kidlets and youth. We miss learning new things from you and sharing our knowledge with you. So with that, we want to hear from YOU! How's our cooking? Are we keeping you busy as we practice our social distancing? Your friends, Joe and Brian are going to ask you to complete a survey this week – please do it for them. And upon return, you'll receive a special surprise!

Family Services and Education Divisions continue to offer meals for school-aged members. Pick up daily at the Recreation Building – this also gives you the opportunity to pick up fun activities as supplied by the Community Advocacy Department.

We understand that limited resources may be the cause of additional stress for your family. The team continues to be creative and do their best with sharing



the limited resources that exist. Please contact Community Advocacy at the number listed below for family activity kits, simple essential item assistance and non-emergent elder services. Staff will continue to be present to assist you where we are able.

Let's talk a bit about Child Care. At this time, we do not have an expected schedule for reopening Rising Sun Day-care. We're working diligently on a plan that will allow for reopening safely. But the short answer is, that timeline remains undefined. Are you headed back to work? Contact us to discuss your child care needs. While we can't promise a timeline, we've got some ideas and we look forward to sharing and gathering your input.

As we prepare, we're asking for your help. Please contact Economic Support to apply for Child Care Assistance. This would be helpful to have completed prior to reopening. All families receiving child care services will be required to apply. Additionally, we're looking for individuals interested in becoming licensed in-home child care providers. If this is something you might consider, please contact Economic Support. Finally, while we will have some very specific protocols upon opening, it would be helpful for your children to already understand the importance of wearing a face mask, washing hands, and social distancing. While we do not know if these will all be mandatory requirements, it would be helpful for your children to feel comfortable. Practicing at home may assist them in that comfort.

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If financial hardship finds itself at your family's door, we'd like to direct you to www.fcpotawatomi.com to find applications for assisting in your needs. Where applicable and eligible, applications for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), requests for Child Support review hearings, and/or foster home licensure can be found here.

Please call. Please text. Please email. Reminder: We REALLY need a message with a working phone number and/or email so that we may return your message.

That being said, we recognize that in isolated moments, domestic violence, sexual assault, exploitation, child abuse and neglect, etc. may arise. We ARE available and will respond to emergencies and safety concerns accordingly.

We also recognize these times may bring moments of uneasiness, uncertainty, etc. Please remember you are NOT alone. You are NEVER alone. Please call 211 for immediate resources throughout the state of Wisconsin. If you're feeling suicidal, please know you're just a phone call away from help: 1-800-SUICIDE or 1-800-273-TALK. Or call a friend or family member and ask for help.

We look forward to serving you this week. Keep being the healthy you and stay safe!

Important Contact Numbers

Family Services 715-478-4433

Indian Child Welfare 715-889-1446

Community Advocacy 715-478-7201

Child Support 715-478-7260

Emergency Management Program Manager Bobbie Irocky

Hello FCP Community.

The Incident Command System is at a Level 1 of a virtual Full-Scale Activation.

Emergency Management has received an allotment of reusable cloth face masks and starting next week, the FCP Elderly department will start the distribution of them. You will receive five per pack and information on how to wear and care for them. I am in the process of trying to obtain additional face masks that I will then be able to distribute to the tribal community. I will continue to provide you all with updates as I find out more.

There will be a free drive-through COVID-19 testing for Wisconsin residents provided by the National Guard Monday, June 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Crandon School District located at 9750 US Hwy 8, Crandon, Wis. This testing will be first come, first serve. You will need to stay in your vehicle at all times. Anyone 5 years or older with any COVID-19 symptoms: fever, cough, new loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath, sore throat, fatigue, body aches, diarrhea, vomiting or nausea, chills and/or muscle aches, is able to get tested. If you need any further information, please contact the Forest County Health Department at (715) 478-3371.

Emergency Management would like to give you some tips on how to keep your cool this summer. According to the CDC, sickness from the heat occurs when your body cannot compensate and properly cool you off. However, heat-related illness and death are preventable.

Before the next heat wave, outdoor activity, or 4th of July celebration, follow these protective actions and stay cool this summer:

- Stay in an air-conditioned location as much as possible.
- Drink plenty of fluids, even if you do not feel thirsty.
- Take several breaks from the heat, especially midday when the sun is the hottest.
- Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing, and sunscreen. Remember that you should reapply sunscreen every three to four hours.
- Take cool showers or baths to cool down.
- Check on friends or neighbors during extremely hot days and have someone do the same for you.
- Never leave children or pets in cars!
- Check your local news for health and safety updates.

