

2024 Diné Forest and Climate Teach-In Agenda

Tuesday, May 28, 2024, & Wednesday, May 29, 2024,

Location: Fort Defiance Chapter House

Time zone: Navajo Nation / Mountain Daylight Time

Day 1: Tuesday, May 28, 2024

9:30 am

Registration

9:45 am

Invocation

10:00 am

Welcome and Introduction

Callum Cintron, Forestry, Fire, and Climate Tribal Liaison Community Program Coordinator, Senior, AZWI and ITEP

Derrick Lameman, AmeriCorps Intern, Southwest Fire Science Consortium - FELL Ambassador

Jaime Yazzie, UA Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research/Southwestern Mountains Climate Resilience Center

10:30 am

Understanding Forests and Climate Panel

This session will focus on forest management plans, the impact of climate change on forest ecosystems, and the importance of ecological restoration.

Panelists: Frankie Thompson, Navajo Forestry Department; Jon Martin, NAU-Ecological Restoration Institute; Jaime Yazzie, LTRR/SMCRC

11:30 am

Discussion

Facilitator: Dr. Pete Fulé, NAU

12:15 pm

Lunch

1:15 pm

Fire Ecology Panel

Experts will discuss historical fire regimes, prevention, and restoration techniques, highlighting both traditional/cultural knowledge and modern practices.

Panelists: Darryl Wilson, Fire Prevention Specialist, BIA-Wildland Fire; Lionel Whitehair, Ph.D Candidate, Northern Arizona University; Dr. Lyla June Johnston

2:15 pm

Discussion

Facilitator: Jon Martin

3:00 pm

Break – Raffle

3:30 pm

Summary of Panels and Talking Circle

Summary of Day 1 panels and open discussion about topics, forest management, research, or collaboration.

4:30 pm

Raffle

5:00 pm

End for the day



Day 2: Wednesday May 29, 2024

8:00 am	Registration
8:15 am	Invocation
8:25 am	Welcome Address: Dr. Andy Nez, Navajo Nation Council Delegate (Crystal, Fort Defiance, Red Lake, Sawmill)
9:30 am	Cultural Revitalization and Plant Conservation Panel Speakers will talk about the significance of Diné knowledge and the role of cultural revitalization in sustaining forest ecosystems. <i>Panelist: Arnold Clifford, Diné; Jesse Mike, Navajo Nation Fish and Wildlife Department; Roberto Nutlois (Diné), Executive Director for Nihikeya</i>
10:30 am	Discussion <i>Facilitator: Jaime Yazzie</i>
11:30 am	Fire Ecology Learning Lab (FELL) Activity <i>Derrick Lameman</i>
12:00 pm	Lunch – Raffle
1:00 pm	Forest and Land Use Panel Topics will include land and water use, ongoing research projects at Diné College, management, and the importance of collaborative efforts. <i>Panelist: Jason Nez, Diné Archaeologist; Dr. Tommy Rock, Northern Arizona University; Bryan Neztosie, Diné College; Dr. Crystal Tulley-Cordova, Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources</i>
2:00 pm	Discussion <i>Facilitator: Callum Cintron</i>
2:45 pm	Break – Raffle
3:00 pm	Summary of Panels and Talking Circle Summary of teach-in sessions, facilitated discussion about strategies for future engagement, collaboration, and feedback.
3:45 pm	Closing Remarks

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