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Day 1: Morning Session

8:00	Breakfast
8:30-8:45	Introductions/Prayer
8:45-9:00	Brad Tyndall (CWC President)
9:00-9:20	NASS-Native Ag Census Bill Meyer (Director - USDA NASS Mountain Region)
9:20-9:50	FSA Farm Programs/Loans • Ashley Simpson (County Executive Director) • Brian Harrell (Loan Specialist)
9:50-10:10	Regional Drought Outlook Chris Jones (National Weather Service)
10:10-10:30	Direct to Consumer Sales
	 Melissa Hemken (CWC Community Food System Specialist)
10:30-10:40	Break
10:40-11:00	 Marketing Grass-finished Beef - A Study Lisa Johnson, (CEO, MOL, Orbis Advantage) Colby Ochsner (MBA, Entrepreneurship and Agriculture)
11:00-11:20	Bureau of Indian Affairs

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John Hewlett (UW-Farm/Ranch Management Specialist)





11:20-12:00	Blackfeet/Ft. Peck ARMP Will Seeley-Blackfeet ARMP Paul Finnucum- Ft. Peck ARMP
12:00-12:15	Natural Resources Conservation Services • Eric Watson (District Conservationist)
12:15-1:15	Lunch- Kiss the Soil Documentary
	Day 1: Afternoon Session
1:15-1:35	No-Till Drilling • Keith Duren (CWC Ag Instructor & Ag entrepreneur)
1:35-2:00	Risk Management Agency • Jeremy Not Afraid (Risk Management Specialist)
2:00-2:10	Break
2:10-2:30	Mobile Meat Processing Unit/Plant • Amanda Winchester (CWC Meats Instructor)
2:30-2:50	Basic Record Keeping / Budgeting for Agriculture

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Day 2 Session

8:00	Breakfast
9:00-9:20	 (IAC) General Info; American Indian Foods Latashia Redhouse (AIF Director) Zane Not Afraid (Tech. Assistance Specialist) Craig Harry (Tech. Assistance Specialist) Britni Beck, AIF International Market Specialist Donovan Sather, AIF Domestic Market Specialist
9:20-9:40	Indian Nations Conservation Alliance • Delane Atcitty (Executive Director)
9:40-10:00	Wyoming Collaborative for Healthy Soils • Helen Silver (Principal, Ground Up Consulting)
10:00-10:20	Wind River Food Sovereignty • Livy Lewis (Project Co-Director)
10:20-10:40	Agro-business & entrepreneur support • Mary King (CWC Director of the Bootstrap Collaborative Innovation Center)
10:40-10:50	Break
10:50-11:10	Ethan Page (CWC's Farm Incubator - Farm Manager/Instructor) Joanne Slingerland (CWC's Farm Incubator - Director)
11:10-11:40	Cattle, Sheep, and Goat Al program • Amanda Hitshew-Small (UW-Extension: Rangeland & 4-H/Youth Development Extension Educator)

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11:40-12:50

Lunch Break

Day 2: Afternoon Session

12:50-1:20

Native Farm Bill Coalition

Will Seeley (IFAI)

Abby Rothweder (IAC Policy Assistant)

1:20-2:40

Closing remarks

2:40-3:00

Horse Culture Program Ride

Allison Sage

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PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

Britni Beck, AIF International Market Specialist

Britni serves as the International Market Specialist for the Intertribal Agriculture Council's American Indian Foods Program. She is a member of the Ioway Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska and a graduate from the Grain Science Department at Kansas State University. She currently pursues a Master's degree from the University of Oklahoma in Indigenous Peoples Law. Britni's broad background in agriculture includes farming, ranching, and grain milling where she has gained experience in everything from operations, regulatory compliance, and business development. She is excited to connect farm to table by developing partnerships and opportunities to further elevate Indigenous agriculture.

Keith Duren, CWC, Agriculture Instructor

Keith is the Agriculture instructor at CWC. He has worked across many facets of the Agriculture Industry, doing everything from shoeing horses, riding colts, breeding cattle and growing hay in Montana and in Oregon, and growing citrus, cotton, and grain in South Texas. Keith was a Montana State University Extension Agent, and most recently he designed and implemented the Ag Program at Klamath Community College in Klamath Falls, Oregon. That program gave students the opportunity to earn a BS degree from Oregon State University, while remaining in Klamath Falls.

Craig Harry, IAC Tech. Assistance Specialist

Craig Harry is a Technical Assistance Specialist for the Rocky Mountain Region which serves the Tribes of Montana & Wyoming. Craig is from Nixon, Nevada and is an enrolled member of the Pyramid Lake/Walker River Paiute Tribe. Mr. Harry has a wealth of experience with Native ranchers, being a fifth generation Native rancher himself.

Melissa Hemken, CWC, Local Food and Economic Resilience

Plants, animals, and people intersect within agriculture. How we eat determines how we utilize landscapes, gather community, and employ ourselves. Melissa leads CWC's Local Food Economy Resiliency project, which develops markets for farmers and ranchers while simultaneously increasing access to local food produce and products within our communities. Her broad knowledge of food and agriculture roots in her family's lowa crop and livestock farm, swings up into the small-scale farms of New England, travels to ranches across the nation for magazine assignments, and lands on her Melissahof farm enterprise near Lander where she focuses on a hatchery, pastured poultry and gourmet garlic.