If at any time you run into an emergency and are in need of tribal assistance, please feel free to reach out to Emergency Management at (715) 478-4428 and we will either assist or put you into contact with the proper department that fits your emergency needs.

Thank you all and please stay safe.
Health Division Administrator Dorothy Sadowski

There are now 34 confirmed cases of COVID in Forest County, including two deaths. Most of these cases involve a nursing home in Forest County. The county health department will keep us updated as they work through their investigation. The Health & Wellness Center (HWC) has done 99 tests with two positives. Neither were tribal members or someone living on the reservation.

The tribe continues to take all the necessary steps and precautions to protect the community from this virus. If you are experiencing any minor COVID symptoms, please contact a nurse at the HWC to determine if you should get tested. The number to call is (715) 478-4339.

Today, I want to talk about the search for a corona virus vaccine. My reference is a Mayo Clinic update titled "COVID-19 Vaccine: Get the Facts". A vaccine to prevent COVID-19 is the best hope to end the pandemic. There is no vaccine to prevent it, but researchers are racing to create one.

Corona viruses are a family of viruses that cause the common cold, SARS and MERS. COVID-19 is closely related to the one that caused SARS. Past research on their vaccines is helping to identify potential approaches.

Past research has identified some challenges:

- Ensuring safety:

Some vaccines tested on animals caused complications such as lung damage. A vaccine for humans must be thoroughly tested to make sure it's safe for humans.

- Providing long-term protection:

After an infection with corona viruses, re-infection with the same virus - usually mild and only happening with a fraction of people - is possible for months or years to come. An effective vaccine will need to protect people with long-term infection protection.

- Protecting older people:

People older than 50 are at higher risk of severe COVID-19. Older people usually don't respond to vaccines as well as younger people. An ideal vaccine would work well for this age group.

- Developing a vaccine can take years:

First, see if it works with animals and is safe. Then comes small phase I human trials. During phase II, the formulation and doses are established to prove the vaccine's effectiveness. In phase III, the safety and effectiveness is tested in a larger group of people. Because of the seriousness of COVID, regulators are

allowing the fast tracking of these steps. Realistically, a vaccine will take 12 to 18 months to develop and test in human clinical trials. And we don't know yet whether an effective vaccine is possible for this virus.

- Finally, if approved, it will take time to produce, distribute, and administer to the global population:

Because people have no immunity to the COVID virus, it's likely that two vaccinations will be needed, three to four weeks apart. High risk groups such as health care workers, hospitalized patients, older adults, and those with health conditions would receive the vaccine first. A lot of work remains. Still, the number of pharmaceutical companies, governments, and other agencies working on a COVID-19 vaccine is cause for hope.

Until a vaccine is available, infection prevention is crucial. Avoid close contact with others, wear a face covering in public places, practice good hygiene, and stay home if you are sick.

Stay safe. Stay healthy.



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**FOREST COUNTY
POTAWATOMI
HEALTH &
WELLNESS CENTER**

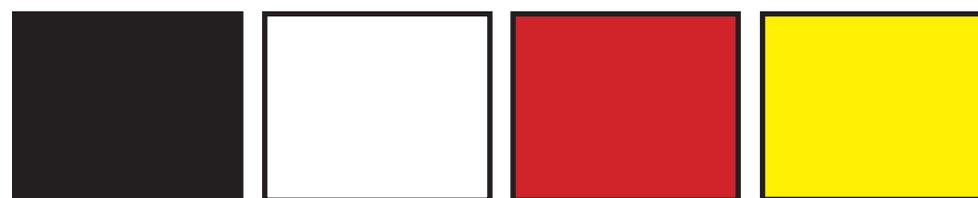
Honoring Health,
Healing, and Tradition 

Do you need to schedule an appointment with our medical providers? We now offer virtual visits, which allow you to maintain primary care by connecting with your provider via phone, computer or tablet. Please call (715) 478-4339 to see if these visits are an option for you.

We continue to offer curbside COVID-19 testing for our patients. Please call (715) 478-4339 to speak with a nurse.

Please note that all appointments, including essential lab or imaging will require a scheduled appointment.

As the Health & Wellness Center begins to see patients for some types of care that have been postponed, know that we are taking every precaution to keep you safe if your visit requires you to come to the clinic.





FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI
HEALTH DIVISION

Pharmacy Curbside Pickup

To help expedite the curbside pickup process, please consider the following:

Calling ahead for prescription refills at 715-478-4347.

