



2012 “TO BRIDGE A GAP” CONFERENCE AGENDA

CHOCTAW NATION CASINO AND RESORT
3875 Choctaw Rd. Durant, OK 74701

“PATHWAYS TO PRESERVATION THROUGH COMMUNICATION”

MONDAY, APRIL 2nd (PRECONFERENCE)

GPS/GIS INTRODUCTORY PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOP: (Choctaw RV Park)

7:00 AM **REGISTRATION BEGINS**
(At Choctaw Nation RV Park – across the street from Choctaw Casino and Resort)

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM **GPS/GIS INTRODUCTORY PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOP**
Limited: 30 Participants
(Choctaw Nation RV Park, Meeting Room for Orientation)
Trainer: Frank Harjo, GIS Coordinator: Muscogee Creek Nation

TRIBAL – FEDERAL MEETINGS: (Choctaw Casino and Resort)

7:00 AM **REGISTRATION BEGINS**

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM **PRECONFERENCE MEETING: (Nashoba Room)**
Alabama National Forests Meeting with federally-recognized Tribal Leaders and Representatives that have an interest in those Forests
Steve Lohr – Alabama National Forests, Forest Supervisor
Marcus Ridley - Archaeologist, Alabama National Forests

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM **PRECONFERENCE MEETING: (Choctaw Ballroom)**
FCC Tribal Engagement Meeting with federally-recognized Tribes
Steve Delsordo, Jeff Steinberg, Anne Marie Wypijewski, and Irene Flannery – Federal Communication Commission

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM **RECEPTION:**
(Choctaw Nation RV Park – across the street from Choctaw Casino and Resort)
A meal will be provided by The Durant Seniors group.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3rd

- 7:00 AM **REGISTRATION BEGINS**
- 8:30 AM – 9:15 AM **INTRODUCTION**
Moderator: Bobby Gonzalez, Caddo Nation NAGPRA Coordinator and OCoT Cultural Committee Chairman
Invocation: Olin Williams, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Choctaw Nation Honor Guard
Welcome: Sue Folsom, Executive Director of Cultural Services, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM **CULTURAL LANDSCAPES: IDENTIFICATION, PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION (Choctaw Ballroom)**
James Wettstaed - Heritage Program Manager, Georgia National Forests
Robert Thrower - THPO, Poarch Band of Creek Indians
Marcus Ridley - Archaeologist, Alabama National Forests
Dr. Bob Brooks – State Archaeologist, Oklahoma
- 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM **BREAK: sponsored by Environmental Engineers, Inc.**
- 10:45 AM – 12:00 PM **NEPA AND SECTION 106: PROCEDURES AND ISSUES (Choctaw Ballroom)**
Chris Liggett – Director of Planning, Southern Region, US Forest Service
Keri Hicks - Heritage Program Manager & Rich Hall - Planning Staff Officer, Mark Twain National Forest
Kathy Harris – Program Analyst, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
- 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM **LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED: Butterfields Buffet**
- 1:30 PM – 2:45 PM **NAGPRA: PROGRESS AND CONTINUED OBSTACLES (Choctaw Ballroom)**
Frank Wozniak – US Forest Service, NAGPRA Coordinator
Melanie O’Brien – Notice Coordinator, National NAGPRA Program
Dana Masters – THPO, Jena Band of Choctaw Indians
Bambi Kraus – President, National Tribal Historic Preservation Officers
- 2:45 PM – 3:00 PM **BREAK: sponsored by Cellular South (now - c spire wireless)**
- 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM **FEDERAL AGENCY COLLECTIONS MANGEMENT, REPATRIATION, & FARM BILL (Choctaw Ballroom)**
Dr. David Gadsby – Archaeologist, NPS Archaeology Program, 36 CFR 79
Jackie Swift – NMAI Repatriation Manager
Larry Heady – US Forest Service Tribal Liaison, Region 9 (Eastern)
- 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM **BANQUET: (Choctaw Ballroom)**
Janie Hipp - Senior Advisor for Tribal Affairs to United States Department of Agriculture to Secretary Tom Vilsack, Presentation of Forest Service Tribal Relations Partnership Awards
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Joe Watkins, Director, Native American Studies at the University of Oklahoma
Dr. Ian Thompson - THPO Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Presentation of Special Recognition Award

