



25TH ANNUAL
**NATHPO Conference &
Sacred Places Summit**
RENO, NV | SEPTEMBER 8TH-12TH, 2025

UPHOLDING TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY:

**Protecting Native Places
in a Shifting Landscape**

Grand Sierra Resort and Casino
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* All times approximate

2025 Agenda & Program AT-A-GLANCE

	SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2025	MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2025	TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2025	WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2025	THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2025	FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2025
ALL SESSIONS AND MEALS IN SUMMIT PAVILION	REGISTRATION OPENS Registration 4:00-8:00pm	SITE VISITS & WELCOME RECEPTION Registration 7:00am-5:00pm	CONFERENCE SESSIONS & BUSINESS DINNER Registration 8:00am-5:00pm	CONFERENCE SESSIONS & CULTURE NIGHT Registration 8:00am-5:00pm	SACRED SITE VISITS & CONFERENCE CLOSING	COMMUNITY BUILDING
BREAKFAST	On your own	Provided only for Monday Site Visit registrants 7:00 am – 7:45 am	Provided 8:00 am – 9:00 am	Provided 8:00 am – 9:00 am	Provided 7:30 am – 8:15 am	Provided 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
MORNING	On your own	Busses load at GSR Valet 7:45 am – 8:00 am Site Visit – Zephyr Hills/Lake Tahoe (registration required)	Session starts 9:00am Includes Break	Session starts 9:00am Includes Break	Busses load at GSR Valet 8:15 am – 8:30 am Site Visit – Grimes Point/Hidden Cave Archaeological Site	Community Building
LUNCH	On your own	Box lunch provided to registrants	Buffet lunch provided Awards Ceremony	Buffet lunch provided	Box lunch provided after Stillwater National Refuge Approximately 1:15pm	On your own Conference ends at noon
AFTERNOON	On your own	Site Visit – Stewart Indian Boarding School (registration required)	Session starts at 1pm Includes Break	Session starts at 1pm Includes Break	Site Visit (before lunch) Stillwater National Refuge	Farewell & travel safe!
EVENING	On your own	Welcome Reception 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Light hors d'oeuvres provided	Business Dinner & NATHPO Roundtable 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm (Registration required for only NATHPO members & prospective members)	Culture Night & Dinner Conference Closing Ceremony 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Hosted by Reno-Sparks Indian Colony	On your own	On your own

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In an era marked by rapid environmental, political, and social change, the enduring strength of Tribal sovereignty remains essential to the protection of Native places—lands, waters, sacred sites, and cultural landscapes that hold deep meaning and significance for Indigenous communities. This year’s theme, “Upholding Tribal Sovereignty: Protecting Native Places in a Shifting Landscape,” centers the voices, rights, and leadership of Tribal Nations in stewarding their homelands and heritage.

The conference will explore how sovereignty is exercised through land management, cultural preservation, legal advocacy, and intergovernmental collaboration. It will also address the challenges posed by climate change, development pressures, and shifting policy landscapes, while highlighting innovative strategies and traditional knowledge that guide Indigenous resilience and stewardship.

Participants will engage in dialogue, share best practices, and build partnerships that honor Tribal authority and advance the protection of Native places for future generations.



24th Annual NATHPO Conference attendees at Man Mound National Historic Landmark in Wisconsin
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NATHPO is a non-profit organization that supports and encourages Tribal Historic Preservation Programs. We provide guidance to preservation officials, elected representatives, and the public about national historic preservation legislation, policies, and regulations. We promote Tribal sovereignty, develop partnerships, and advocate for Tribes in governmental activities on preservation issues.

We strive to empowering Tribal preservation leaders to protect culturally important places that perpetuate Native identity, resilience, and cultural endurance. Connections to cultural heritage sustain the health and vitality of Native peoples.

Welcome to the 2025 NATHPO Conference! We're honored to have the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony as the hosts of our 25th Annual Conference & Sacred Places Summit, and we wish to extend our deepest appreciation to Chairman Daryl "Doug" Gardipe and the people of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony for their hospitality and support. We are also grateful for the support of Michon Eben, THPO for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, and her staff for all the work they have put into making this conference a success. And of course, we greatly appreciate the hard work and professionalism of the staff of the Grand Sierra Resort.

