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UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK 150TH ANNIVERSARY SYMPOSIUM

Buffalo Bill Center of the West | Cody, Wyoming
May 19-20, 2022

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PERFORMANCES

JESSIE SALAS
UWYO Law Student & Cellist

LUCAS DONATO
UWYO Percussion Graduate Student

EAGLE SPIRIT TRIBAL DANCERS

FULL PROGRAM BELOW ▼

7:30-8 **MORNING REFRESHMENTS**
Coffee and Light Breakfast Items Available

8-8:45 **WELCOME, CEDARING & TRIBAL BLESSING**

- Ed Seidel, University of Wyoming President
- Klint Alexander, University of Wyoming, College of Law Dean
- John Koprowski, University of Wyoming, Haub School Dean
- Mary Jane Goggles, Tribal Elder, Eastern Shoshone Tribe
- James Trospen, Sun Dance Chief, Eastern Shoshone Tribe
- Lee Juan Tyler, Sun Dance Chief, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes
- Thomas Yellowtail, Sun Dance Chief, Crow Tribe
- Randy'L Teton, Sheepeater Band Descendant, Tribal Member, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

8:45-10:30 **PANEL 1**
NATIVE HISTORICAL & CULTURAL CONNECTIONS TO YELLOWSTONE
Native people's connections to the landscape in and around Yellowstone National Park trace back millennia. In modern times, no fewer than 27 federally recognized tribes hold traditional connections to Yellowstone according to the Park Service. This panel will illuminate these connections, from historical and contemporary perspectives, and in doing so set the stage for the following day's "Sovereign Relations in Yellowstone" panel.

MODERATOR
Autumn Bernhardt, University of Colorado

PANELISTS

- Aaron Brien, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Crow Tribe
- William C'Hair, Tribal Elder, Northern Arapaho Tribe
- Joyce Tatsey Spoonhunter, Many Bundle Holder, Former Tribal Culture Department Director, Blackfeet Nation
- John Washakie, Eastern Shoshone Business Council
- Jeanette Wolfley, Attorney at Law & Tribal Member, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

10:30-10:45 **BREAK**

10:45-11:45 **KEYNOTE**
YELLOWSTONE & THE NATIONAL PARK IDEA
Robert Keiter, University of Utah SJ Quinney College of Law

11:45-1 **LUNCH**

1-2:30

PANEL 2

THE HISTORY & FUTURE OF ART & SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT IN YELLOWSTONE

The beauty and natural wonders of the Yellowstone region were known by Native Americans, trappers, and early pioneers, but it was the photographers, illustrators, and painters, such as Thomas Moran and William Henry Jackson, who helped promote the idea of a Yellowstone National Park to the American public and its Congress. Today, in the era of social media and interconnectivity, the public itself has an important role in national park promotion and global virtual engagement. This panel will explore the impact of art and social engagement in Yellowstone from its historical beginnings and into the future as new technologies emerge.

MODERATOR

Jake Hochard, University of Wyoming

PANELISTS

- Todd Wilkinson, National Geographic & Mountain Journal
- Ashton Hooker, Yellowstone National Park
- Alicia Murphy, Yellowstone National Park
- Karen McWhorter, Buffalo Bill Center of the West
- James Prosek, Artist

2:30-2:45

BREAK

2:45-4:15

PANEL 3

BEYOND BOUNDARIES: COORDINATING LARGE LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION ACROSS THE GREATER YELLOWSTONE ECOSYSTEM

Since Yellowstone National Park's creation, new national forests, wilderness areas, tribal wilderness areas, and state wildlife preserves have been established, protecting millions of acres of additional habitat. Mixed among and adjacent to these preserves are wide swaths of multiple-use federal, state, and tribal land, as well as nearly 7-million acres of private land. In total, the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem represents one of the largest nearly intact temperate-zone ecosystems on Earth, with Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks at its heart. Collaborative management and coordination by land managers across this large landscape is critical, and this panel will discuss associated challenges and successes.

MODERATOR

Christina White, Yellowstone National Park

PANELISTS

- Cam Sholly, Yellowstone National Park Superintendent
- Chip Jenkins, Grand Teton National Park Superintendent
- Bob Budd, Wyoming Wildlife & Natural Resource Trust
- Mary Erickson, Custer Gallatin National Forest
- Scott Christensen, Greater Yellowstone Coalition
- Albert Sommers, Wyoming State Representative, Sommers Ranch
- Wes Martel, Eastern Shoshone Tribe, Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem

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COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Main Lobby (for those who have registered and paid for dinner only)

6-8

DINNER

- **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION** by Ed Seidel, University of Wyoming President
- **WELCOME** by former Senator Al Simpson and Dr. Pete Simpson
- **YELLOWSTONE ART SELECTION DISCUSSION** by Karen McWhorter, Buffalo Bill Center of the West
- **MUSICAL PIECE** performed by UWYO law student cellist, Jessie Salas, accompanied by UWYO percussion graduate student, Lucas Donato
- **KEYNOTE** by Mark Gordon, Governor of the State of Wyoming
- **KEYNOTE** by Cam Sholly, Yellowstone National Park Superintendent

7:15-7:45

MORNING REFRESHMENTS

Coffee and Light Breakfast Items Available

7:45-7:50

WELCOME

7:50-8:50

PANEL 4

CLIMATE CHANGE IN YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem is a complex and dynamic system encompassing the headwaters of some of North America's most important rivers. Climate change has had, and will continue to have, profound impacts on many aspects of this ecosystem, from water availability, to fire frequency and severity, to wildlife habitat, and beyond. This panel will explore these impacts.