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4th

- 7:00 AM **REGISTRATION BEGINS**
- 8:30 AM – 9:45 AM **TRIBE AND FEDERAL AGREEMENTS (Choctaw Ballroom)**
Kirk Perry – Administrator, Policy and Standards, Chickasaw Nation
Lisa LaRue-Baker – HPO, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians
Robert Cast – THPO, Caddo Nation
Reid Nelson - Director, Office of Federal Agency Programs, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
- 9:45 AM – 10:00 AM **BREAK: sponsored by University of Oklahoma, Native American Studies Program**
- 10:00 AM – 10:45 AM **NATHPO UPDATES (Choctaw Ballroom)**
Bambi Kraus – President, NATHPO
- 10:45 AM – 12:00 PM **FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM AND PRESCRIBED BURNS (Choctaw Ballroom)**
Dan Olsen - US Forest Service Regional Director of Fire and Aviation
Christine Rogers – Crew Coordinator, Cherokee Nation
Gary Parker – Crew Coordinator, Caddo Nation
Jerry Soard – US Forest Service, Deputy Fire Team Leader, Oklahoma and Arkansas
- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM **EXECUTIVE BREAKOUT SESSION: REGION 8 (SOUTHEASTERN US)**
(Nashoba Room)
Discussion led by Liz Agpaoa, Regional Forester
(Executive Session is limited to Tribal Leaders or their designated representatives & Forest leaders)
- 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM **LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED: Butterfields Buffet**
- 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM **HERITAGE PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM, U.S. FOREST SERVICE (Choctaw Ballroom)**
Meeks Etchieson – Heritage Program Manager, Ouachita National Forest
Larry Haikey – Regional Archaeologist, BIA, Oklahoma
Barbara Williams – Heritage Program Manager, National Forests and Grasslands in Texas
- 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM **NATIONAL TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM: UPDATES (Choctaw Ballroom)**
James Bird - Chief, Tribal Preservation Program, NPS/HPS/WASO
- 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM **EXECUTIVE BREAKOUT SESSION: REGION 9 (NORTHEASTERN US)**
(Nashoba Room)
Discussion led by Gene Blakenbaker, Deputy Regional Forester and Larry Heady, Tribal Liaison
(Executive Session is limited to Tribal Leaders or their designated representatives & Forest leaders)
- 3:15 PM – 3:30 PM **BREAK sponsored by Choctaw Nation Public Relations Department**
- 3:30 PM – 4:45 PM **ENERGY DEVELOPMENT & IMPACTS ON CULTURAL RESOURCES (Choctaw Ballroom)**
Ken Carleton – HPO, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
Rick Fields – Acting Assistant Field Manager for Multi-Resources, BLM
Paul Johnson - Energy Coordinator, US Forest Service
Greg Williamson – Review and Compliance Officer, Mississippi Department of Archives and History
- 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM **CHOCTAW CULTURAL NIGHT (Choctaw Nation Community Center)**
Traditional Choctaw meal will be provided by The Durant Elder’s group.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5th

8:30 AM – 9:45 AM

***SACRED SITES AND TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTIES
(Choctaw Ballroom)***

Larry Heady – Tribal Liaison, US Forest Service Sacred Sites Report Update
Jimmy Arteberry – THPO, Comanche Nation
Dr. Kenneth York – Tribal Historian, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM

BREAK

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

PARTENSHIPS AND TRIBAL RELATIONS (Choctaw Ballroom)

Partnering Opportunities with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: GIS Mapping, Records and Archives Management, Curation and more

Roberta Hayworth – Tribal Liaison, St. Louis District
Keith Short – Chief of the St. Louis District’s Geospatial Engineering Branch.

Living Archaeological Weekend:

Wayna Adams - Daniel Boone National Forest Heritage Program Manager
Henryetta Ellis - Historic Preservation Manager, Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

The US Forest Service Tribal Relations Achievement Report:

Fred Clark – Director, US Forest Service Tribal Relations

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

WRAP UP AND ADJOURNMENT