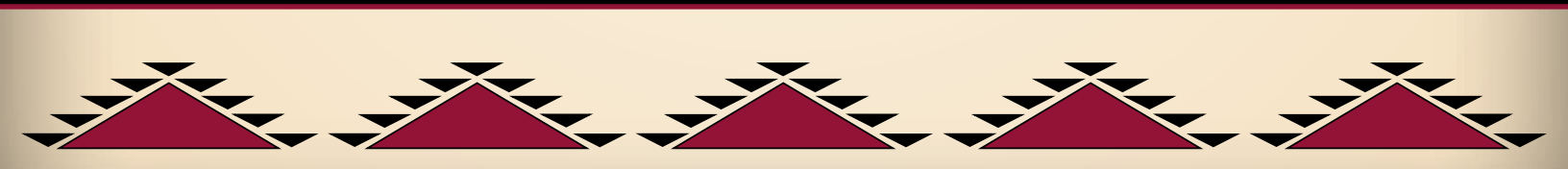


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Greetings from your Tribal Council



Russell Attebery
Happy Camp
Chairman

TERM: Nov. 2019-Nov. 2023



Robert Super
Yreka
Vice-Chairman

TERM: Nov. 2018-Nov. 2022



Michael Thom
Happy Camp
Secretary/Treasurer

TERM: Nov. 2019-Nov. 2023



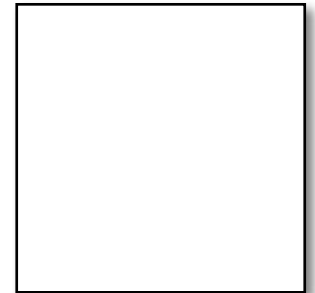
Aaron "Troy" Hockaday
Happy Camp District
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2020-Nov. 2024



Kristen King
Orleans District
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2021-Nov. 2025



Happy Camp
Member at Large
TERM: Currently Vacant



Renée Stauffer
Orleans District
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2019-Nov. 2023



Arch Super
Yreka District
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2021-Nov. 2025



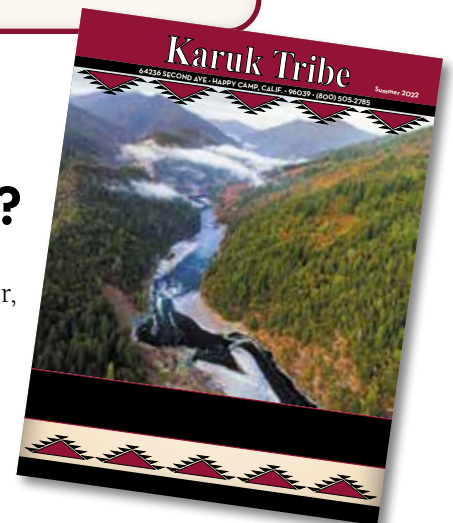
Elizabeth Bentley
Yreka District
Member at Large
TERM: Nov. 2020-Nov. 2022

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Do You Have An Article For The Newsletter?

Attention Karuk Tribal Members & Descendants, if you have news, articles, events or announcements you wish to submit for publication in the Karuk Newsletter, please send information to newsletter@karuk.us. Submissions are preferred in digital format; however hardcopies are also accepted by mailing articles to Newsletter Articles, P.O. Box 1016 Happy Camp, CA 96039. All submissions must include your name and address as no anonymous articles will be accepted.



Ayukîi from the Enrollment Office, There are currently 3,755 Enrolled Tribal Members and 5,661 Enrolled Descendants.

We experienced quite a rise in applications during the pandemic. We believe the announcement of stimulus in 2020 started this significant increase of interest for those Karuk people that had not been enrolled yet and so to those new folks, we say welcome and also for everyone to..

Please keep us informed of any address or name changes at your earliest convenience so you won't miss out on any future mailings



Mildred Grant
Chair



**Jeanerette
Jacups-Johnny**
Vice Chair



Corina Alexander
Secretary




Charlene Naef
Member At Large



Robert Super
Council Vice Chair

 ur office offers an array of services.

- Enrollment/Descendancy applications for the Enrollment Committee.
- Issue Tribal Verification's for enrolled Members and Descendants.
- Collect Census Data on all Tribal Member households (we do not release any personal information only non-identifying information). Please update your census with our office every three years.
- Process mail lists for Tribal Mailings; please make sure your address is up to date so you don't miss out on important mailings or the newsletter.
- Issue Free California Fishing License Applications. (Income Eligible)
- Issue Family Trees
- Issue ID cards.
- Issue DMV/Sales Tax Exemption forms to Tribal Members living on Trust Land.

Please feel free to contact our office at (800) 505-2785 Ext. 2028. You can also reach me by email:
rattebery@karuk.us. 
Robert Attebery
Enrollment Officer

Notes From The Chairman

Ayukii koovuda Tribal Members and Decedents, I hope all is well in Indian Country. Council has been working very hard on many projects that will benefit Tribal Members and Descendants. Projects such as Land back transfer from the United States Forest Service, Casino expansion, Land to Trust for more housing projects, and educational training, both college and vocational, because right now we do not have enough staff to fill the positions we have to offer.

Let's start with Land to Trust and Land back transfer issues, Council, along with our Self-Governance Officer (Darrel Aubrey) and Executive Director (Josh Saxon), have done our due diligence to bring back over 1,000 acres of land in the Somes Bar-Orleans area. The Bill H.R. is currently being introduced to congress by Congressman Jared Huffman. Not only will this legislation give the Karuk Tribe the opportunity to have jurisdiction of ceremonial lands, it will also open the door to possible hunting, gathering, water, and fishing rights.

I was recently appointed as a primary member to the Self-Governance PROGRESS Act Negotiated Rulemaking Committee by Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland. I was truly honored to have been nominated by the California Tribal Chairpersons Association and the Northern California Chairman's Association, even more so to be selected by Secretary Haaland. The progress act simply means that the Karuk Tribe will have a front row seat in determining the effectiveness of Self-Governance and Self-Determination for Indian tribes. Once again granting the Karuk Tribe the opportunity to manage the lands where we live.


Housing is a big issue for the Karuk Tribe. We have nearly 400 homes, and are in need of many more. My being selected to this rulemaking committee will work in favor of tribes because Deb Haaland and the Department of Interior can make the decision to put land into trust. We need land trust before we can build HUD housing. I have advocated for years that Land to Trust issues for housing and ceremonial areas should be a "no brainer" for the Department of Interior.

Capacity and training were a focus point for the Council during their recent planning session. We are hoping to get more training, both education degrees and vocational certificates, in the hands of our Tribal Members and Decedents. We believe that there is a sustainable economy in our forests. If we take a "ecology first and the economy will follow" approach , a sustainable economy is achievable. If we do this there will be restoration projects that will reduce fuels for fires, enhance creeks and streams, take out hazard trees,

remove down and dead trees, and implement the proper way to salvage the trees left over from the fires. In order to make this a reality we need forestry experts, water quality experts, fisheries managers, timber cruisers, heavy equipment operators, and more.

Casino expansion is happening as we speak. We are expanding our casino floor, putting in a convention center, and building a hotel along with 12 cottages which will set Rain Rock Casino apart from the other casinos as more of a destination resort. In our recent Council Planning Session, we had serious discussions about per-capita payments for our Tribal Members. We made a commitment to our lenders to pay off our loan first and we are approaching that goal maybe as early as two years away. I cannot give a definite date, just say, "Coming Soon".

As always, my door is open to Tribal Members and Descendants. If you have any comments or questions please feel free to call or email any thoughts or suggestions you have to help Karuk Tribal People.

Yootva kura suva nik (thank you and see you later), 



Chairman Buster Attebery and Darrel Aubrey in D.C. with Fatima Abbas, former General Council for the Karuk Tribe, currently Senior Advisor (U.S. Dept. of the Treasury)



Chairman Buster Attebery and Darrel Aubrey in D.C. with Representatives from Cow Creek Tribe

Vote “No” on Prop 27

This November, voters will decide whether online sports betting in California should be permitted. Why as voters we should vote “no” for Corporate Online Gaming? Since this bill will allow sports wagering and online gambling, every electronic device will become a “virtual casino”. Why is this wrong?

- Makes underage gambling more accessible
- Increases the rates of gambling addiction
- Drives businesses away from local communities
- Attacks tribal economies
- Sets precedent for outsourcing in-person businesses, effecting
 - Tribal communities
 - Local communities
 - Employees



As California Tribal Nations, we should stand together and Vote “No” for Corporate Online Gambling. It is our responsibility to protect our people, fellow tribes, and the local communities that we have built together. 🏹



Land Policy

We want to thank those who have filed letter of support for H.R. 6032, Katimiin and Aameekyaaram Sacred Lands Act, that advocates for the return of Karuk Sacred Lands to be held in trust for the Karuk Tribe. This transfer would include 1100 acres of Forest Service land that includes multiple sacred areas where we practice our culture currently and have been since time immemorial. This land act would include the sites for our Jump Dance and First Salmon Ceremony. We have received support from tribal members, community members & businesses and political leaders.