- When calling in refills, notify pharmacy staff if you would like 90 day supply.
- Give credit, debit, or benny card information when calling for refills; this is the preferred method of payment to help reduce points of contact. If you have to pay with cash or check, please notify pharmacy staff.

Arriving at the clinic for curbside pickup:

- HWC has designated areas in the front of the building for curbside pickup.
- Please call 715-478-4347 when you have arrived at our facility & notify pharmacy staff who you are picking up for and what type of vehicle you are in.
- Remain in your vehicle and your prescription will be brought out to you.

Pharmacy has text messaging to notify patients when their prescriptions are ready. Please call the pharmacy if you do not receive texts from the pharmacy.

We thank you for your patience and understanding during this pandemic.

HWC Pharmacy Staff



FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI
PUBLIC WORKS
DIVISION

PO Box 340
Crandon, WI 54520

Updated Public Works Contacts during
COVID-19!

All Tribal Member Rentals, On Reservation Homes, and Government Facilities:

Jeff Thorpe: 715-889-2136

Plumbing/HVAC: Dan Gruber: 715-889-3276

General Housing or Rental Related Questions:

Nate Guldán: 715-889-1796

Allison Daniels: 715-889-3149

Roads:

Todd Mulvey: 715-902-0201

Drinking Water and Wastewater Issues:

Operator on Call: 715-889-9345

Solid Waste:

Tony Daniels: 715-889-6028

Transit (Medical Transports Only):

Wade Deverney: 715-478-4940 or 715-889-0087

NOMINATION MEETING

FOR

TRIBAL CHIEF JUDGE

Monday
August 24, 2020

7:00
P.M.



Tribal Executive Building Auditorium
5416 Everybody's Road | Crandon, WI 54520

FOREST COUNTY
POTAWATOMI
Keeper of the Fire

FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION CONTACT NUMBERS

Indian Child Welfare

Main Line: (715)-478-4812

24 Hour Emergency Hotline: (715) 889-1446

Economic Support

(715) 478-7206

Community Advocacy

24 Hour Emergency Hotline: (715) 478-7201

Child Support

(715) 478-7260

Family Services

Main Line: (715) 478-4433

If you don't get an answer on one of the these phone numbers, please leave a voicemail and your call will be returned shortly.

For additional information including applications and forms for each of our departments, please go to FCP's website at FCPotawatomi.com.

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SEVERE SYMPTONS? GO TO THE HOSPITAL

KNOW THE PRECAUTIONS

OBEY SOCIAL DISTANCING

DONT TOUCH YOUR FACE

EVERY TIME! WASH YOUR HANDS FOR 20 SECONDS

NOSE AND MOUTH SHOULD BE COVERED IF COUGHING

FCP Behavioral Health is hosting

Online
Recovery
Meetings

Open to Everyone

Monday through Friday
2-4 pm & 7-9 pm



FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI
HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

To register, please contact:

Ed: 715-889-2884

Kyle: 715-889-0146

Angela: 715-889-9373

Notice to Tribal Members

Public Works is working diligently to maintain the upkeep on Cloud Lake Campground, but it has been difficult with a reduced staff due to COVID-19.

- One possible option would be for tribal members to bring a weed whacker with them when camping to clear the campsite if needed.
- Tribal members must supply their own firewood for summer 2020.

We apologize for the inconvenience!



• ART • ADVISORY • BOARD •



Seeking FCP Community Members who are interested in serving on an Art Advisory Board for the Community Center.

The board will meet and help to identify what artwork should be included throughout the building and shape ideas for a hands-on community art project.

If you have ideas or are interested in being part of the Art Advisory Board, please contact Jay Martinez, Community Center Director: Jason.Martinez@fcpotawatomi-nsn.gov or (715) 889-0548.

C-STORE HOURS EXPANDED!

Beginning Sunday, June 14, 2020, hours for both the Carter & Stone Lake C-Stores will be 5 a.m. - midnight.

Curbside pick-up service is still available upon request for all products EXCEPT cigarettes and tobacco Monday thru Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Customers may place and pay for orders over the phone during those hours by calling:

- Stone Lake C-Store orders: 715-478-4199
- Carter C-Store orders: 715-473-5100

We thank you for your patience and continued support. Stay safe and practice social distancing!



FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI
**STONE LAKE/
CARTER C-STORE
SMOKE SHOP/DELI**



- 5326 Firekeeper Rd., Crandon
- 614 State Highway 32, Carter

Job Opportunities

The FCP Community Center will provide new and exciting opportunities for employment in the following areas:



Adventures/Outdoors

- Adventures & Experimental Coordinator
- Adventures & Experimental Specialist

Aquatics

- Aquatics Manager
- Aquatics Supervisor
- Head Lifeguard
- Lifeguard
- Swim Instructor

Daycare

- Daycare Supervisor
- Daycare Teachers

Food Service

- Kitchen Supervisor
- Cooks
- Food Workers

Special Events

- Special/Sporting Events Coordinator

Office

- Office Manager
- Office Assistant

Health & Fitness

- Health & Fitness Manager
- Fitness Supervisor
- Fitness Trainer
- Health & Wellness Coach
- Martial Arts Coordinator

Maintenance

- Maintenance Manager
- Pool Technician
- Pool Worker
- Maintenance Worker
- Housekeeping/Custodial

Recreation

- Recreation Manager
- Recreation Supervisor
- Recreation Specialist

If you are interested in learning more or have questions about any of these upcoming job opportunities, please contact:

Cate Wylie, Human Resources

catherine.wylie@fcpotawatomi-nsn.gov or (715) 889-3347

Jay Martinez, Community Center Director

Jason.martinez@fcpotawatomi-nsn.gov or (715) 889-0548

Statement on Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Lawsuit

submitted by Native American Rights Fund

On June 24, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe filed suit against President Donald Trump, Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, Dr. Deborah Birx, and other federal officials for abusing federal authority to force the Tribe to dismantle health checkpoints the Tribe uses to screen people for COVID-19 coming onto their reservation in central South Dakota. The White House and the Bureau of Indian Affairs began a campaign against the health checkpoints after South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem appealed to Trump for help in her fight against the Indian tribe. NARF's client, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe issued the following statement:

"On behalf of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, we stand with and support our relatives at the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. Cheyenne River's June 24 complaint demonstrates the latest of several challenges that our people have faced

when dealing with those in power within the federal government. The transcripts show the lengths that this administration is willing to go to undermine Cheyenne River's efforts to protect its people in the midst of a global pandemic. All Tribal Nations should take note of this politically-motivated tactic." It is not lost on us that Governor Noem and her administration started with threats against Cheyenne River and our relatives to the West, the Oglala Sioux Tribe, but was unprepared to follow-up with her threats. As must have become apparent, the history and the law is not on her side. She had no choice but to try to get the federal government to force us to be 'good Indians'.

"The Rosebud Sioux Tribe has tried to work with the State of South Dakota on several projects as neighbors and not as adversaries. However, the governor has done many things that show her contin-

ual lack of respect for tribal sovereignty and the plight of our tribal members. Among those things are the riot-boosting laws that were meant to silence our people protesting the KXL pipeline and her continued support of the construction of the pipeline during a global pandemic.

"We are disappointed that neither the federal government nor the state of South Dakota are applauding and supporting our efforts to protect our people, but instead choose this period of time to worry about health checkpoints.

"We condemn the actions of President Trump, his Chief of Staff, Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney, and others during this very troubling time. We offer our support to the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and others who seek to protect the health and the welfare of their people. We believe that an attack on tribal sovereignty impacts all tribes and we encourage others to act in support of the Cheyenne River

Sioux Tribe's fight.

[About Native American Rights Fund](#)

Since 1970, the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) has provided specialized legal assistance to Indian tribes, organizations, and individuals nationwide. NARF has successfully asserted and defended the most important rights of Indians and tribes, in hundreds of major cases, and has achieved significant results in such critical areas as tribal sovereignty, treaty rights, natural resource protection, voting rights, and Indian education. NARF is a non-profit 501c(3) organization that focuses on applying existing laws and treaties to guarantee that national and state governments live up to their legal obligations. Like us on Facebook and follow us Twitter @NDNrights to learn about the latest fights to promote justice and protect Native American rights.

Protest to Urge Governor Whitmer to Shut Down Line 5 Permanently

submitted by The Indigenous Environmental Network]

St. Ignace/Mackinaw City, Mich. (June 27, 2020) – Water protection groups MackinawOde, Title Track's Clean Water Campaign for Michigan, and Oil & Water Don't Mix announced that they have co-organized a protest to urge Governor Whitmer to shut down Line 5 permanently.