There is no doubt the world is different compared to when we gathered last in the Wisconsin Dells, and we have made sure to make space to discuss many of the challenges we face (new and old) and the changing environment in which we find ourselves having to quickly adapt and react to. This conference has been, and always will be, a place for us. As THPOs it is crucial to gather, share our accomplishments and challenges, provide support and encouragement, and learn and grow together. Every time we come together, we are reminded just how much we have much to offer one another, and it continues to be vital that we embrace our shared commitment and love for our respective communities, cultures, histories, and sacred places.

It is precisely because the future holds many questions and uncertainties that I am glad that we are once again able to gather together and move forward in a good way as partners, colleagues, and friends in the vital work of Tribal historic preservation.

Thank you all for your support of NATHPO over the years. Welcome to the Biggest Little City in the World!



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Lakota Hobia (Citizen Band Potawatomi)
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Dear friends, colleagues, and relatives:

It is with great pleasure the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony welcomes NATHPO to the Great Basin, homelands of the **Numu** (Paiute), **Newe** (Shoshone), and **Washeshu** (Washoe) peoples. The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony is honored to host the 25th Annual NATHPO Conference in our homelands, and are looking forward to the agenda, great discussions on all your work, and site visits that will highlight the Great Basin.

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony's (RSIC) membership is comprised of the **Numu**, **Newe**, and **Washeshu**. Today, the Great State of Nevada has 28 federally recognized Tribes and Bands of the **Newe**, **Washeshu**, and **Numu** peoples, which includes the RSIC.

The **Numu**, **Newe**, and **Washeshu** people's way of life and traditions are connected to the land through our languages and unique culture. Our ancestors that inhabited the Great Basin prior to the European invasion were the **Numu**, the **Newe**, and the **Washeshu**. In each language, these names meant "the People." In accordance with Native American values and spiritual beliefs, the entire universe, world, and natural environment are connected.

Many of our rich traditional oral histories of the **Washeshu**, **Newe**, and **Numu** involve the animals who inhabited the earth before humans were created. Animals are still highly regarded by our Tribe, and we honor all animals for their teachings, creation, and guidance in the natural and spiritual worlds. The RSIC continues to honor animals and the natural environment through traditional dances passed on by our ancestors and still practiced today: the basket dance, the rabbit dance, the bear dance, the swan dance, and the deer dance. You will witness some of these dances at this year's cultural night for NATHPO.

The RSIC was set up after our ancestors were labeled "homeless" and pushed out of our aboriginal and traditional areas like the Truckee River, University of Nevada, Reno, and Peavine and Sierra Mountains. During the turn of the century, the **Numu**, **Newe**, and **Washeshu** moved to the Reno-Sparks, NV area to look for employment.

In the years 1917 and 1924, Congress appropriated funds to purchase 28 acres outside the Reno city limits. Although the townspeople moved us out of the city limits, the cities encompassed the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony. Today, the RSIC has over 15,000 acres throughout the Cities of Reno and Sparks. The RSIC has over 90 acres of Economic Development throughout the cities, and we continue to build our relationships with the federal, state, and local governments.

In addition, our Tribe is an active regional leader in protecting cultural resources, sacred places, and traditional cultural properties in our homelands. For example, we participate and testify on legislation relating to public lands and amending Nevada State Laws to provide a means for Nevada Tribes to express our values, beliefs, and traditions. Those values, beliefs, and traditions contribute to the discussions and decisions made affecting the management, treatment, and disposition of our ancestral human remains, funerary objects, sacred items, and other items of cultural significance. We also advocate for proper consultation, representation, and protection of our cultural heritage, which wasn't always held in high regard by the State of Nevada.

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony honors the important work you all do on behalf of cultural resource management and most of all we want you to take in our high desert and mountain air and reinvigorate with your colleagues while in our homelands.

Sincerely,

Michon R. Eben
THPO

P.S. The RSIC is not responsible for any short-funded travelers, accidental 24-hour marriages, quick divorces, bathing suit malfunctions, or karaoke mishaps (AYE).

SACRED PLACES SITE VISITS

On **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025**, pre-conference attendees will visit Lake Tahoe's Zephyr Cove and Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum. Our hosts and guides will provide information on the peoples of the area, cultural resources, and stories of strength and perseverance.

BREAKFAST IN SUMMIT PAVILLION 7:00 AM – 7:45 AM
LOAD BUSES AT GSR VALET (2500 E. SECOND ST) 7:45 AM – 8:00 AM

Zephyr Cove State Beach at Lake Tahoe

Zephyr Cove is located on National Forest lands on the east shore of Lake Tahoe. Few places on earth rival Lake Tahoe for unspoiled beauty, making it a natural choice for those who love to explore the great outdoors.