We are excited to see progress with our Lands Act as it was introduced to the Senate on June 22, 2022. We hope that our Lands Act will move quickly through legislation. It would not have been possible without the support from our membership, our community and our supporters across the nation. Our sacred lands of Katimiin and Aameekyaaram may soon be in the hands of the Karuk people to continue to practice our culture for generations to come.

Letter of Support Writers:

Fly Fisher's International

Western Klamath Restoration Partnership

Robert Blanchard

Michael & Melinda Stearns

Barbara Short

Chris Hatton- Salmon River Outpost

Tera Palmer


U.S. Representative Jared Huffman

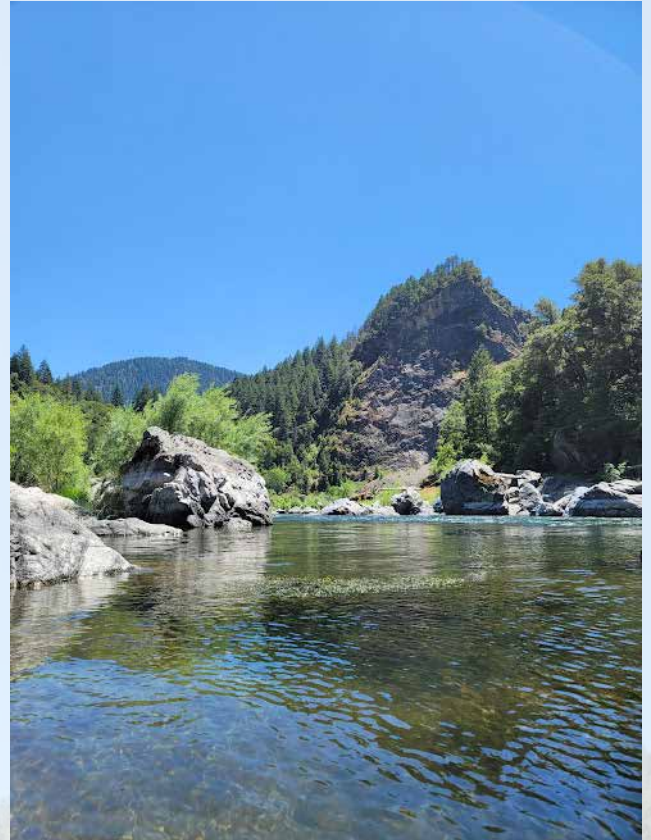
Jack Potter Jr.- Redding Rancheria Tribal Chairperson

Estelle Fennell- Chair

(County of Humboldt- Board of Supervisors)

Trout Unlimited

If you would like to submit a letter of support for the Katimiin and Aameekyaaram Sacred Lands Act, please email your request to asutcliffe@karuk.us 



Katimiin, Karuk sacred land



Kenneth Brink "Binx" helps Karuk Youth practice traditional dip net fishing

Karuk Tribe Housing Authority



YREKA
1836 Apsuun
(530) 842-1644



HAPPY CAMP
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(530) 493-1414



ORLEANS
37960 Highway 96
(530) 627-3703

Upcoming Projects and Grants

Orleans: HUD Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive Grant funding will be used to construct eight (8) two-bedroom, single family units; this project will take place following KTHA's installation of infrastructure to support these units on what was previously the Pines RV Park in Orleans, near the elementary school. FEMA funding will be used to replace all of the wooden fencing in the Orleans KTHA Community with powder coated chain link, and complete defensible space treatments around the Orleans KTHA units.

Happy Camp: American Rescue Plan Act IHBG funding will be used to construct up to ten (10) single family units on land above Indian Meadows. Cal OES funding will be used to replace the facility backup generator on the Headway Building where the Council Chambers, Staff Offices, and the Senior Nutrition Program Building are housed. FEMA funding will be used to install four new facility backup generators.

Yreka: KTHA was awarded Cal OES funding to retrofit the exteriors of all Yreka units, with the exception of the Tax Credit homes, to mitigate wildfire danger by replacing the roofs with fire-resistant metal roofing, replacing exterior siding with fire-resistant siding, replacing all wood porches and stairs with fire-resistant decking, replacing all wooden fencing with powder coated chain link, and completing defensible space treatment around every building, public fire safety outreach/education, and fuels reduction projects on the property.

Also in Yreka, KTHA is undertaking a long overdue project to renovate the interiors of the apartment units that are nearly 30 years old! The kitchens, bathrooms, and flooring will all be replaced as well as other non-routine repairs. At this time there are 14 vacant apartments that have had the interiors

fully demolished to prepare for this work. After renovation, one fourplex will be retained to be used as temporary housing as they work their way through the occupied units. This is a very exciting undertaking for KTHA!

Programs and Applications

The Karuk Tribe Housing Authority offers Low Income and Elder Rental Units in Yreka, Happy Camp, and Orleans to income eligible Tribal individuals and families. KTHA also offers the following assistance to income eligible Karuk Tribal Members: First-Time Homebuyer Loans, Down Payment Assistance Grants, Mortgage Relief Grants, Student Rent Vouchers, Elder Rent Vouchers, and Temporary Rent Vouchers, Home Replacement Grants, Home Rehabilitation & Weatherization Grants and Loans, and Home Improvement Loans.

Samantha White, Admissions/Loan Specialist, receives and processes all applications for KTHA assistance. **We encourage Tribal Members who have any unmet housing needs to SUBMIT AN APPLICATION!** The income limits that determine eligibility are not as low as you may think; many working families are still at or below 80% of US Median Family Income Limits set by HUD. Samantha can be reached at (530) 493-1414, Extension 3108 or smwhite@karuk.us

We remind all applicants that a current, **complete**, application is required in order to determine eligibility for KTHA assistance. Applications are available from any KTHA Office or online at www.ktha.us/

Please be patient as you go through the application process and understand that everyone's experience will be unique. There is a checklist on the application listing mandatory items that must be included; however additional documents will be requested depending on your individual circumstances. All applicants will be notified if there is missing documentation,



or if additional information is needed, in order to continue processing the application, as well as when the application is deemed complete. Processing times are different depending on the program applied for due to the necessary documentation, research, and third-party verifications required for each program.

Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

The ERAP program is winding down as we approach the 9/30/2022 end date and all new submissions have closed in order to allow for reviewal prior to the end date. KTHA has expensed \$4,462,705.08 in assistance through 5/31/2022!



Housing B.O.C. - L-R: Joseph Waddell, Sherile Grant, Charlene Naef, Dolores Voyles, Arch Super, Deborah Whitman, Sara Spence (Executive Director) (Robert Super, Not Pictured)

Board of Commissioners

The current KTHA Board of Commissioners are: Robert Super (Yreka), Dolores Voyles (Happy Camp), Arch Super (Yreka), Sherile Grant (Yreka), Joseph Waddell (Happy Camp), Deborah Whitman (Yreka), and Charlene Naef (Orleans). The Board of Commissioners Tenant Meetings are again open to public participation which is exciting after so long without it!

Slater Fire Recovery

The Karuk Tribe Housing Authority Force Account Crew continues construction to replace three units that were destroyed by the Slater Wildfire in Happy Camp. We are eagerly anticipating the day these displaced households are able to move into their new homes! 🇺🇸

Purchased Referred Care Services Eligibility

The following is an explanation of the eligibility criteria for the Karuk Tribe's Purchased Referred Care Services to give applicants a better understanding of the eligibility process. Our goal is to assist all clients to obtain the best services possible.

1. Must be a Tribal Member or Descendant of a Federally-Recognized Tribe in California.
2. Must be a permanent resident of Siskiyou Co. CA or Orleans, CA for the past six months.

If you are eligible, PRC coverage is not automatic. Should you have an emergency situation requiring you to obtain care at a non-IHS facility, You must notify Purchased Referred Care Services within 72 hours. If you do not do this, you will be responsible for the bill. PRC coverage is for emergency, life-threatening situations only! The following are not considered to be emergencies or life-threatening; Sore throats, ear aches, rash, follow-up care, medication re-fill, etc.

Emergency visits will not be covered if it would have been closer to go to a Karuk Tribal Health Care facility. If there is a KTHP facility in the area and you choose not to use the facility, you will then be denied and held responsible for the bill.

Referral:

Medical care that is not available at the Karuk Tribal Health Care facility. Referrals are not a guarantee that we can assist in payment with services. A patient must meet eligibility criteria, medical priorities, and use of alternate resources. Referrals are reviewed and payment is based on availability of funds; the referral is then approved, denied or deferred. If a referral is denied, the patient may obtain medical care at their own expense.

IHS-PRC Authorization:

We will prioritize all referrals and call-in requests and make recommendations for approval or denial. The PRC staff or their appointed designees are the only persons who can approve and authorize payment of services.