There has been long-standing opposition to the continued operation of Enbridge Energy's Line 5 oil and gas pipeline. Due to the inherent danger of transporting oil and gas through the turbulent Straits of Mackinac, as well as the condition of the aging pipeline, all three organizations have been fighting to shut down Line 5. In addition, all oppose the

proposed building of a tunnel to allow the continued transportation of these hazardous materials through the Great Lakes.

During the 2018 Michigan election, both Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Attorney General Dana Nessel ran their campaigns on the promise to shut down Line 5. In June 2019, Attorney General Dana Nessel filed suit against Enbridge on the basis that the continued operation of Line 5 presents an extraordinary, unreasonable threat to the public because of the very real risk of anchor strikes, the inherent risks of pipeline operations and the foreseeable, catastrophic effects if an oil spill occurs at the Straits. That

case, *Nessel v. Enbridge Energy LP, et al.*, Case No. 19-474, is currently pending in Ingham County Circuit Court. Late last week, Enbridge disclosed that there was significant damage to an anchor support on the east leg of Line 5 but failed to provide the State of Michigan with requested information as to the cause of the damage. Further, despite the Governor's request for information and to keep Line 5 shut down until it was received, Enbridge re-activated one of the transport lines to allow oil and gas to remain flowing under the Straits.

On June 26, Attorney General Nessel was granted a temporary restraining order requiring Enbridge to shut down

all transport operations of Line 5 and to provide all relevant information regarding the damage. On June 27, MackinawOde, Title Track's Clean Water Campaign for Michigan and Oil & Water Don't Mix co-sponsored a protest to urge Governor Whitmer to cease Line 5 operations permanently and to revoke the proposed agreement to build a tunnel under the Straits.

The protest took place at the Bridge View Park in St. Ignace from 2 – 5 p.m.

More information can be found at: www.facebook.com/groups/heartofturtle; www.facebook.com/titletrack-michigan; www.facebook.com/oilandwaterdontmixcoalition

Legislative Hearing on Water Infrastructure, Cultural Patrimony Bills

submitted by the office of Senator Tom Udall

WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 25, 2020)– U.S. Senator Tom Udall (D-N.M.), vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, joined committee chairman Senator John Hoeven (R-N.D.) to convene a legislative hearing on seven bills – the committee's first hearing since the advent of the corona virus pandemic. Before turning to scheduled business, Udall underscored COVID-19's ongoing and disproportionate impact on Indian Country.

"In my home state of New Mexico, and across the country, tribal communities have been on the front lines fighting this pandemic, all while bearing the weight of historic funding gaps for health care, infrastructure, and economic resources. So it is a dereliction of duty – it is unconscionable – how long it took this Administration to allocate the \$8 billion

dollars in relief funding set aside for tribal governments under the CARES Act. This is a topic our Committee will be delving into further next month," Udall said in his opening statement.

Udall subsequently focused on the two water infrastructure bills on the hearing agenda – S.3019 and S.3044.

"The Montana Water Rights Project Act and the Western Tribal Water Infrastructure Act of 2019 aim to remedy decades of federal neglect of water infrastructure serving Tribal communities. COVID-19 has exposed the consequences of this federal neglect. The need to frequently wash hands is hampered when communities lack running water. Social distancing is not possible when individuals must travel long distances to common water systems and haul water back to their homes. Water and wastewater infra-

structure in tribal communities is critical to responding to this pandemic, and Congress must consider that fact when moving to any future COVID-19 emergency response legislation," said Udall.

During questioning, Udall pressed Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Director Darryl LaCounte on the importance of recognizing water and sanitation as a public health issue in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

LaCounte responded that although the pandemic has magnified the link between clean, accessible water and public health, "it has always been a difficult issue".

"It's really important that we make sure water sources are good for everyone, particularly for the tribes, who have been underfunded for so many years," Udall replied.

The committee also considered S.2165, the Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act of 2019, or STOP Act, which would prohibit the exportation of sacred cultural patrimony and increase penalties for stealing and illegally trafficking these items.

"The STOP Act is an important piece of legislation that I strongly support. It will provide tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations with the tools to prevent the theft, sale, and export of their cultural patrimony. I would like to thank my colleague from New Mexico, Senator [Martin] Heinrich, for his leadership on this bill and for being a strong advocate for its advancement in the Senate," said Udall.

Both Trump administration witnesses expressed support for the bill.