Lake Tahoe in the Sierra Mountains is considered the highest lake of its size in the United States with an elevation of 6,225 feet which is significantly higher than sea level, placing it in the high-altitude category. The lake is surrounded by mountains that reach even higher elevations, with some peaks exceeding 10,000 feet. This elevation is high enough to cause altitude sickness in some individuals, especially those who are not accustomed to such heights.

Lake Tahoe has a rich and diverse cultural heritage spanning thousands of years. At the time of first European contact, the Washoe Tribe, their ancestors, and many other Indigenous peoples had been calling the resource-rich Lake Tahoe their home for thousands of years. Scores of Washoe sites have been identified around the shores of the lake as well as in higher-elevation use areas.

Stewart Indian Boarding School

The Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum, located on the site of the former Stewart Indian School, is dedicated to preserving the stories and the memories from the first Stewart students, drawn from Great Basin Tribes in 1890, and all the future students and their families who were impacted by the Stewart experience. The museum serves as a community-driven ecomuseum, focusing on living American Indian materials, traditions, and heritage and the interconnectedness of past, present, and future. The museum interprets the complex history of



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the school, which was established to assimilate Native American children into Western culture, and its impact on generations of students and their families.

Current efforts to preserve the Stewart campus are illustrated in the exhibits at the museum which tell countless stories of hardship, resilience, strength, and triumph. In addition to sharing Stewart's history, the museum is a place of living heritage through exhibits of contemporary Native art, storytelling, arts and crafts demonstrations, lectures, public programming, and educational activities.

The museum also serves as a research facility for Stewart students, staff, faculty, alumni, and the public. They note, this is not a museum in the Western sense, but a gathering place for Stewart alumni and their families; it is community-oriented, community-created, community-driven, and acknowledges the relationships of all living beings, including people, animals, plants, traditions, songs, ceremonies, spiritual beliefs, and languages.

MORE ABOUT THE SITE WWW.STEWARTINDIANSCHOOL.COM

On **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2025**, the conference visitors will travel to Fallon, NV to tour Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribal Homelands and are scheduled to visit Grimes Point, Hidden Cave, and the Stillwater Marsh. Following the Marsh visit, we will visit the Fox Peak Cinema for a box lunch and a showing of *Resilience*; a 25-minute basket documentary developed by the University of Nevada Reno of the Great Basin Native Basket Weavers. It showcases several Fallon Tribal Members as well as other Great Basin weavers from throughout the region.

BREAKFAST IN SUMMIT PAVILLION 7:30 AM – 8:15 AM
LOAD BUSES AT GSR VALET (2500 E. SECOND ST) 8:15 AM – 8:30 AM



Grimes Point/Hidden Cave Archaeological Site & Trail-Fallon, NV

This is a sacred and culturally significant site: Please stay on the trails and help ensure these special places remain intact for future generations by respectfully viewing the petroglyphs. Take nothing but photographs and please do not touch, climb on, create rubbings or chalk etchings of petroglyphs. Grimes Point has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places since 1972.

The trail to Hidden Cave is unpaved with uneven surfaces and is not ADA-accessible. This is a moderately challenging incline trail with 141 ft elevation gain. This is a popular trail for hiking, running, and walking, but you can still enjoy some solitude during quieter times of day. Please note: Dogs are welcome and may be off-leash in some areas. The loop is approximately 0.7 mile and takes an estimated 21 minutes to complete but this does not include visiting time inside

the cave. Bring plenty of drinking water and dress appropriately for the weather. Hiking shoes or comfortable walking shoes required. NO Stilettos (lol).



Photo credit: Michon R. Eben

Stillwater National Refuge

Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge, encompasses approximately 80,000 acres, is 17 miles northeast of Fallon, NV in the Lahontan Valley. It consists of uplands dominated by salt desert scrub and shallow marsh which varies from fresh water to salt water. It was established in 1949 as an Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society and as a site of hemispheric importance by the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network to provide habitat for migratory birds. It is also a significant stopover for migrants along the Pacific Flyway.

It is now home to nearly 400 wildlife species, including a variety of desert mammals such as muskrat, coyote, and mule deer and an incredible assortment of migratory waterfowl and shorebirds. Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge offers a variety of activities such as hiking, boating, wildlife viewing, and more throughout the year.