In most cases, an approved referral is limited to one medical treatment and/or one appointment. Please call Purchased/Referred Care prior to any follow-up appointments or referral to another specialist/facility for approval to make sure your coverage is still in effect

Alternate Resource:

IHS-PRC is a payer of last resort. When a patient has Medicare, Medicaid, Private Insurance, Veteran's Assistance, CHAMPUS/TRICARE, Workman's Compensation, or is covered by any other resource, that resource is the primary payer. All Explanations of Benefits (EOB) and payment checks from the primary payer(s) must be brought or mailed to the PRC office without delay, when received by the patient. Many times the non-IHS will turn the patient's bill over to collections because they are unable to get the EOB from the patient. The non-IHS provider cannot collect payment from IHS until they have filed the bill with the EOB. Therefore, it is crucial for the patient to provide the EOB either to the non-IHS provider or to the Purchased/Referred Care in order to complete the payment process.

Pregnant/Prenatal Care:

If PRC is requested to pay for the charges for your delivery/newborn care and hospitalization you must apply for OB Medi-cal. According to Federal Register IHS Regulations, it is mandatory that


all other resources be utilized before PRC funds can be obligated. The California Medi-cal Services has a program for which you may be eligible for. All pregnant women will be interviewed, advised and/or assisted if needed in applying for OB Medi-cal. If you are denied, you will need to take the letter to the PRC office to be filed with your OB referral form. Failure to cooperate with IHS-PRC will result in denial to authorize payment for any charges you may incur.

Appeals:

If you receive a denial letter from PRC you have the right to appeal per 42 CFR 136.25:

Within 30 days of receipt of your denial letter you must submit a written statement supporting your reason for appeal to the PRC Supervisor. If the PRC Supervisor upholds your denial, your appeal will be forwarded to the Managed Care Committee for action. If the Managed Care Committee upholds the denial, your appeal will be presented to the Karuk Tribe Health Board for consideration and action.

The decision of the Karuk Tribe Health Board shall be final.

If you have any questions regarding the eligibility and payment process, please call Purchased Referred Care Services at: (530)-493-1600 Anna Myers, PRC Supervisor Ext. 2156, Cat Turner, PRC Clerk Ext. 2155. 



If you have been referred to an outside provider (i.e. specialist, hospital, etc.) you must contact the CHS department BEFORE your appointment. This will help ensure your eligibility for Contract Health Services. If you do not this may impede possible payment for services.

CHS is not an entitlement program and an IHS referral does not imply the care will be paid. If IHS is requested to pay, then a patient must meet the residency requirements, notification requirements, medical priority, and use of alternate resources.

You may contact the CHS department between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Anna Myers @ 493-1600 ext. 2156

Cat Turner @ 493-1600 ext. 2155

Meranda Rasmussen @ 493-1600 ext. 2151

This is very crucial to our process.

The Karuk Tribal Court Advocacy Program (KTCAP)

The Karuk Tribal Court provides trained staff to support the best interests of the children/youth who come into the tribal court system primarily as a result of being a victim of abuse, neglect, family violence, domestic violence, or sexual assault. As an officer of the Tribal Court they perform independent fact finding and then report back to the judge with their findings through written reports. They visit with their child/youth on a regular basis and become a consistent source of support for the child/youth throughout their case in Tribal Court. This past quarter the KTCAP was hard at work providing outreach and information events to the community, along with providing direct support services to over 18 tribal youth in the Karuk Tribal Court System.

March- KTCAP worked with the Karuk Head Start Centers in kahtishraam (Yreka) and athithúvnuunupma (Happy Camp) to promote kindness with the annual March for Kindness. The children carried their signs they created to promote kindness. KTCAP provided Head Start staff, children, and council with a kindness is always cool t-shirt.

April- The month of April was National Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. The KTCAP partnered with the Karuk Tribe Head Start to do an activity called My Hands Are Not for Hitting. Each classroom was provided a book, “Hands Are Not for Hitting” and the Court Advocate visited the classroom to read the book for the children. The children learned that violence is never okay, that they can manage their anger and other strong feelings, and that they’re capable of positive, loving actions. The Karuk Head Start kids put their handprint on a piece of paper and wrote what their hands are for.

The KTCAP also distributed *Blue Pinwheels for Child Abuse Awareness Month* to Karuk Tribal Offices. In support of this initiative many of our Tribal offices dressed in blue. 🦋



Karuk Tribe Orleans Health and Dental Clinic



Happy Camp Admin and Health and Dental Clinic



Yreka Karuk Tribe Medical and Dental Employees in front of sign



Karuk Tribe Finance Department

The Karuk Tribe Division of Victim Assistance (KDVA)

The Karuk Tribe's Division of Victim Assistance (KDVA) has been working hard to engage with the communities now that the COVID-19 restrictions have lessened. The Division staff have been a part of several activities in the past few months in an effort to educate and reach out to the communities bringing awareness to important issues that impact the lives of those we serve.



Employees wearing blue for Human Trafficking Awareness

January was National Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Division staff had an event planned but had to postpone it due to COVID-19 restrictions. The Awareness event was rescheduled and held on March 16, 2022, and staff set up tables with Human Trafficking information in each of the three communities: In Orleans at the DNR building, at the Medical Clinic in Yreka, and at the Administration Building in Happy Camp. A flyer was sent out asking folks to wear blue to bring awareness to the issue on that day. There was a great outpouring of support by Tribal employees.

The month of April was Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). Each day in April, KDVA posted on the Karuk Tribe's Facebook page information about Sexual Assault including facts, statistics, or videos. People from all over the country shared, liked, and reposted, giving them an entry into a drawing for a Pendleton Blanket that was donated by the Karuk Gift Shop. Kimberly Pepper Herrera from Las Vegas was the lucky winner of the blanket.



Red Clothing hung on Hwy. 96 to bring awareness to MMIP

The month of May was all about Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP). On May 5, 2022, KDVA

participated in an event sponsored by Siskiyou Domestic Violence and Crisis Center. The event was held at the Kahtishraam Wellness Center. The Red on the River Project ran from May 16 through May 27, 2022. KDVA had 11 locations along the river road with displays that consisted of red clothing, missing and murdered posters, and information about MMIP. This project has always brought in a lot of positive feedback and this year was no exception.

Keep an eye out for our future activities/events.

June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and December is Identity Theft Prevention and Awareness Month.

KDVA is also looking at starting a Women, Girls, and 2 Spirited Club in Orleans that will include self-defense classes. We will also be starting Fatherhood is Sacred/Motherhood is Sacred classes soon, and you can expect that our new Victim's Services Advocate will be making her way through tribal housing to introduce herself and hand out little gifts. 🦋



Cal Fire

Indigenous fire practitioners still face many barriers to burning. These impediments include certain aspects of state agency permitting policies and culture. Experts have recommended that increased awareness could improve the ability of these agencies to partner with cultural fire practitioners. In this spirit, the Karuk Department of Natural Resources (DNR) joined CAL FIRE in co-hosting a Cultural Burning Awareness Training on June 7 in Orleans.



Group of CAL FIRE, Karuk DNR, Caltrans and State Park employees

Over 40 employees from a variety of state agencies such as CAL FIRE, Caltrans, and California State Parks attended the event, including CAL FIRE Director Joe Tyler. In the morning, three speakers gave talks that encompassed some of the many benefits fire can bring to the landscape and to the people who have used it for millennia. Margo Robbins, Executive Director of Cultural Fire Management Council, spoke about the multiple cultural burn training exchanges her organization hosts each year. Kathy McCovey, a Karuk tribe member



CAL FIRE employees hold willow branches during presentations



Wild Iris

with expertise on forestry and Karuk food systems, spoke about how fire is needed for the collection of basket weaving materials like hazel sticks. US Forest Service research scientist and Karuk regalia maker Frank Lake discussed his research, which incorporates indigenous and western sciences.

In the afternoon, DNR staff led a field trip to multiple cultural burn and prescribed fire sites in Somes Bar. At the cultural burn site, DNR's Director Bill Tripp showed attendees firsthand how fire plays an integral role in the cultivation of Karuk cultural resources. For example, he pointed to the many orchids thriving in the fertile postfire soils. Carefully tearing a thin strand from one of their leaves, Tripp explained how the durable orchid fibers are used as material for traditional Karuk dipnets.



Margo Robbins speaking to the group

Next, DNR Fuels Captain Michael Sanchez helped lead a tour of the Patterson Focal Area of the Somes Bar Integrated Fire Management Project, demonstrating how the project shows that prescribed fire can be used to meet cultural objectives that go beyond just fuels reduction. The event leaders wrapped up the day by expressing their hope that the knowledge they shared could serve to break down the barriers to cultural burning. Overall it was a successful day that will hopefully set the stage for state agencies to cooperate more with indigenous fire practitioners. 🦋

Department of Natural Resources Smoke, Air, Fire, Energy (S.A.F.E.)