IllumiNative, Sundance Institute and The Black List Collaborate for Inaugural Indigenous Screenwriting List

submitted by Liz Hill Public Relations, LLC

LOS ANGELES (June 25, 2020) — The Black List announced a collaboration with IllumiNative and Sundance Institute to create The Indigenous List, highlighting the very best Indigenous screenwriters from both feature films and television.

Filmmakers and content creators are invited to submit a script for consideration by uploading it to The Black List website. Submissions will be accepted until Sept. 27, 2020. (Evaluation purchase deadline: Aug. 27, 2020) Submissions are now open for this partnership via blcklst.com. Eligible writers should be Indigenous film artists working within the United States.

The requirements for the 2020 Indigenous List are below:

- Indigenous film artists working in the U.S. are eligible to submit scripts to this partnership.
- Any kind of story is eligible and will be considered.
- Feature film scripts, half-hour scripts and one-hour episodic scripts will be considered for this partnership - no web series, please.
- All levels of experience considered for submitting writers.
- Scripts submitted should be as free from attachments as possible.
- Submitting writers should be prepared to answer the following question: What is your Tribal Nation/First Nation? Please describe how your Native culture has supported your ideas and process as a screenwriter.

Writers selected for the Indigenous List will be notified of their placement in Fall 2020, with a public announcement to follow.

"We're excited to work with The Black List and IllumiNative to introduce The Indigenous List, which I believe mirrors the industry's need for Indigenous

stories told by Indigenous artists and filmmakers," said N. Bird Runningwater (Cheyenne/Mescalero Apache), director, Sundance Institute's Indigenous Program. "This opportunity allows us to elevate voices and stories that can enrich our culture at this urgent moment."

"IllumiNative is honored to partner with the Black List and the Sundance Institute to create this opportunity to showcase and amplify Indigenous stories and creative talent. Our research has shown that 78 percent of Americans want to learn more about Native peoples and 78 percent want to see more accurate and contemporary Native representation in Hollywood," said Crystal Echo Hawk (Pawnee). "These are big numbers that signal both significant market demand and a demand for real equity and inclusion of Native peoples and stories. In this new, powerful moment that this country is confronted with, people from diverse backgrounds are demanding racial justice and equity. It is imperative that we center Native, Black and Brown voices. The Indigenous List is an opportunity to showcase and uplift the incredible depth of creative talent and diversity of stories that exists in Indian Country."

"Hollywood and film industries worldwide are long overdue in supporting the rich narrative tradition in Indigenous communities around the world. The Black List is humbled to join the Sundance Institute and Illuminatives - folks who have long been doing the work to counteract that failure - to create the Indigenous List. It will be the first of many, and the beginning of an ongoing commitment," said Franklin Leonard, founder and CEO of The Black List.

The Indigenous List follows Black List partnerships with GLAAD, CAPE, Latinx organizations, and organizations

for people with disabilities to identify and celebrate great screenplays and writers from communities traditionally under-represented in front of and behind the camera.

For more information, please contact Kate Hagen at (kate@blcklst.com).

About The Black List

The Black List, an annual survey of Hollywood executives' favorite unproduced screenplays, was founded in 2005. Since then, more than 400 Black List scripts have been produced, grossing over \$29 billion in box office worldwide. Black List movies have won 54 Academy Awards from 267 nominations, including four of the last 12 Best Picture Oscars and 11 of the last 28 Best Screenplay Oscars.

In October 2012, the Black List launched a unique online community where screenwriters make their work available to readers, buyers and employers. Since its inception, it has hosted more than 70,000 screenplays and teleplays and provided more than 120,000 script evaluations. As a direct result of introductions made on the Black List, dozens of writers have found representation at major talent agencies and management companies, as well as sold or optioned their screenplays. Several films have been produced from scripts showcased on the website including Golden Globe nominated "Nightingale", starring David Oyelowo, and Amazon's "Honey Boy", written by Shia LeBeouf.

Currently, the Black List hosts over 3,000 by nearly 2,700 writer members, available for download by industry professionals ranging from agency assistants, to studio and network presidents, to A-list actors and directors.