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POTENTIAL FOR ALTITUDE SICKNESS:

Altitude sickness occurs when people ascend to high altitudes too rapidly, preventing the body from acclimatizing to the reduced oxygen levels. While it's more likely to happen above 8,000 feet, some individuals may experience challenges at lower elevations closer to 5,000 ft. The high altitude can cause mild symptoms that include headache, nausea, loss of appetite, fatigue, dizziness, and difficulty sleeping. Primary treatment for mild altitude sickness includes rest,

hydration, and over-the-counter pain relievers like ibuprofen. While Reno's altitude is only 4,505 ft, we will go to Lake Tahoe (6,224 ft) and will get to heights of almost 10,000 ft during the drive. If you are feeling unwell, please use your discretion as to what activities you should participate in or if you need to see seek medical attention.

NAGPRA OPEN CONVERSATION:

Have NAGPRA questions? Please come ready to discuss NAGPRA issues and get some answers with knowledgeable panelists, Wednesday before lunch!

NATHPO LAND/GIS BOOTH:

Please stop by the Land Area & Name Directory (LAND) booth, where our GIS Coordinator John Swigart will discuss how participating in the LAND database can facilitate our mutual goal of protecting important places within Tribally defined areas of interest (AOI). If you are interested in having your Tribal AOI and contact info in LAND, we can input them right at the booth—or, if it's more convenient, we can schedule a post-conference appointment. Also, John would like to introduce NATHPO's plans for a GIS helpdesk to assist THPOs with techniques and tools to accomplish essential geospatial tasks and troubleshoot software or data issues.

EXAMINING THE TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER PROGRAM:

This research project, led through the University of Arizona, seeks to better understand how THPO programs are structured and staffed, what relationships they have with federal agencies, how Section 106 consultation is working in practice, and what challenges and opportunities THPOs are facing. If you're interested in participating or would like additional information, please find Mike Spears.

FEDERAL FRAMEWORK DISCUSSION:

We need your help as we take a fresh look at the federal legal and policy framework for Tribal historic preservation. THPOs know all too well that some structural and systemic challenges don't make their jobs any easier. NATHPO is seeking your input on alternatives you would like us to advocate for, to better empower you in protecting Native places.

THE MANKILLERS

Their mission is to provide leadership, cultural awareness and empowerment for the wellbeing of indigenous women and peoples. Role model respect, social responsibility and remain responsible to the communities we individually reside in and represent by promoting community wellness through Native American drumming, cultural presentations and music.

The Mankillers, an all-woman drum group, came together in 1992 as a women support group and mentoring circle. As community activists, teachers, students and mothers, aunties and grandmothers, this women's circle & society gathers strength, support and knowledge from the heartbeat of the drum. Members live throughout California and Nevada and represent many American Indian Tribal nations: Paiute, Shoshone, Yaqui, Karuk, Yurok, Jemez Pueblo, Creek, Cherokee and Taos Pueblo. The group's name The Mankillers is a tribute to the late Wilma Mankiller (Cherokee), who was an Author, Activist, Community Organizer and the former principal chief of the Cherokee Nation.



The Mankillers pic (from left to right): Irma Amaro, Baby Bernice, Tina Toledo Rizzo, Genevieve Markussen, Kyah Markussen, Michon R. Eben, Carrie Dunn, Kristy Orana, and Alice Cannon

NEVADA'S INDIAN TERRITORY (NIT)

NIT has just launched a downloadable navigation app called "Explore Native Nevada." Explore Native Nevada will provide information about the 28 Indigenous Tribes located in the state of Nevada, a calendar of events, cultural sheets, itineraries, YouTube channel, and over 70 destinations to experience throughout Nevada's Indian Territory. Travelers and explorers can create their own itineraries.



A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR MASTERS OF CEREMONY

Reno Keoni Franklin, *Chairman Emeritus*, Kashia Pomo Tribe
Steven Concho, *THPO Pueblo Acoma and NATHPO Board Member for the Southwestern Region*



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MONDAY	SACRED PLACES SUMMIT
TUESDAY	CONFERENCE DAY 1
WEDNESDAY	CONFERENCE DAY 2
THURSDAY	CONFERENCE DAY 3 SITE VISITS
FRIDAY	CONFERENCE ½ DAY 4 COMMUNITY BUILDING BREAKFAST & FAREWELL

25TH ANNUAL NATHPO CONFERENCE 2025 AGENDA

Upholding Tribal Sovereignty: PROTECTING NATIVE PLACES IN A SHIFTING LANDSCAPE

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm Registration and check-in for conference
 LOCATION: SUMMIT PAVILION
 Evening (on your own)

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

7:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration open
 LOCATION: SUMMIT PAVILION

7:00 am – 7:45 am Breakfast (grab and go)
 LOCATION: SUMMIT PAVILION

Sacred Places Summit Site Visits

Preregistration for the site visits is required as they will be off-site and require advanced planning. Box lunch and transportation provided.