The climate crisis, combined with more than a century of practicing fire suppression over traditional tribal land stewardship, has brought catastrophic fire to the doorstep of the Karuk community. Over 95 percent of the Tribe's aboriginal territory is classified by the USDA Forest Service as having a "very high" fire hazard rating. There has been at least one major catastrophic fire in this territory every year for the past 15 years. In recent years, wildfire has grown more personal for the Karuk community than ever before.

The last few years have also shown that, in the Klamath Basin, air quality can be its own crisis during fire season. During the Slater Fire, a PurpleAir monitor in Happy Camp registered readings that were above "Hazardous"—literally off the charts—for a week straight. Last August during the River Complex Fire, Cecilville had the worst air quality in the world for several days according to another monitor. The Karuk Tribe is deeply invested in combatting the detrimental effects of wildfire and wildfire smoke. In 2020, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), in partnership with the Blue Lake Rancheria and Cal Poly Humboldt researchers, helped initiate the "Smoke, Air, Fire, Energy (SAFE) in Rural California" project. This 2.5-year venture was founded around a shared motivation to provide resilient technology that helps people manage smoke, air quality and energy.

One component of the project has been air quality infrastructure development. Cal Poly Humboldt and Karuk researchers installed five outdoor PurpleAir sensors at different locations and elevations within Karuk lands to fill gaps in monitoring smoke during wildfire season. During last year's fires, the Tribe included data from these air monitors in PSAs posted on social media. The SAFE team has also installed in-home filtration systems in nine households and is currently studying their effectiveness and learning from participants how the systems work for them. Staff at HSU and the Karuk Tribe are currently pursuing grant funding to purchase and distribute 100 more in-home filtration systems.

Energy resilience is another important aspect of the SAFE project. During wildfire season, electric utilities sometime shut off service at times when indoor air filtration is needed most. The project team is currently developing a community-scale resilient energy plan for the town of Orleans, and DNR is seeking funding to build a solar microgrid in Orleans that would supply energy to key facilities during Public Safety

Power Shutoff events.

Karuk people have used fire to manage the landscape since time immemorial, and DNR maintains this tradition through carrying out prescribed fires and cultural burns. These low-intensity fires bring myriad benefits to the ecosystem, including fuels reduction and prevention of catastrophic wildfires. To compare the smoke produced by intentional burning to wildfire smoke, SAFE researchers temporarily installed air monitors at different locations during multiple burns. They found that a week of prescribed fire caused particulate matter to reach "unhealthy" levels for only one day, whereas wildfires that year had produced such levels of smoke in the area for over a month straight.

"There are many beneficial aspects to fire and smoke. The Karuk Tribe depends on these benefits as do our territorial forests, plants and animals. This extends to fish and water considerations, which can be understood more by reading the Karuk Climate Adaptation Plan," said Director of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy Bill Tripp.

There is no "no fire" or "no smoke" alternative. SAFE project research helps support the DNR's mission to restore the practice of using good fire and emphasizes what traditional ecological knowledge tells us—that working with fire is the solution to it working against us. 🏹



Control burn by Karuk Department of Natural Resources in Orleans, CA



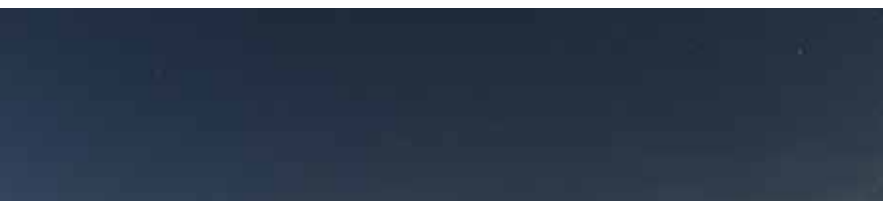
WTREX-Klamath



INDIGENOUS WOMEN-IN-FIRE TRAINING EXCHANGE (WTREX)

KARUK ANCESTRAL TERRITORY | SEPT 26-OCT 7, 2022

This fall, WTREX-Klamath will bring participants to the remote Klamath Mountains, where they will camp together and burn in a variety of habitats and fuel types. The event, hosted by the Karuk Tribe, local partners, and members of the national WTREX team, will focus on Indigenous women and prescribed burning with cultural objectives, drawing on the rich knowledge and traditions of local cultural practitioners as well as the experiences and perspectives of participants and invited guests. We believe that the groups who are generally under-represented in fire—including Indigenous people, women, and others—have unique talents and perspectives, and that they will play a critical role in revitalizing fire cultures and building a more just, equitable, and beneficial fire management system.



Control burn at night led by Karuk DNR in Orleans, CA



DNR employee starting control fire

Karuk Department of Transportation

Ayukii from the Karuk Department of Transportation! Here is a quick update on just a few of the projects we're working on:

Happy Camp Medical & Dental Parking Facility Project – The Tribe has been awarded funding to construct new medical and dental buildings in Happy Camp, on Hillside Road. Once the buildings are constructed, Karuk DOT will have a contractor expand the existing Family Services parking area to include paved parking for the new buildings. Construction for the parking lot is expected to occur in 2023.

Orleans Community Park Project – I am working closely with the Tribe's grant writers to identify appropriate funds for this much-desired project. As you already likely know, construction costs (as well as everything else!) have significantly increased recently, so we are having our on-call engineer complete an updated cost analysis for the project which we'll then be able to reference while pursuing suitable funding.

Road Safety Assessment (RSA) – Karuk DOT has begun the RSA process on specific routes in the Yreka area. We completed the initial assessment on March 24th with local agencies such as the City of Yreka Public Works Department, Yreka PD, Karuk Tribe Housing Authority (KTHA) Staff, Siskiyou County, and others. KTHA has distributed a survey for us to collect input from KTHA residents who live in the Yreka area. Thank you to all who participated! UC Berkeley will be following up with us on the survey results and final study report.

Happy Camp Complete Streets Project – Caltrans District 2 has held several preliminary internal meetings regarding this exciting project, and we will be hosting a public meeting or two to discuss the project plans. Look for an announcement on the Tribe's Facebook page regarding the meetings, and please attend if you can.

Road Maintenance – We are in the process of completing an agreement with the County of Siskiyou to stripe our tribal roads (fog and centerlines) annually, or as needed. This Agreement will save the Tribe thousands of dollars since the County owns the equipment needed to complete the work and will already be in the area to stripe their own roads.

Bucky Lantz and William Setzer are hard at work removing graffiti from signs and guardrails, sealing cracks in the road and in parking areas, refreshing parking stall lines and fire hydrants with paint, clearing brush, weed-whacking around guardrails, fire hydrants, signs, and other areas. Please slow down when you see maintenance workers alongside the road. Yootva!

As always, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Misty Rickwalt, Transportation Director, at (530) 627-3016 or mrickwalt@karuk.us 🦅




Graffiti on a STOP sign



Hwy 96 in Karuk territory

Groundbreaking: Happy Camp Medical and Dental Clinic

On June 3rd, 2022 a ground breaking ceremony was held in honor of the start of construction on the new medical and dental offices in Happy Camp, C.A. At this ceremony the audience was a medley of council members, employees and the public. They all came together to celebrate the building as it seeks to bring more space and state-of-the-art medical technologies to the region. By funding this project, the Karuk Tribe seeks to create a medical and dental facility that can provide the best care possible for our members and the region. Various members spoke at the groundbreaking and credited the medical team with being an integral part in their longevity. The new medical and dental buildings will be located on 64109 Hillside Rd. 



*Ryan Hammer
with construction
plans of new building*



*Robert "Bobby" Perez
with construction
plans of new buildings*



(Left to Right) Dr. Lew, Joseph Waddell, Jodi Henderson, Kristen King, Michael Thom, Susanna Greeno, Ryan Hammer, Patti White, Nichole Hokanson and Rondi Johnson.



K-12 Environmental Education Update

We wanted to share some highlights from our busy spring, and wish you all well this summer!

We have hosted field trips and hands-on lessons with students from Orleans, Junction, Happy Camp, Hoopa, Forks, and Seiad Elementary Schools with many valued collaborators. We investigated topics such as Karuk fire stewardship, wildlife, cultural plants and climate resiliency, incorporating art and Karuk language when possible. Students cracked xuntápan (acorns), tasted púrith (huckleberries) and chishíhiich (indian lettuce); learned to make káat (mugwort) salve, processed táas (soap root), and peeled pāarak (willow) and súríp (hazel) sticks.

We'd like to thank the Cultural Practitioners, DNR Divisions including Fire, Wildlife and Cultural Resources, University researchers, the Mid Klamath Watershed Council (MKWC), California Indian Basketweavers Association, and the Education Department for your contributions. Overall, we had a great time with students, and we are looking forward to working with our youth workers this summer while we create new lessons and prepare for next school year! 🏹

Yōotva!

by Frankie Tripp (K-12 Natural Resource Technician) and Heather Rickard (K-12 Environmental Ed. Coordinator)




Various cultural practitioners and educators engage with youth on topics of language, tradition, and stewardship.