MODERATOR

Corrie Knapp, University of Wyoming

PANELISTS

- Cathy Whitlock, Montana State University
- Bryan Shuman, University of Wyoming
- Steve Hostetler, Oregon State/USGS
- Monica Turner, University of Wisconsin

8:50-9:20

KEYNOTE

THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKING LANDS TO YELLOWSTONE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Robert Bonnie, USDA Under Secretary

9:20-9:35

BREAK

9:35-11

PANEL 5

ROOM TO ROAM: YELLOWSTONE WILDLIFE

Yellowstone National Park is home to diverse, abundant wildlife species—including five large carnivores and eight ungulates—and visitors from around the world travel to the park to view this wildlife in their native habitats. Yet many species migrate outside of the park boundaries, utilizing a mix of private, tribal, and public lands within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, and thus complicating their management. While everyone can broadly agree on the importance of conserving the ecosystem's incredible wildlife resources, the devil is in the details as this panel will reveal.

MODERATOR

Temple Stoellinger, University of Wyoming

PANELISTS

- Arthur Middleton, University of California, Berkeley
- Brian Nesvik, Wyoming Game and Fish Department
- Jason Baldes, National Wildlife Federation, Eastern Shoshone Tribal Buffalo Program
- Jennifer Carpenter, Yellowstone National Park
- JD Radakovic, Hoodoo Land Holdings
- David Diamond, Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee

11-12:30

PANEL 6

MAINTAINING WONDERLAND: TOURISM & THE VISITOR EXPERIENCE

Not unlike many other units across our National Park System, Yellowstone has experienced unprecedented visitation in recent years, with approximately 4.5-million visitors flocking to the park in 2021 alone. This pattern presents major challenges and opportunities for resource management, as well as for economic development within the tourism-and-recreation sector. These interconnected topics are critical to Yellowstone's future, and this panel will offer novel, diverse perspectives on them.

MODERATOR

John Koprowski, University of Wyoming

PANELISTS

- Christina White, Yellowstone National Park
- Sam Kalen, University of Wyoming
- Jeremy Sage, University of Montana
- Brian Yablonski, Property Environmental Research Center
- Sharon Buccino, Natural Resources Defense Council, University of Wyoming
- Mike Keller, Xanterra, Wyoming Tourism Board

12:30-1:45

LUNCH

1:45-2:15

LUNCHTIME KEYNOTE

WHAT DOES PUBLIC LANDS HISTORY SUGGEST ABOUT YELLOWSTONE'S FUTURE?

John Leshy, University of California, Hastings College of Law

2:15-3:45

PANEL 7

SOVEREIGN RELATIONS IN YELLOWSTONE: FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES FOR RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

Yellowstone National Park is a place where the United States as a federal sovereign, and the 27 Yellowstone-associated tribes as tribal sovereigns, mutually hold interests. Similar relationships exist across the Park System and in other nation-states with histories of colonialism. What opportunities exist for further building federal-tribal relationships at Yellowstone, including potential variations of "co-management?" How has this topic been approached in Yellowstone in recent decades, and what might it look like moving forward? Stemming from the earlier discussion of Native connections, this panel will address these cutting-edge questions.

MODERATOR

Affie Ellis, Wyoming State Senator, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, Navajo Nation

PANELISTS

- Cam Sholly, Yellowstone National Park Superintendent
- Monte Mills, University of Montana
- Autumn Bernhart, University of Colorado
- Leroy Little Bear, University of Lethbridge
- Heather Dawn Thompson, USDA Office of Tribal Relations, Cheyenne River Sioux

3:45-4

BREAK

4-5

PANEL 8

OUR FUTURE PARK: A STUDENT DISCUSSION WITH PARK SERVICE LEADERSHIP

The next generation will be at the forefront of park management, resource conservation, social engagement, and other issues facing Yellowstone and the broader region. During this panel, students will have an opportunity to discuss with Park Service leaders the various challenges and solutions examined throughout the symposium. Students will have the chance to pose questions, to offer reflections, to present additional issues, and to propose alternative solutions, expressing throughout this dialogue their respective visions for Yellowstone's future

MODERATOR

Jason Robison, University of Wyoming

PANELISTS

- Cam Sholly, Yellowstone National Park Superintendent
- Chip Jenkins, Grand Teton National Park Superintendent
- Travis Brammer, UWYO Haub School Graduate and Law Student
- Alexis Eagle, UWYO Undergraduate Student
- Erick Hughes, UWYO College of Law Student
- Alyson SoundingSides, UWYO College of Law Student
- Jenna VonHofe, UWYO College of Law Student
- Christie Wildcat, UWYO Graduate Student

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EAGLE SPIRIT TRIBAL DANCERS' PERFORMANCE & RECEPTION