7:45 am – 8:00 am Load busses to depart for Petroglyphs/writings on the rock
 LOCATION: GSR VALET (2500 E. SECOND ST)

8:40 am – 9:15 am Tour Petroglyphs/writings on the rock

9:15 am – 9:30 am Load busses and depart for Zephyr Cove State Beach

11:00 am – 1:15 pm Explore Zephyr Cove State Beach
 Lunch (box lunches provided)

1:15 pm – 1:30 pm Load busses and depart for Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum

2:15 pm – 4:45 pm Tour Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum
Performance by The Mankillers: A Native all-woman drum group

4:45 pm – 5:00 pm Load busses and depart for GSR

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Opening Reception with heavy appetizers
 LOCATION: SUMMIT PAVILION

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration open
 LOCATION: SUMMIT PAVILION

8:00 am – 9:30 am Breakfast and Welcome
 LOCATION: SUMMIT PAVILION

- Prayer and Opening Remarks
- Entrance of the Colors: Walker River Paiute Tribe VFW Post #6825, Truckee Paiute Singers, and The Mankillers
- NATHPO Introductions: Board & Staff
- Moment of remembrance

9:45 am – 10:45 am A Tribute to our Cultural Past; Honoring our Culture Today and Preparing for our Future
Presentation by the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony THPO Michon R. Eben

10:45 am – 11:00 am Break (Coffee, water, and tea)

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Regional Tribal Breakouts
 Non-Tribal participant best practices discussion
Reno Franklin (moderator)

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch (provided)

- Excellence in Tribal Historic Preservation Award
- Federal Changemaker Award
- NATHPO Impact Award
- Lance Foster Lifetime Achievement Award

1:00 pm – 1:20 pm Examining the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Program
Michael Spears, Applied Anthropologist, University of Arizona and MOS Research, LLC

1:20 pm – 1:45 pm NATHPO Announcements
 Land Area & Name Directory (LAND)
John Swigart, GIS Coordinator, NATHPO

Protecting Native Places Grants 2025
NATHPO announcement of awardees

1:45 pm – 2:00 pm The Influence of Native Voices on Alternative Mitigation Measures – A Case Study from Tennessee Valley Authority
Ted Wells, Program Manager, Cultural Information Systems, Tennessee Valley Authority

- 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm** Surfacing Solidarities: Indigenous History and Heritage Preservation in Place
Martina Thomas (Delaware, Shawnee, & Lakota), Historic Preservation Director & THPO, Delaware Tribe of Indians
Noah Oliver, Cultural Geographer & Geoarchaeologist, Yakama Nation
Salem Tsegaye, Senior Program Associate, Humanities in Place, Mellon Foundation (moderator)
- 2:45 pm – 3:00 pm** Break (coffee, water, tea, and snacks – cheese & fruit)
- 3:00 pm – 3:15 pm** USDA Forest Service Update
Reed Robinson (Lakota), Director of Tribal Relations, USFS
- 3:15 pm – 3:40 pm** Points of Sovereignty that should be Features of a Co-Management Agreement
Victoria Sutton, MPA, PhD, JD Professor, Texas Tech University
- 3:40 pm – 4:00 pm** Save Indigenous History: A Children’s Activity Book
Shannon Cowell, BIA Collaboration Director & Preservation Archaeologist, Archaeology Southwest
Walímx ux ux , Keegan Livermore (Yakama Nation), Strategic Planning Manager, Yakama Nation Ichishkiin S’nwit Language Program
Twás klay, Trina Sherwood (Yakama Nation), Cultural Specialist, Yakama Nation, Environmental Restoration/Waste Management Program
Anastasia Walhovd (Red Cliff Band of Ojibwe), Preservation Archaeologist, Archaeology Southwest
- 4:00 pm – 5:40 pm** Panel discussion – Tribal Historic Preservation on a Global Context: Equator Principals, IFC PS7, and implications for federally recognized Tribes/Tribal Nations
Justin J Bedard, Principal and Owner, B&K Consulting Group, LLC
Gid yahk’ii, Sean Young (Gak’yaals Kiigawaay Raven Clan of K’uuna Llnagaay), Collections Curator and Archaeologist, Haida Gwaii Museum at Kay Llnagaay
Ira Matt (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes), Senior Advisor, NATHPO
- 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm** Business Dinner
 Open only to NATHPO members and prospective members (THPOs & staff)
 LOCATION: SUMMIT PAVILION