Earth Day Cleanup

On April 30th, 2022, the Karuk Tribe DNR co-sponsored an Earth Day event with Two Feathers NASF.

Elders, Council Members, and Karuk families, including lots of children, came to help pick up trash along HWY 96 in Orleans. Participants collected approximately 1.5 cubic square yards of trash and debris. Special collection containers were handed out for any potential infectious materials. The amount of trash and debris collected along the highway came as a huge surprise to the local youth.

The Earth Day Cleanup was an eye-opening experience and inspired the youth to action. Many of the youth are excited and willing to attend future events to help keep our small town clean and protect the environment our community resides within. 



Left: Council Members, Employees, and Community Members come together to clean along Hwy 96
Above: Volunteers walk across the bridge gathering debris

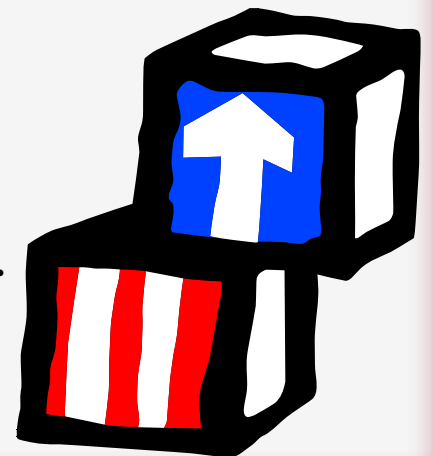
Karuk Tribal Head Start has openings in our Yreka and Happy Camp classrooms for the 2022-2023 school year

**Head Start hours: 8:00am to 2:30pm
with limited extended hours of care spots
available for 2:30pm-5:00pm.**

**We serve all children 3-5 years old.
Families must be income eligible.**

**Priority points include: Native American, foster care,
homelessness, children with disabilities, and four-year old's.**

**Call your center for details:
Yreka 530-842-9225 ext 7300
Happy Camp 530-493-1490 ext 5401**



Highlights

It has been a groundbreaking year for the Education Department, Yreka High School (YHS), Discovery High School (DHS) and Jackson Street Middle School (JSS). We have had the honor to re-introduce our youth to the resources and activities that we provide in and out of school.

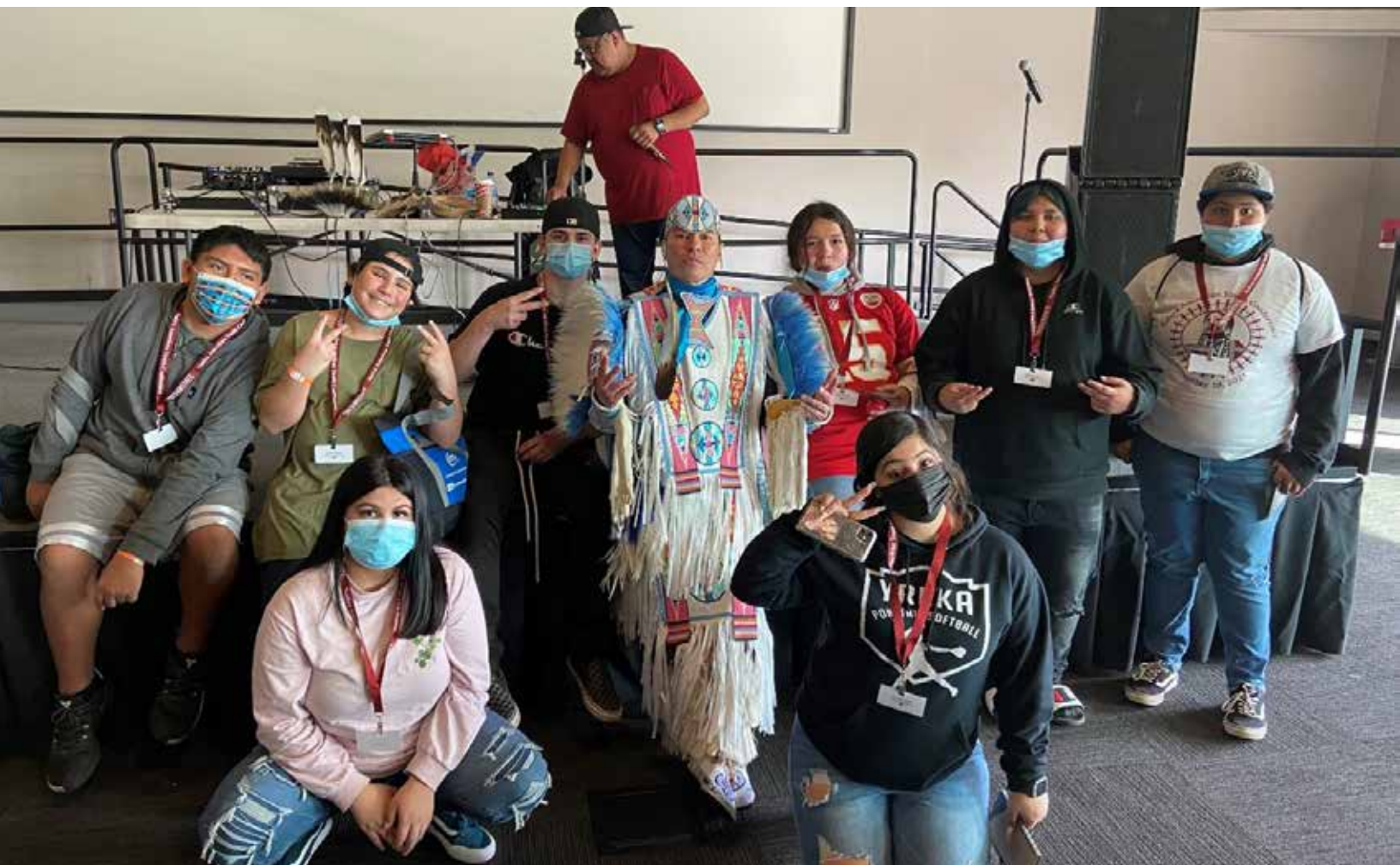
I would like to highlight an awesome experience that YHS sponsored earlier this year. Eight students from both YHS and DHS had the opportunity to visit Fresno State University and attend a motivational event hosted by Supaman and DJ ELEMENT out of Arizona. *If you don't know who they are, look them up on YouTube.

Another exciting highlight is the reinstatement of Karuk Youth Leadership. While it has been a challenge recruiting youth due to the repercussions of COVID, I am excited to announce that 8th grade youth show high interest in being more involved in community service while also building cultural traditions. Be on the lookout for summer highlights in our next newsletter! Suva nik! 🏹

Roseann Ritchison
Student Services Coordinator
Yreka-Kahtishraam



Karuk Youth Leadership in Yreka, CA



Karuk Youth pose with Supaman at Fresno State University

Karuk Youth Leadership Council Tribal Council Visit

The 2021/2022 school year welcomed students back into the classroom fulltime for the first time since COVID-19, which was a perfect opportunity for the Education Department to re-initiate the Karuk Youth Leadership Council (KYLC). Previously, the KYLC was separate between Yreka, Happy Camp and Orleans and only included 9th – 12th grade students. This year we have extended enrollment to 8th graders, and we are incorporating all three areas via Zoom and In-Person meetings. The intent is to bring the youth together as one group, despite the physical distance between the schools, to help teach Networking and Team/Relationship Building skills.

Their first group initiative was to present a Resolution to the Karuk Tribal Council to allow KYLC to join UNITY: United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc. Unity's Mission is in alignment with KYLC's intention: to foster the spiritual, mental, physical, and social development of American Indian

and Alaska Native youth and to help build a strong, unified, and self-reliant Native America through greater youth involvement. The KYLC will be fundraising to attend UNITY functions and conferences, as well as getting involved in local issues, participating in community events and celebrating their culture.

Special thanks to the Karuk Tribal Council for graciously welcoming these youth to what was the first Council Meeting for most of them, as well as to Jesse Goodwin (Orleans HS) for so confidently and professionally presenting the Resolution to the Council.

Special thanks to Scott Aseltine (Education Director) and Dion Wood (TERO Director) for arranging the Resolution and adding the KYLC to the Tribal Council's agenda, and to Melissa Blackinton (SCC) and Roseann Ritchison (YESS) for arranging participation and transportation for the Yreka students. 🏹



Tribal Council Members Left to Right:

Michael Thom, Elizabeth Bently, Kristen King, Renee Stauffer, Robert Super, Aaron "Troy" Hockaday, Russell "Buster" Attebery

Yreka Youth Council Left to Right:

*Payton Semple, Quanah Morris, Kam Bennett, Alice McLaughlin, (SCC) Melissa Blackinton, Jayme Jerry.
Not pictured: (YESS) Roseanne Ritchison.*

Happy Camp Youth Council Left to Right:

Lizzie Camarena, Johnny Courts, Jerry "Honey Boy" Brink


Orleans Youth Council Left to Right:

Julia Rants, Kade Whitecrane, Julien Salinas, Jesse Goodwin Junior, Eva Glascoe

8th Grade Meet & Greet

Yreka High would like to welcome the Class of 2026 in the 2022-2023 school year! We had a great turnout at our first annual 8th Grade Meet and Greet between YHS and Jackson Street Middle School. The event was a successful collaboration between both the schools and the organization of the event by the Education Department's Student Services Coordinators, Melissa Blackinton (YHS) and Roseann Ritcheson (JSS).