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Lisa Johnson, MOL, CEO/FOUNDER Orbis Advantage BUSINESS STRATEGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Lisa is an enterprising idea person who likes to share with others to help in their business and personal success. She was raised on cattle ranches in Wyoming and Colorado. She holds a Master of Organizational Development from Colorado Christian University, a B.S. in Communications from Eastern New Mexico University and is a graduate of the Economic Development Institute. Her economic development career has spanned 20+ years and three states, with leadership roles at the county, regional and state level. She founded Orbis to enjoy the advantage of working on unique consulting projects while being actively involved on her husband's family ranch at LaGrange, Wyoming. Lisa is equally as comfortable in the corporate board room or in the saddle.

Mary King, CWC, Director of the Bootstrap Collaborative

Mary is a lifelong resident of Lander and lives on my family ranch. Growing up she was involved in the day-to-day operations of ranching and is very aware that each year can present new -sometimes unpredictable- challenges. Mary's professional career has always over with agriculture: she taught Horsemanship at Central Wyoming College and Wyoming Catholic College, managed massive ranches, led trail rides, raised, trained, and sold horses. In her current role as CWC's Director of the Bootstrap Collaborative, she brings together a host of resources and expertise to entrepreneurs.

Livy Lewis, MS, Co-Director of Wind River Food Sovereignty Project

Livy holds a masters degree from the University of Wyoming where she studied community food systems and public health. She is a board member for the Wyoming Food Coalition and active in its Food Policy Working Group. Formerly, she worked as a Nutrition Educator for Wyoming's SNAP Education program.

Bill Meyer, Director - USDA NASS Mountain Region

I am of native of South Dakota raised on a cattle ranch and a graduate of South Dakota State University with a BS in Commercial and Agricultural Economics. I have been with the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service for 32 years. NASS's mission is to "provide timely, accurate, and useful statistics in service to U.S. agriculture." I have been privileged to serve with NASS in South Dakota, Iowa, Montana, Washington DC, North Dakota, Idaho, and now in Colorado. I am the Mountain Region Director in CO overseeing AZ, CO, MT, NM, UT and WY data collection and estimating programs. I am married with 2 kids and enjoying all that CO has to offer including the outdoors and performing arts.

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Jeremy Not Afraid, RMA Risk Management Specialist

Jeremy Not Afraid is a Senior Risk Management Specialist with the USDA Risk Management Agency in the Billings Regional Office, which serves North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming. Mr. Not Afraid holds a Bachelor of Science degree in economics from Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana. He is an enrolled member of the Crow Tribe and also operates a ranch on the Crow Reservation in southern Montana. Before joining RMA, Mr. Not Afraid worked for the Natural Resources Conservation Service and has a total of 29 years of experience with USDA.

Zane Not Afraid. IAC Tech. Assistance Specialist

Zane Not Afraid is a Technical Assistance Specialist for the Rocky Mountain Region which serves the Tribes of Montana & Wyoming. Zane is from Lodge Grass, MT and an enrolled member of the Crow Tribe. Mr. Not Afraid received a Bachelor of Science: Business Administration degree from the University of Montana-Western in Dillon, MT.

Colby Ochsner, MBA, Orbis Advantage

ENTREPRENEURSHIP & AGRICULTURE

Colby is a lifelong learner and strategic thinker. He grew up on a family farm/ranch outside of Lingle, Wyoming. He received his education in Business Administration and Entrepreneurship at the University of Wyoming, and an MBA in Sustainable Business Systems from Pinchot University in Seattle, Washington. His graduate studies focused on entrepreneurship and agriculture, and he was able to gain an additional certificate in Sustainable Agricultural Systems. He currently lives his passion daily, caring for the cattle herd, or in the cab of a tractor. In his part-time he is a marketing, agriculture, and entrepreneurship consultant.

Ethan Page, CWC, Instructor for local food and agriculture

Ethan is faculty for local food and agriculture at CWC. He runs the Beginning Farmer Training Program and Incubator Farm at the Alpine Science Institute in Lander (Sinks Canyon), focusing on developing local produce growers to strengthen our regional food supply. Ethan grew up raising sheep and has always been involved with agriculture in some fashion. He taught backyard gardeners, installed raised beds, and most recently was running a hydroponic greenhouse in Denver growing leafy greens and herbs.

Kelly Pingree (Shoshone-Bannock), Co-Director of the Wind River Food Sovereignty Project

Kelly is a strong local food advocate and a trained chef. She is the new Chair for the Fairness & Justice Working Group for the Wyoming Food Coalition and a member of the Strong Native Communities Working Group.