- 8:00 am – 5:00 pm** Registration open
 LOCATION: SUMMIT PAVILION
- 8:00 am – 9:00 am** Breakfast
 Attendees prepare NAGPRA questions for Open Conversation
 LOCATION: SUMMIT PAVILION
- 9:00 am – 10:15 am** Differences of compliance under NAGPRA and State Burial Laws
Reylynne Williams (Akimel Odham), Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Gila River Indian Community THPO Office
Angela Garcia-Lewis (Akimel Odham), Cultural Preservation Compliance Supervisor, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community THPO Office
Stacy Ryan, Assistant Repatriation Coordinator, Arizona State Museum/University of Arizona
Cristin Lucas, Repatriation Coordinator, Arizona State Museum/University of Arizona
- 10:15 am – 10:30 am** Break (coffee, water, and tea)
- 10:30 am – 11:20 am** Open Conversation on NAGPRA with panelists from previous session
C. Timothy McKeown, Repatriation Advisor, NATHPO
- 11:20 am – 11:40 pm** Native American Experiences During Reconstruction Era Project
Brook Bauer (Catawba) Associate Professor, University of Tennessee Knoxville
Ashton Pemapanik Dunkley (Nanticoke Leni-Lenape), Project Researcher at Emory University’s Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies; Ph.D. Candidate in American Studies at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Beth Michel (Tohono O’odham/Navajo/Hopi), Senior Associated Director, Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies, Emory University
Malinda Maynor Lowery (Lumbee), Emory University Professor of History and Faculty Director, Center for Native American Studies
Abiodun Ademiluwa, Ph.D. student at Emory University, Graduate Digital Media Coordinator at Emory’s Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies
- 11:40 am – 12:00 pm** Stewart Native American Boarding School National Historic Landmark Project
Marie Archambeault, Tribal Liaison/Archaeologist, SIYO Group
Nesta Anderson Historian/Archaeologist, OSIYO Group
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm** Lunch (provided)
- 1:00 pm – 1:20 pm** The Challenges and Solutions Non-Federally Recognized Tribes Undertake to Protect Tribal Sovereignty and Sacred Places
Dean Tonenna, Kootzaduka’a Tribal Elder and Cultural Preservationist, Mono Kootzaduka’a Tribe of California and Nevada

1:20 pm – 2:30 pm THPO consultation for energy and mineral development projects
Kerry Rohrmeier, Nevada Climate & Energy Strategy Director, The Nature Conservancy (moderator)
Mervin Wright (Numu (Northern Paiute)), NV Restoration Tribal Liaison, The Nature Conservancy
John Cougher, State Director, The Nature Conservancy
Diane Teeman (Numu), Proprietor, High Desert Heritage Consultants, LLC
Bessie Shorty (Yurok), Repatriation Collections Manager, Yurok Tribe
Linzey Scott (Numu), THPO, Walker River Paiute Tribe
Warren Graham (Newe (Western Shoshone)), THPO, Duckwater Shoshone Tribe
Stacy Laravie (Ponca), Indigenization Director, NATHPO

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm Break (Coffee, water, tea, and snacks – cheese & fruit)

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm Mining, Refining, and Gigafactories: How the Lithium & Critical Minerals Economy is Harming Great Basin Indigenous Peoples
Michon Eben, THPO, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
Shelley Harjo, Tribal Member Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe
Laurie Thom, Tribal Member Yerington Paiute Tribe
Travis Numan, PhD, Tribal Member Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
Will Falk, Cultural Resources Attorney

3:45 pm – 5:00 pm Federal Framework for Tribal Historic Preservation Officers Solutions-Focused Discussion
Ira Matt (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes), Senior Advisor, NATHPO
Reno Keoni Franklin, Chairman Emeritus, Kashia Pomo Tribe
Briecce Edwards, Historic Preservation Manager, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Indian Community of Oregon
Valerie Grussing, Executive Director, NATHPO

5:00 pm – 5:15 pm Retreat of Colors: Walker River Paiute Tribe VFW Post #6825

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Culture Night with Dinner
 LOCATION: SUMMIT PAVILION

- Traditional Meal provided by Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
- Closing Ceremony
- 2026 NATHPO Conference!