Special thanks to YHS students Ashli Bennett and April Ratliff who attended to provide their peer-based input on how to have a successful transition into high school! The main takeaways were: go to class, be organized, ask for help, and utilize your resources! Melissa and Roseann are resources for the schools, the students, and the parents and guardians.

Please reach out if your student needs supplies, tutoring, support, etc. You can find our contact information on karukeducation.us 



8th Grade Meet & Greet between Jackson Street Middle School and Yreka High School.



Our Karuk Summer Youth Gathering 2022 was a hit. Keep an eye out in the Fall Newsletter for more...

Human Resources Department News

Are you passionate about our tribe? We need you to come work for us. We want you to come work for us!

Not sure about the hourly rate or salary offered for the job you're interested in? We are competitive in the job market. Our minimum wage is \$15 per hour, but we have many jobs with higher wages. Take a look at our www.karuk.us web site and click on the Jobs tab to see proof.


Still not sure? Would knowing about our whole compensation package sway you? Well consider this:

Benefits offered by the Karuk Tribe:

- No matter the hours you work per week, we will contribute 5% of your gross pay to your retirement fund. No employee match is necessary. These funds are 100% yours. In addition, you can elect to have a percentage of your paycheck deducted. You do not need to work a certain number of hours per week to qualify.
- We offer a \$15,000 life insurance and AD&D benefit if your job is 30 hours or more/week. And... you have the option to pay for supplemental insurance for you and yours.
- FEHB medical insurance with a variety of plans to choose from. The deductibles are low and your portion of the premium costs are competitive. The tribe contributes well over 60% of the total monthly cost. The tribe pays approximately 75% of the cost for some of the more popular insurance plans. Employee dental and vision insurance is paid by the tribe. (Must work 30 hours/week to qualify)
- Wow! We offer 13 paid holidays per year. That equals 2.6 weeks of holiday pay. The national average for holidays offered is only 7.6 days per year.
- Two to four weeks of vacation per year depending on your length of service. You must work 20 or more hours per week to qualify. The leave rate is pro-rated per weekly hours worked.
- 12 days (2.4 weeks) of sick leave and it can be used as accrued. You must work at least 20 or more hours per week to qualify. This is also pro-rated, but there are no waiting periods. Many private industry employers offer 9 days or less depending on years of service.

- Ceremonial Leave up to 7 days per year.
- 30 minutes of paid exercise per work day (full-time employees only).
- Bereavement leave for up to 5 days per immediate family member.
- And there are even more benefits to consider. Administrative leave and paid events. Contributions of 6.2% of earnings towards Social Security, 1.45% towards Medicare, and State Unemployment and Workers Comp taxes. And more!

EX: Fictitious employee Betty is a Karuk Tribal Member and a full-time tribal employee of 5 years making \$20/hour. She was quite sick recently even though she had been walking three times a week with her co-worker. She lost her paternal grandmother who had been living in Washington State in March. Her supervisor happily approved her Karuk tribal ceremonial leave.

Betty's total leave amount added up to almost 12 ½ weeks so she worked less than 40 weeks for the year. If we added the miscellaneous beneficial taxes that we paid to her one might say she made a lot more than \$20/hour. 

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Beyond The Trees

We have so many exciting projects in our local region, but we are also being highlighted across the globe.

Los Angeles- A Forest for the Trees

A 28,000 square foot warehouse was transformed into an immersive art exhibit. This exhibit, by Glenn Kaino and Super Blue, sought to bring the forest and its wisdom to the center of the city of angels. The Karuk Tribe, including Buster Attebery, Robert Super, Bill Tripp, Connor McGuigan and Alora Sutcliffe, served as their primary consulting group. The exhibit highlighted the stories of the Karuk people and their mission to steward their land. Within the exhibit this mission was highlighted with illuminated graphics, narrated storytelling, motion censored fire, light shows, and robots on trees.

Robert Super, Bill Tripp, Alora Sutcliffe, and Connor Mcguigan were all able to attend the grand opening of the exhibit. Bill Tripp provided the land acknowledgement for the exhibit. The Glenn Kaino team consisted of multiple indigenous artists and employees. This exhibit is currently in Los Angeles but may be moving to San Francisco in the upcoming years. Some highlights from the exhibit are shown below.

Bill Tripp, in person and hand drawn here, is featured in the A Forest for the Tress exhibit, currently in Los Angeles. Within this exhibit the Karuk people's relationship their ecological system is highlighted including the connection with salmon, the river, and fire.

Robert Super, Vice-Chairman, is pictured here with a robot on a tree, at the A Forest for the Trees exhibit. The robot is voiced by Robert Super telling a collection of jokes and stories.

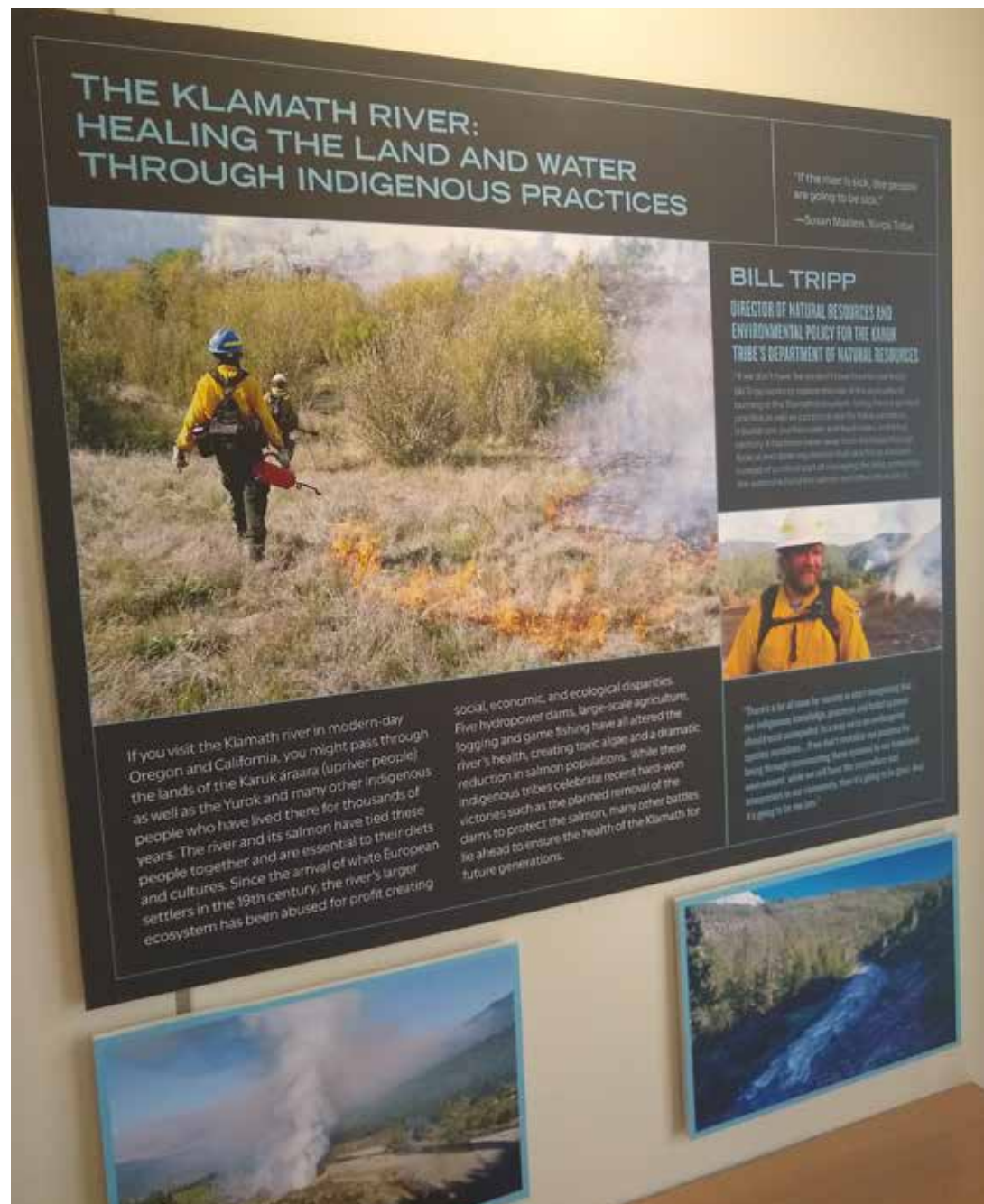
The final light show included the Olvera Street fig tree (shown here) that was a central tree to the local community and came down in a storm years prior. The tree was brought to life with Minecraft imitating lights and

original music specifically developed for the exhibit by local musicians.