About IllumiNative

IllumiNative is a Native-led non-

profit, launched to increase the visibility of Native peoples in American society. IllumiNative challenges negative narratives, stories and stereotypes about Native peoples. We provide tools for Native advocates and allies including youth, community and tribal leaders, activists, and professionals across critical sectors — to develop and advocate for accurate and contemporary representations and voices of Native peoples. www.illuminatives.org

About Sundance Institute

Founded in 1981 by Robert Redford, Sundance Institute is a nonprofit organization that provides and preserves the space for artists in film, theatre, and media to create and thrive. The Institute's signature Labs, granting, and mentorship programs dedicated to developing new work, take place throughout the year in the U.S. and internationally. Sundance Co//ab, a digital community platform, brings artists together to learn from each other and Sundance Advisors and connect in a creative space, developing and sharing works in progress. The Sundance Film Festival and other public programs connect audiences and artists to ignite new ideas, discover original voices, and build a community dedicated to independent storytelling. Sundance Institute has supported such projects as The Farewell, Late Night, The Souvenir, The Infiltrators, Sorry to Bother You, Eighth Grade, Won't You Be My Neighbor?, Hereditary, RBG, Call Me By Your Name, Get Out, The Big Sick, Top of the Lake, Winter's Bone, Dear White People, Little Miss Sunshine, Beasts of the Southern Wild, Fruitvale Station, State of the Union, Indecent, Spring Awakening, A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder and Fun Home. Join Sundance Institute on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube.

CARING FOR YOUR MENTAL HEALTH DURING COVID-19



Take breaks to relax and do activities you enjoy.



Take care of your body with exercise and a healthy diet.



Know the facts. Understanding the risks can make an outbreak less stressful.



Stay connected with family, friends, and a trusted support system



Ask for help if feelings become too overwhelming.



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Be Kind to Your Mind

Tips to cope with stress during COVID-19

- 1 **PAUSE.** Breathe. Notice how you feel
- 2 **TAKE BREAKS** from COVID-19 content
- 3 **MAKE TIME** to sleep and exercise
- 4 **REACH OUT** and stay connected
- 5 **SEEK HELP** if overwhelmed or unsafe

Sweeney Announces \$900,000 Available in NABDI Grants for Feasibility Studies on Proposed Tribal Economic Development Projects

submitted by U.S. Department of the Interior

WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 24, 2020) – Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Tara Mac Lean Sweeney announced that the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) is soliciting applications for its Native American Business Development Institute (NABDI) grant program, which has a total of \$900,000 to fund feasibility studies for tribal economic development projects in Opportunity Zones.

This program seeks to fund some 20 to 25 grants, ranging in value from approximately \$25,000 to \$75,000, to enable federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and entities to undertake feasibility studies of proposed economic development projects, businesses and technologies located in designated Opportunity Zones. These grants are also intended to fund applicants to obtain qualified guidance on

how the development projects, businesses or technologies they propose can attract investments from an Opportunity Fund.

“Historically, NABDI studies have placed tribal economic development opportunities at the doorstep of investors, lenders and other government granting agencies,” said Assistant Secretary Sweeney. “This year, these grants will leverage the possibilities and advantages of investments in Opportunity Zones. We look forward to all the dynamic and creative submissions.”

Opportunity Zones were added to the tax code by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on December 22, 2017 (26 U.S.C., 1400Z-1 and 1400Z-2). An Opportunity Zone is an economically distressed community where new investments, under certain conditions, may be eligible for preferential tax treatment. Opportunity Funds are set up either as a partnership or corpo-

ration for investing in eligible property or businesses located in an Opportunity Zone (26 U.S.C. 1400Z-2(d)). A map and list of Opportunity Zones are at www.cdfifund.gov/Pages/Opportunity-Zones.aspx.

IEED’s solicitation for NABDI funding and details on how to apply can be found in the Federal Register and at Grants.gov.

NABDI is a competitive, discretionary program. To qualify for funding, applicants must submit a proposal and a supporting tribal resolution to IEED no later than September 28, 2020, using the standard Application for Federal Assistance SF-424 and the Project Narrative Attachment Form, both of which can be found at www.grants.gov/.

Proposals will be evaluated on their potential to create jobs and stimulate economic activity within a Native communi-

ty, the applicant’s willingness to consider implementing recommendations resulting from the feasibility study, and the applicant’s focus on obtaining qualified guidance on how to attract investment from an Opportunity Fund. IEED is administering this program through its Division of Economic Development.

Please visit the Indian Affairs website for more information about IEED’s programs and services at www.indianaffairs.gov/as-ia/ieed.

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Agreement to Increase Investment in Infrastructure Signed

submitted by U.S. Department of the Interior

WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 25, 2020) – The Department of the Interior (DOI) forged a new partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) by signing the National Programmatic Agreement among the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Programs, National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for Sequencing Section 106 (USDA-RD NPA).