7:30 am – 8:15 am Breakfast
 LOCATION: SUMMIT PAVILION

8:15 am – 8:30 am Load busses and depart for Grimes Point/Hidden Cave Archaeological Site
 LOCATION: GSR VALET (2500 E. SECOND ST)

9:45 am – 11:30 am Tour Grimes Point/Hidden Cave Archaeological Site

11:30 am – 11:45 am Load busses and depart for Stillwater Point Reservoir

12:15 am – 12:45 pm Explore Stillwater Point Reservoir
 Commemorate Sept. 11 – prayer/moment of silence

12:45 pm – 1:00 pm Load busses and depart for Fallon, NV for lunch

1:20 pm – 2:20 pm Lunch (provided at Fox Peak Cinema)

2:20 pm – 3:00 pm RESILIENCE – Voices of Basket Weavers in the Great Basin

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm Load busses for drive back to GSR

4:15 pm Arrive at GSR
 Dinner on your own

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Community Building Breakfast & Farewell
 LOCATION: SUMMIT PAVILION

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch on your own & travel safe



RSIC Jingle Dress Dancers at a Women's March in Reno, NV.
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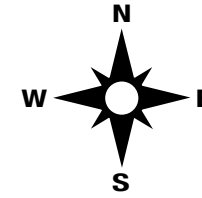
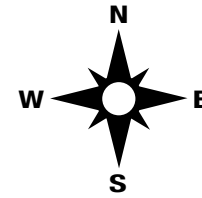
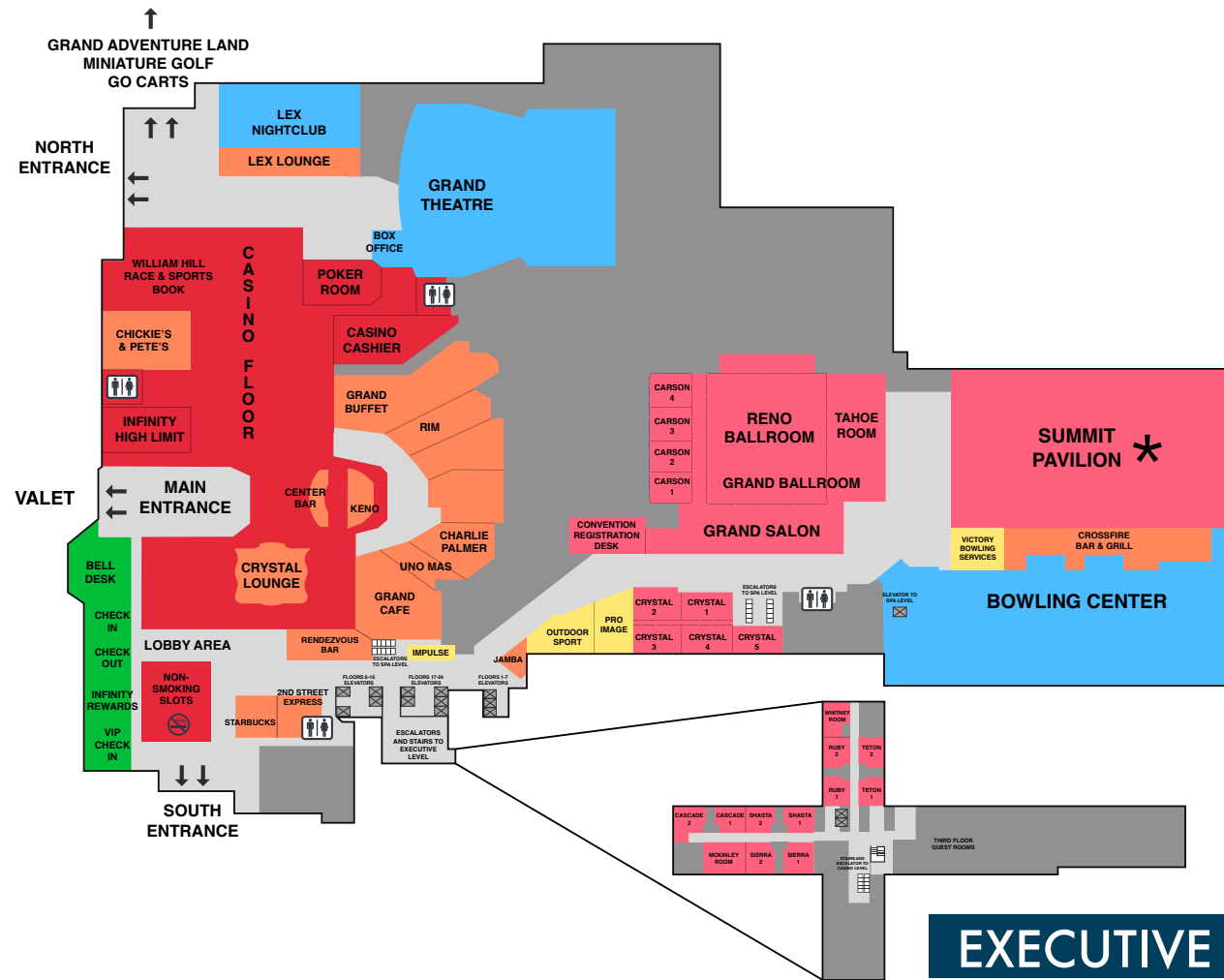