Notable Mentions

Bill Tripp, our Director of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy featured in an exhibit in the Boston Public Library. This exhibit highlights the importance of traditional ecological knowledge.

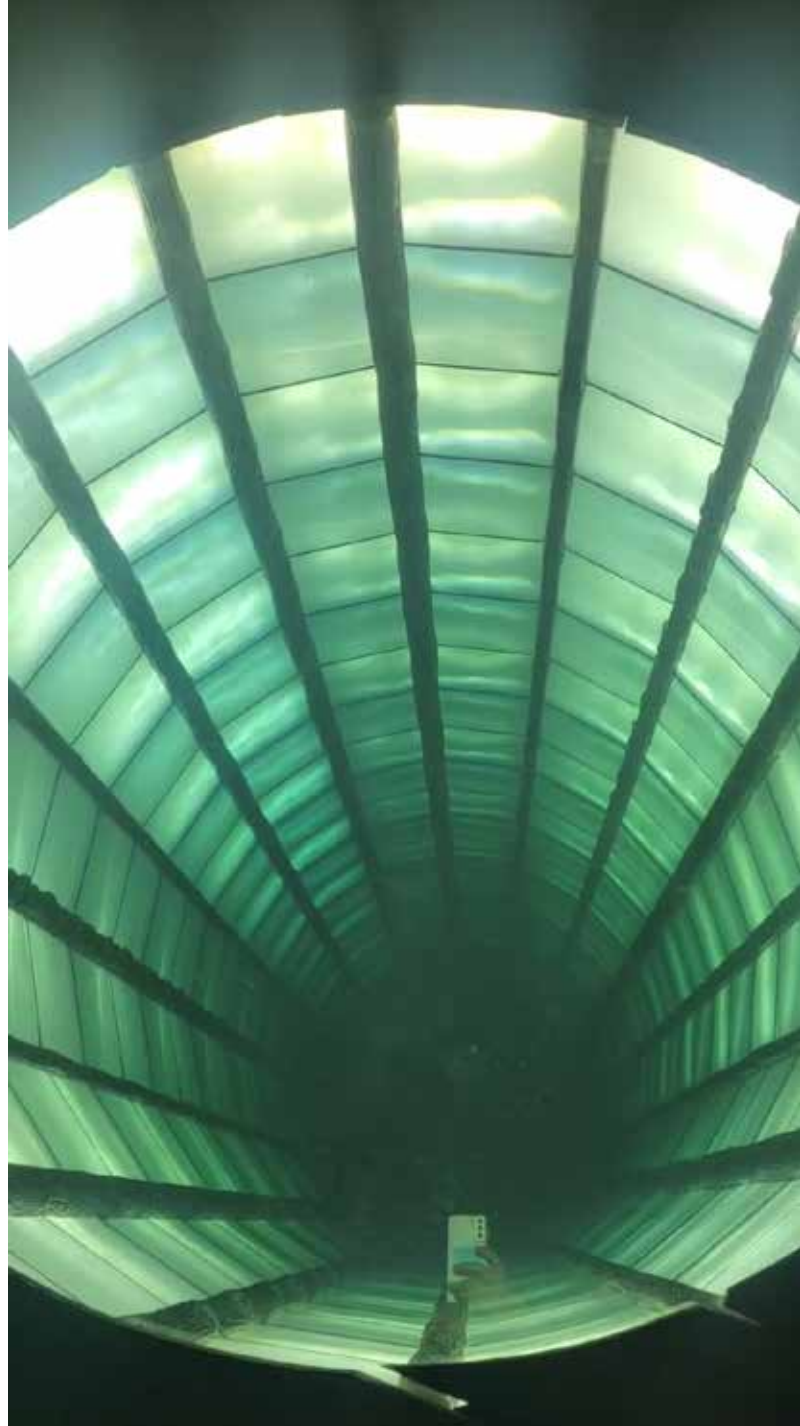
Leaf Hillman and Bill Tripp were featured in an article in the latest National Geographic magazine. The Karuk Tribe was one of the tribes highlighted in the title piece "We Are Here" by Charles Mann. 🦅



Boston Public Library Exhibit



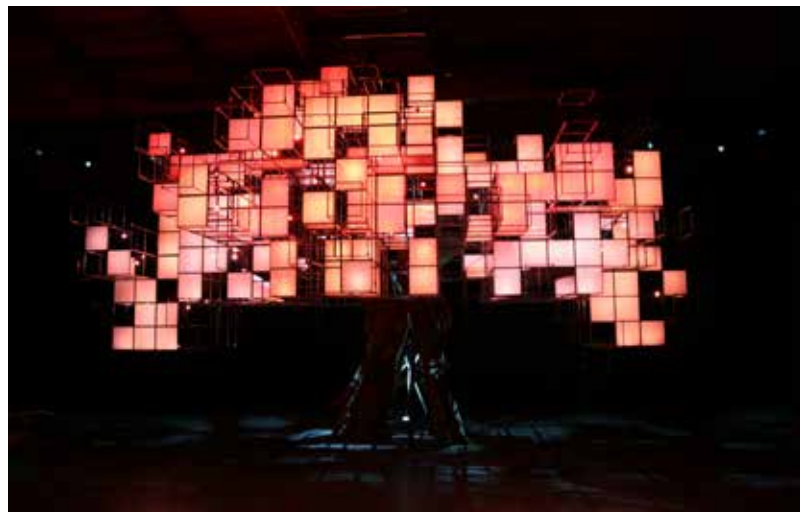
Robert Super poses with a robot he voiced for the project



The Well at the Forest for the Trees exhibit



Bill Tripp poses with a hand drawn portrait



Olvera Street Fig at the Forest for the Trees exhibit

Introducing . . .

My name is Hong La and I am the new Family Nurse Practitioner. I graduated from Emory University and have practiced Family Medicine for two years. I decided to become a Nurse Practitioner because I want to educate people on preventative services. I enjoy escape rooms and hiking. 🏹



Peggy grew up in the Shasta Valley starting from age 6. She attended CSU Chico where she graduated with her bachelor's degree in Nursing in 2005. Peggy went on to work in acute care nursing in Orthopedics, Neurology and Emergency departments. During that time she also spent 9 years in the USAF, spending the last 3 years as a Flight Nurse. In 2012 Peggy returned to school to obtain her Master's Degree, Family Nurse Practitioner license, through Kaplan University, graduating in 2015. Shortly after graduation she joined Swenson Medical Practice, working in Family Practice and in 2021 she joined Karuk Tribal Health Clinic.



Peggy is married to her long-time best friend Aaron, and together they have two boys, two dogs, cats, sheep, turkeys and too many chickens to count! She enjoys baking, gardening, camping, spending time outside and volunteering her time as a 4-H leader in her kid's club. She also finds enjoyment in helping her local community through healthcare. 🏹

Ayukii, My name is Roseann Ritchison. I have been with the Education Department since mid-September of last year working with middle school and high school students in Yreka. I have my A.A. degree in Social Science and I am currently an education major in a dual degree program, K-8 general education and K-12 special education. I am truly blessed to aid in guiding and assisting our youth towards future success. I remember the most influential time in my life was middle school. The information and guidance provided to me by educators and guidance counselors helped me overcome insecurities and build self-confidence. I am here to help our youth the way I was helped in middle school. This is one of my dream jobs, the other is big film & television producer/director but that's another story! Ha ha!



I am here to help if you or your child have any questions. Suva Nik!

