

## Conversation in Environmental and Economic Justice for Native Americans

Join in a conversation with Garrit Vogesser and Jason Baldes from the Tribal Partnerships team at the National Wildlife Federation in a discussion of their work:

- Protecting and restoring wildlife on tribal lands.
- Spreading awareness and action for climate change solutions.
- Developing alternatives to dirty fuels in the Powder River Basin.
- Providing environmental education to tribal educators and students.
- Protecting habitat along the Colorado River with the Cocopah Indians.

**Garrit Vogesser** is the Director of the National Wildlife Federation's Tribal Partnerships program. Garrit has worked with the National Wildlife Federation for more than 14 years, engaging tribes nationwide on a wide array of wildlife and habitat conservation issues, particularly western water issues; bison conservation; protecting tribal resources from energy extraction; ensuring equity for tribes in federal natural resource legislation and appropriations; and providing environmental education and outdoor opportunities for tribal youth. Prior to his current tenure, Garrit served as the National Wildlife Federation's bison coordinator and as a tribal conservation consultant. Garrit received a Ph.D. in American Indian and environmental history from the University of Oklahoma in 2004.

**Jason Baldes** is a member of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe from the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees in Land Resource Sciences from Montana State University. Jason's interests have led to work and travel with Indigenous peoples in East Africa, New Zealand, Mexico, Russia, and Denmark. Much of his work has been surrounding the restoration of bison to the Wind River Indian Reservation. Jason currently serves as the Eastern Shoshone Tribal Buffalo Representative, and Tribal Buffalo Coordinator for the Tribal Partnerships Program of the National Wildlife Federation. Jason provides workshops and learning opportunities about Tribal history, water, bison conservation, wildlife/fisheries, and cultural connections with animals through song, story, and language. His efforts help people understand the complexities of contemporary issues through an Indigenous lens.

### *Class Assignment*

To prepare for class please review the Tribal Partnerships webpage (<https://www.nwf.org/Our-Work/Our-Lands/Tribal-Lands>) and jot down your questions.