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Latashia Redhouse, AIF Program Director

Latashia is an enrolled member of the Diné Nation and was raised in southeastern Utah. She is a graduate from Utah State University and a devoted foodie. She has spent years supporting organizations with marketing strategies and guidance and is excited to serve the Native American farmer-entrepreneurs and business owners. Her passion is to inspire Indigenous professionals and offer solutions to help grow their businesses.

Abby Rohweder, IAC Policy Assistant

Abby Rohweder serves as the Policy Assistant for the Intertribal Agriculture Council's Policy & Government Relations Program. Throughout her work, she strives to meet the needs of Native American producers and tribes, ensuring that their voices are heard in national policy. Abby is a descendant of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe, holds a degree in Sustainable Agriculture from the University of Minnesota, and is a Co-Founder of the Land Access Alliance Non-Profit based out of Northeastern Minnesota.

Donovan Sather, AIF Domestic Market Specialist

Donovan is the Domestic Market Specialist for the Intertribal Agriculture Council's American Indian Foods Program. He is enrolled member of the Red Lake Band of Ojibwe in Northern Minnesota. He has a passion for Indigenous foods and sharing it with the world. He looks forward to providing quality Indigenous foods regionally, nationally, and globally.

Will Seeley, Blackfeet ARMP, IFAI

Will Seeley has spent the past five years working for the Blackfeet Nation in the preparation and implementation of the Blackfeet Agriculture Resource Management Plan as well as overseeing the development of the Blackfeet Food Sovereignty Strategic Plan. Originally from Tennessee. Will came to the Blackfeet Nation after completing his B.S. in Food Science and Ag Economics at the University of Tennessee Knoxville through an Americorps position with the Big Sky Watershed Corps program as a service member with the Blackfeet ARMP office. Following the completion of his service term Will worked with the ARMP team as a Food Policy Planner to complete a 5 year holistic and community developed Food Sovereignty Strategic Plan for the Blackfeet Nation. Following his time as the Food Policy Planner Will stepped in as the Acting Director to oversee the completion of the Blackfeet ARMP, which was completed in April of 2022. During Will's tenure with the Blackfeet Nation he also worked as a Project Manager exploring the feasibility and development of a producer led Meat Processing facility within the Blackfeet Nation with the goal of increasing Tribal producer profits. Investments in education of Blackfeet Youth, and to address many of the food insecurity and health issues of the Blackfeet Nation. Most recently Will has accepted a position with the Infdigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative as a Tribal Enterprise Specialist to continue his work in assisting Tribal producers, Tribal governments, and Tribally led organizations in bolstering their economies around investments in their food and agricultural endeavors.

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Helen Silver, Ground Up Consulting

Helen D. Silver is a principal at Ground Up Consulting, LLC. Helen received her JD from Emory University School of Law in 2004 and her Masters in Sustainability and Environmental Management from Harvard University Extension School in 2017. Helen's diverse experience includes US and international environmental law and climate change and food systems policy. Helen's current work focuses on soil health policy at the state and regional levels. Ground Up Consulting helped lead the Colorado Collaborative for Healthy Soils and facilitated its legislative efforts, which resulted in the passage of HB21-1181, establishing the Colorado State Soil Health Program. It also facilitated the development of a science-based, regionally specific soil stewardship certification program for Colorado. Ground Up currently helps to manage the Colorado Soil Health Program. Within Harvard University Extension School's Sustainability Program, Helen co-instructs The Role of Soil Health in Creating Sustainable Food Systems.

Joanne Slingerland, CWC, Director Lander Outreach

Joanne serves as the Director for the Lander Outreach for Central Wyoming College. She is also the project director for the Beginning Farmer Training Program and Farm Incubator at CWC's Alpine Science Institute. Joanne is passionate about strengthening the local food system and making fresh, healthy locally produced food accessible to everyone in our community.

Eric Watson, NRCS District Conservationist, Lander and Riverton, BS in Crop Science Production

I was raised in Wheatland Wyoming and grew up working in Agriculture on surrounding farms, ranches and feedlots through high school. I have worked for NRCS since 2007 and started as a student intern in Wyoming. I worked in Lincoln, Platte, Park and Fremont Counties. I graduated from the University of Wyoming in 2010 with a bachelor's of science in crop science production. After graduation I started my career in Powell as a Soil Conservationist from 2010-2012. I then moved to Shelby Montana where I was a planner for another 2 years and then later became the District Conservationist in Cut Bank Montana where I spent 5 years. Next we moved to Pocatello Idaho and I was the Area Resource Conservationist for the East Area in Idaho. In an effort to get closer to family and friends and my desire to get back to the field office level we decided to move back home to Wyoming by accepting the position as the District Conservationist in the Riverton and Lander Field Offices in November of 2020. I am a blessed family man. My wife Janell and I have three children

Amanda Winchester, CWC, Meat Science Instructor

Amanda is the meat science instructor at CWC, operates CWC's mobile slaughter unit/cut and wrap units, and is bringing the CWC's Rustler Cattle Company to life. Amanda is a long time Fremont County resident who has volunteered with the 4-H Meats judging program for the last 30 years. Bachelor's degree in Ag Business and just about to complete her Master in Ag education.