



Drought Early Warning Systems for Kansas Based Tribes
Lincoln, NE
 April 1 – 2, 2015

Objectives:

- Leverage partnerships and opportunities to create drought early warning information for the Tribes
- Identify opportunities to build awareness on water/climate issues with tribal leadership and communities
- Understand options to explore cultural and physical vulnerabilities for each Tribe
- Build familiarity with current information from the NDMC and HPRCC
- Explore opportunities and connections with other partners for resources and connections
- Understand monitoring capabilities and potential needs
- Determine the sustainability of this partnership
- Determine short and long term goals

Wednesday, April 1 Embassy Suites – Regents D&E Ballroom - Lincoln, NE	
8:30	Welcome, Invocation and Introductions – NDMC/HPRCC
9:00	Setting the stage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NIDIS Missouri Basin Background – Doug Kluck ● Findings from past meetings & Recent Conversations – James Rattling Leaf ● Objectives & Considerations
9:30	Tribal Summaries and Meeting Priorities – We need a list of questions and takeaways from interviews to send a week before hand? Ask them what's important <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas & Nebraska ● Iowa Tribe of Kansas & Nebraska ● Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas – Recent BIA grant award ● Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
10:30	Break
10:45	National Drought Mitigation Center – Local tools (with focus on region) - Mark Svoboda
11:30	Drought Planning & Assessing Vulnerabilities – Cody Knutson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Planning

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wind River Summary
12:00	Lunch – In House
1:00	Vulnerability Assessments of cultural and water resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wind River example – Cody Knutson • Discussion – concerns, resources, pathways – Dan Wildcat
2:00	Potential synergies with the BIA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIA – Crystal Keys
2:30	Break
2:45	High Plains Regional Climate Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extremes history, climate change, trends • Specific data availability/access - examples • Opportunities for weather monitoring (AWDN & CoCoRaHS)
3:45	Potential synergies with the Kansas Water Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kansas Water Office
4:00	Kansas Drought – Xiaomao Lin
4:15	Discussion – What we heard today and main takeaways and next steps
5:30	At Embassy Suites – complimentary food and drinks
6:30 pm	Meet for dinner
Thursday, April 2 Embassy Suites - Regents D&E Ballroom – Lincoln, NE	
8:30	Brief Recap and Agenda Discussion – James Rattling Leaf
9:00	Discussion on Drought Early Warning System for Tribal Nations (DEWS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wind River Summary – Martha Shulski • Drought Summaries and Outlooks – Crystal Stiles • Discussion building capacity for summaries – Crystal Stiles
10:00	Break
10:15	(Cont.) Discussion on Early Warning Systems for Drought <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnerships (Haskell, HPRCC, NDMC) • Short term plan/Demonstration Project
12:00	Lunch – In House
1:00	Potential Partnership Synergies with EPA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPA
1:30	Potential Partnership Synergies with CDP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center for Disaster Philanthropy – Nancy Beers
2:00	Building Awareness/Education: Discussion on engaging tribal leadership and communities on drought/water – Dan Wildcat & Martha Shulski <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connections for adaptation training • Resources for Tribes • Online Training • Training at Haskell
2:30	Break
2:45	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – ?
3:00	Final Discussion – Next Steps – Group Discussion
4:00	Adjourn