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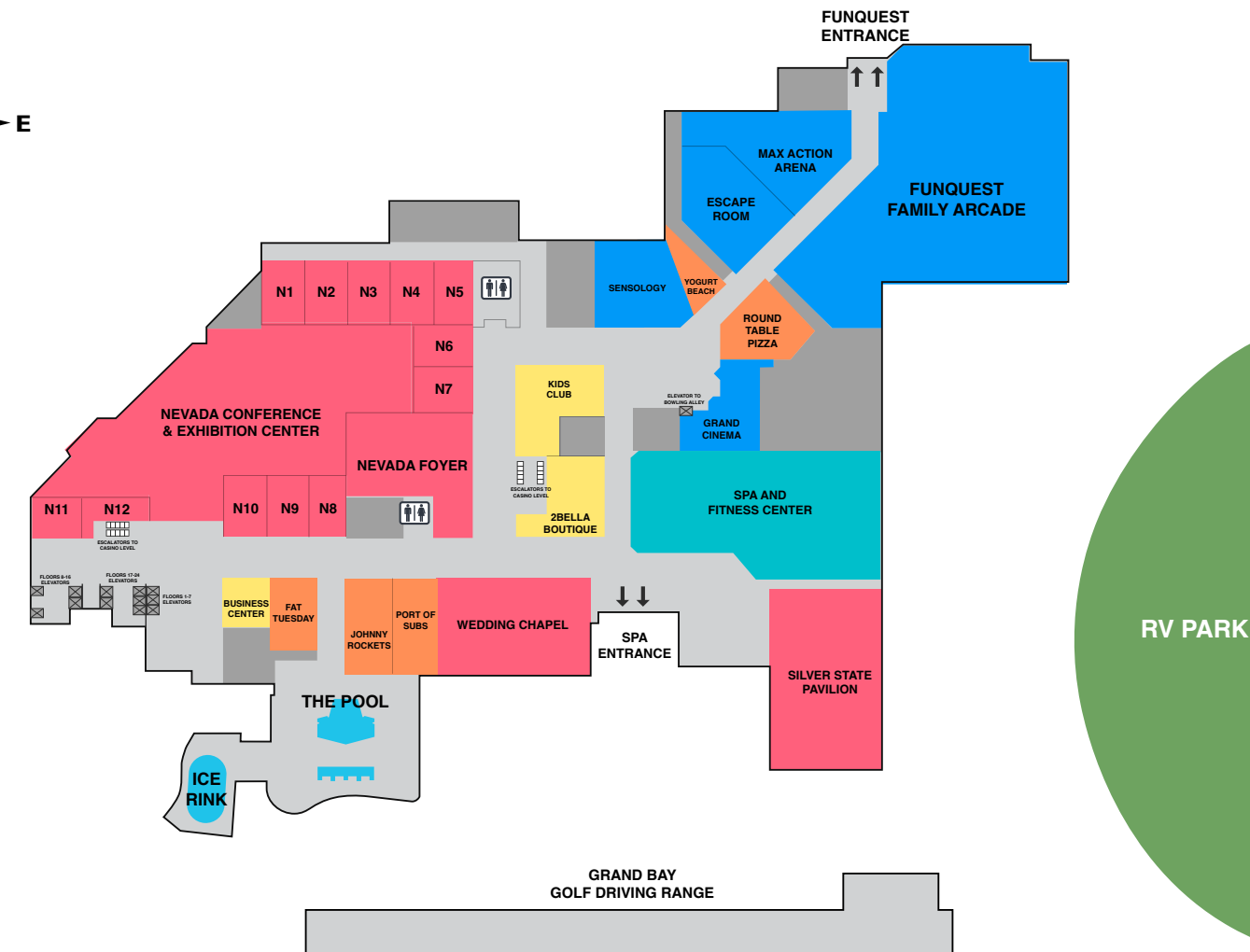


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