

Oklahoma Tribal Leaders Summit on Conservation
November 30 – December 1, 2022
Salon A/B

Start Time	Item	Speaker / Facilitator
Tuesday, November 29, 2022		
4:00-6:00pm	Registration Open	Cherokee Nation
Wednesday, November 30, 2022		
7:00am	Registration Open	Cherokee Nation
8:00am	Opening Remarks/Prayer	Official Representative of Cherokee Nation Amy Lueders, FWS Southwest Region, Regional Director
8:30	Introductions	All
9:00	Group Discussion: Envisioning Collaboration	At-Risk Species (ARS) Planning Team
10:00	New opportunities for partnerships through at-risk species conservation	Katie Boyer & Matt Grabau, FWS At-Risk Species Coordinators
10:30	Keynote Speaker: Jane Breckinridge, Founder/Director, Tribal Alliance for Pollinators	Jane Breckinridge, Founder/Director, Tribal Alliance for Pollinators
11:00	Conservation Partnership Discussion #1*: Brainstorming potential shared priorities	ARS Planning Team
12:00	Lunch (Provided) - Cultural Program Presentation	Cherokee Nation
1:00pm	Conservation Partnership Discussion #2: Identifying shared priorities	ARS Planning Team
2:00	Funding opportunities for habitat conservation projects	Don Wilhelm, Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Coordinator & Wes Foster, Native American Liaison
3:00	Indian Youth Service Corps Overview & Potential Future Opportunities	Wes Foster, Native American Liaison
3:30	Collaboration and coordination of wild turkey conservation efforts	Cherokee Nation Wildlife Conservation Department
4:30	Wrap Up	Mary Elder, Assistant Regional Director, External Affairs
5:00	Adjourn	
Thursday, December 1, 2022		
8:00	Tribal Conservation Networking	Open discussion
8:30	Group Discussion: Tribal Perspectives on Day One	ARS Planning Team

9:00	Co-stewardship Opportunities / Director's Order 227	Karen Cogswell, FWS Director's Office (tentative); Refuges Program
10:00	Conservation Partnership Discussion #3: Strategizing Next Steps	ARS Planning Team
12:00	Lunch (provided) - Cultural Program Presentation	Cherokee Nation
1:00	Update on Status of Bats in Oklahoma	Matt Fullerton, Fish & Wildlife Biologist, Ecological Services
1:30	Fish & Aquatic Conservation Overview	Stewart Jacks, Assistant Regional Director, Fish and Aquatic Conservation & Ralph Simmons, Manager, Tishomingo National Fish Hatchery
2:15	Natural Resource Damage Assessment & Restoration	Suzanne Dunn, Contaminants Biologist & Oklahoma NRDAR Lead
3:15	Wrap Up/Closing Remarks	FWS and Tribal Leadership

* Note that we have included three conservation partnership discussion sessions throughout our two days together. Although we are continuing to develop the structure of these sessions, we plan to use these facilitated discussions to create a dialogue among participants to brainstorm opportunities to work together, identify at least 1 area (species, groups of species, ecosystems, or stressors) where our priorities overlap, and determine a path forward on how we will work together on that shared priority in the months and years to come.

We will also discuss opportunities to use communication and mapping tools to promote information-sharing and identify shared-conservation priorities.

We value the opportunity to partner with Tribes to address conservation challenges that we are all facing, and we hope to hear from Tribes during these discussion sessions. We will send discussion prompts to registered participants in advance of the summit and invite all to think about potential opportunities to work together. Additionally, we are open to your suggestions on priority topics or activities for inclusion in the discussion sessions; we invite you to contact Wes Foster, Native American Liaison, if you have specific topics that you would like to discuss during these sessions.