“Having the Bureau of Indian Affairs as part of the USDA’s National Programmatic Agreement will greatly enhance the tribes’ ability to finance their Section 106 compliance for the USDA’s Rural Development infrastructure investments that cross their lands,” said Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Tara Sweeney. “The NPA supports and encourages the consideration of impacts to historic property and cultural resources early in project planning, protects the tribal consultation process, and benefits tribal applicants eligible for USDA Rural Development programs.”

“Under the leadership of President Trump and Agriculture Secretary Perdue, USDA is committed to being a strong partner to rural communities in building stronger and more prosperous futures because we know that when rural America thrives, all of America thrives,” said Deputy Under Secretary for USDA Rural Development Bette Brand. “This agreement will create a more seamless experience for rural leaders seeking to access USDA programs essential for rural

infrastructure build-out.”

The USDA-RD NPA is used by USDA Rural Development to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) when investing in water, power, waste treatment and telecommunications projects on federally managed lands, including federal Indian reservations. Tribal communities greatly benefit from such development, and DOI is proud to partner with USDA Rural Development on helping them meet their Section 106 compliance requirements. In addition to Section 106 requirements, all USDA Rural Development applicants must undergo an environmental review process before construction can begin.

The NPA also follows President Trump’s Executive Order 13821 “Streamlining and Expediting Requests to Locate Broadband Facilities in Rural America” dated January 8, 2018. Adhering to the NPA also furthers Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt’s priorities of informing land-use planning processes especially for public use and access; reducing administrative and regulatory burdens; supporting tribal self-determination, self-governance and sovereignty; and fostering partnerships to achieve a balanced stewardship and use of the nation’s public lands.

The NPA provides a way for USDA Rural Development to invest in infrastructure development projects in rural communities by allowing USDA Rural Development to obligate funds for a federal undertaking prior to completing the Section 106 process for projects on feder-

ally owned and controlled lands. An undertaking is a project, activity, or program funded, permitted, licensed or approved by a federal agency that can take one to five or more years to complete.

With the NPA, rural applicants, including tribes, who have difficulty obtaining resources to undertake and complete the Section 106 review process, including the analysis of project alternatives, can be confident that USDA Rural Development low-interest loans and grants will be available to assist them with Section 106 compliance, creating more project certainty for proponents.

Section 106 requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties and cultural resources and to provide the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) with a reasonable opportunity to comment. Federal agencies are also required to consult using Section 106’s four-step process with State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs), Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs), Indian Tribes (including Alaska Natives), and Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs).

The USDA-RD NPA applies only to USDA Rural Development compliance with Section 106 and does not fulfill compliance with other federal historic preservation laws such as the Archeological Resources Protection Act and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

In April 2017, President Donald J. Trump established the Inter-agency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity

to identify legislative, regulatory and policy changes that could promote agriculture and prosperity in rural communities. In January 2018, Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue presented the Task Force’s findings to President Trump. These findings included 31 recommendations to align the federal government with state, local and tribal governments to take advantage of opportunities that exist in rural America. Increasing investments in rural infrastructure is a key recommendation of the task force. To view the report in its entirety, please view the Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity (PDF, 5.4 MB).

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USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov. To subscribe to USDA Rural Development updates, visit USDA’s Gov-Delivery subscriber page.

Unity Fire MKE: "A FIRE WITH AN INTENDED PURPOSE"

A fire with intended purpose was placed on Mother Earth for four consecutive days. It began at sunrise on June 12th and burned continuously until sundown on June 15th. Native Americans tended the Unity Fire and conducted tobacco, water and pipe ceremonies daily. The Unity Fire MKE was held on the Wgema Campus and done for the community's healing, unity and safety for all, but especially for our elders and children.



Sponsors that made the Unity Fire MKE possible: Forest County Potawatomi, Indian Council of the Elderly, Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center, Repairing Together, Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services and HIR Wellness.

Skywalk: WAUKESHA CITY HALL CONTINUES TO MOVE TOWARDS COMPLETION

The Greenfire crew working on the new Waukesha City Hall was thankful that the weather held out for two days in a row as they installed section A and B of the new skywalk. Section A, 86 ft. long and 50,000 pounds, ties into the existing parking ramp across E. North Avenue. Section B, 97.5 ft. long and 60,000 pounds, ties into the building itself. The building is slated for completion in January 2021. After that, Greenfire will raze the existing building to make a parking a new parking lot with a projected finish of June 2021.



SECTION A



SECTION B