Contact me by cell: (530) 643-3907 or email: rritchison@karuk.us 🏹

Dr. Chang is the new full-time dentist at our Happy Camp dental clinic. Dr. Chang moved to the United States from South Korea in 1995. It was in the US where he attended dental school and became a dentist in 2004. Dr. Chang has lived in southern, and central valley of California and also in Arizona. He has worked at both private and tribal clinics. We have had a wonderful response from our patients to Dr. Chang. He is a very kind and gentle dentist. Dr. Chang does all aspects of general dentistry. Our Happy Camp dental clinic is open Monday through Friday 8am-12pm and 1pm to 5pm. Our phone number is 530-493-1650. 🏹



Hello, my names Rachelle Wilson and I have been a social worker, in different capacities, for about three and a half years. I attended Simpson University to get my bachelor's degree and I am currently attending Grand Canyon University obtaining my master's degree. I love social work and working with the families in our community. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family and three dogs! 🏹



I am Alix Alfke and I am the new registered nurse here at the Happy Camp Clinic. I grew up in the small town of Grass Valley, CA and moved to Happy Camp in 2021. I am Caxcanes, Yaqui, Basque among others and currently building an earthen home using indigenous and non-traditional techniques. I decided to pursue my nursing degree at South Dakota State University where my grandfather got his Doctorate in Microbiology. After completing school, I converted a van and traveled around the states. I have 8 years of experience working with geriatric populations, from nurse supervising to hospice case management. My other area of interest that I hope to grow in more soon is birth. I have been a doula since 2015 and have accompanied several mothers on their birthing journey. My dream is to become full spectrum doula and eventually a midwife focusing on holistic home birthing. 🏹



Tasha Van Dunk proud daughter of beloved Karuk Deanna Harrie (Jerry). I was hired by the Karuk Tribe March 29, 2021 as Project Director of the TT-CW Grant. My position with the Health and Human Services Department as Program Services Coordinator is to improve service delivery to families impacted by child abuse and neglect. Improve effectiveness of frontline staff by providing various training opportunities. Provide cultural relevant services to youth and families, assist in improving self-esteem and strengthening of cultural identity while increasing a sense of community for abused, neglected and at-risk youth.



Very driven individual, known by community partners, business associates, friends and family for my enthusiasm and tenacious personality. Full of compassion to assist our tribal youth and family communities.

Dedicated to generating a positive force of collaboration throughout the Tribe that the Karuk Tribal Members, Council, Leaders and Staff will be a part of and proud of.

Special thank you to the Karuk Tribe for the opportunity to work with the Tribal programs, communities and partners on behalf of the members and the Tribe as a whole. I am excited to continue to work hard and make a positive impact. 🏹

Announcements



Deb Haaland, U.S. Secretary of the Interior, during blanketing ceremony



Deb Haaland, U.S. Secretary of the Interior, poses with Amanda Hoffman

Secretary of the Interior Receives Blanket

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland receives a school blanket from Amanda Hoffman, Karuk tribal descendant and member of the Risling family, during the graduation ceremony at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas on May 13, 2022. Inspirational words spoken by Secretary Haaland to the students were, “I am proof that hard work can get you somewhere in our country... We are just now grasping the surface of what our country can do and how our country can heal with Indigenous leaders taking the helm.” Additional encouraging words were, “You have the potential to change the world and to chase your dreams, and you can do that at the same time—and you do that with thousands of ancestors and supporters behind you.” 🦅



Darek Alford For the Win

Darek Alford picked up his first win of the 2022 season in the Outlaw Prostock association at the Siskiyou Golden Speedway on 06/24.

His sponsors are the Karuk Tribe, Scott Valley Tire & Tackle, Dad, Grandpa and family. 🦅



Obituaries

Gloria Probst

When Gloria Joy was born on a kitchen table in Sawyer's Bar, California over 94 years ago, her mother surely could not have imagined the powerful impact her spunky little girl would have on the lives of so many.

Gloria was a member of the Karuk Tribe and came of age when indigenous children like herself were exposed to bigotry, forced assimilation, and sometimes even involuntary sterilization. Despite these constant challenges, Gloria had grit. She walked four miles to and from school every day and was known to be a precocious child, reading every single book in her school library. Her curiosity and intelligence were noticed by her teachers and even recruiters. Gloria was recruited by the U.S. Military Cadet Nurse Corps Program as one of the last WWII nursing cadets before the war ended.

After graduating from St. Anthony's School of Nursing in Wenatchee, WA in 1948, Gloria began her professional journey as a charge nurse in the men's medical-surgical unit in Wenatchee. This fateful career move led to her agreeing to a date with one of her surgical patients, a shy young WWII veteran who had recently lost some fingers in a workplace accident. Gloria and Norman ended up falling in love and marrying. They moved to Spokane in 1955 and raised their five children there.

Gloria's career continued to evolve and took her to a variety of hospitals with many different titles. She was a staff nurse during the Polio epidemic, an officer of the Washington State Nurses Association, a volunteer nurse for the Red Cross, a charge nurse in maternity, a staff nurse in pediatrics, surgical, and the ICU, and a coordinator for the Spokane Urban Indian Health Services and the WIC program, as well as an on-call nurse for the Spokane Reservation clinic and was even a summer camp nurse for the Mid Columbia Girl Scout Council Summer Camp. At the Girl Scout camp, she created fairy trails, convincing her grandchildren that real fairies lived among the trees and ferns.

Gloria was also a major contributor to the safe delivery of countless babies throughout her career. She was not only a maternity nurse but also taught childbirth and prenatal classes for many years. Gloria changed labor and delivery practices in Spokane, becoming the first Lamaze instructor in the city.

In addition to her nursing impact, Gloria was an active voice for the marginalized in her community. She was a member of the local Indian Child Welfare Committee, a Chair of the Board of Directors of the American Indian Community Center, the co-chair of the Spokane Falls Northwest Encampment and

Pow Wow for 13 years, a member of the Minority Affairs Committee of the Washington State Nurses Association, and a member of the Social Ministries Committee for the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church of Missouri synod.



Gloria was listed as a "Who's Who of American Women" in 1979-1980, a "World's Who's Who of Women - Fourth Edition," "Who's Who in the West - 1980-1981," and was listed in the "Resource Guide of American Indian and Alaska Native Women." She was awarded the Liberty Bell Award from the local bar association in 2001, was honored with a plaque from the Spokane Falls Northwest Encampment and Pow Wow for her service as a "Culture Keeper" and has received several plaques and certificates for her service as a member of the Local Indian Child Welfare Advisory.

Although her resume is evidence of her excellence as a career woman, Gloria was also a lot of fun. Gloria's children and grandchildren have fond memories of her making her famous fry bread at the yearly Pow Wows, giggling when anyone dared to ask her for her secret recipe. She liked to stay up late, listening to music, working on puzzles, or reading (her favorite hobby of all.) Her grandchildren treasured her personalized gingerbread cookies on Christmas Eve and her guest room with the plastic glowing Jesus lamp, where she would tuck them tightly under the covers when they stayed overnight. She had a great sense of humor, laughing when others might scold, and indulging when others might discipline.

She was patient, non-judgmental, and inclusive. She was an advocate ahead of her time; a woman who stood steadfastly on the right side of history. We are proud to have called her Mom and Grandma.

Gloria is preceded in death by her parents, her sister, three brothers, her daughter-in-law Diana, and her husband Norman, to whom she was married for 60 years. She leaves behind her five children and their spouses; David ThunderEagle, Kevin (Sally) Probst, Kim (Gerry) Rand, Randy (Stacie) Probst, and Jill Lewellen, as well as her fifteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. 🦋

Donald “Swede” Leslie Sutcliffe

1927 - 2022

Donald and his twin sister Dorothy were born on May 21, 1927 in Happy Camp, California to Bernice Julia Kenney and Ernest McKinley Sutcliffe. Dorothy succumbed to illness at three months of age. Swede is survived by wife Marie at Happy Camp; son Roy Sutcliffe (Karen) and grandchildren Andrew, Allison and Amanda Sutcliffe of Burns, Oregon; his brother Charles “Chuck” Sutcliffe (Linda) of Happy Camp, and many nieces, nephews and extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Bernice; brothers Marvin “Cope” and Wally Sutcliffe; sisters Dorothy, Madeline “Madge,” and Ilene.

Family lore has it that he received the nickname “Swede” due to his blonde hair as a young child; he carried that nickname throughout his lifetime. Swede’s maternal great-grandmother was a full-blooded Karuk tribal member and he was proud of his Native American heritage. Immediately following graduation from Happy Camp High School in 1945 Swede enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving on a minesweeper during the closing months of World War II. After his discharge from the Navy in 1946, Swede returned to Happy Camp. There he met and married Marie E. Casterline. They welcomed their only child, Roy, in 1957.

Swede and Marie were widely known in the Happy Camp area as the proprietors of Headway Market for many years. While raising their son in Happy Camp, Swede worked as a butcher at the local grocery store. In time, he and Marie

became partners with Hooley Head in the business, then later, bought Head’s share to become the sole owners. The new grocery store building they had constructed now houses the Karuk Nutrition Center.

In his 94 years living in his ancestral home of the Happy Camp, and Clear creek areas he touched many lives. Many of the local residents that grew up as children here were treated with a tootsie roll or a premium hot dog as they passed by the butcher shop in the store. Also, many adults were also treated with a “sandwich”. Swede always had a “sandwich” ready for a friend. If you knew Swede for any length of time you probably were given a special nickname just from him. Swede was an animal lover, many would go visit Swede’s house to help feed his raccoons. Swede also provided bear and deer food for Elmer Mclimans, and dog bones for all those who asked. Swede loved his community the Headway float was the highlight of the Bigfoot Day parade for many years. The smell of his pipe, the chuckle of his laugh, with the gifts to the community, a nickname given to you, Swede leaves a touching legacy to long time residents of Happy Camp.

chími kuyáapkuh for now Swede 🏹



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