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ITEP – 25 years



Climate Change Program



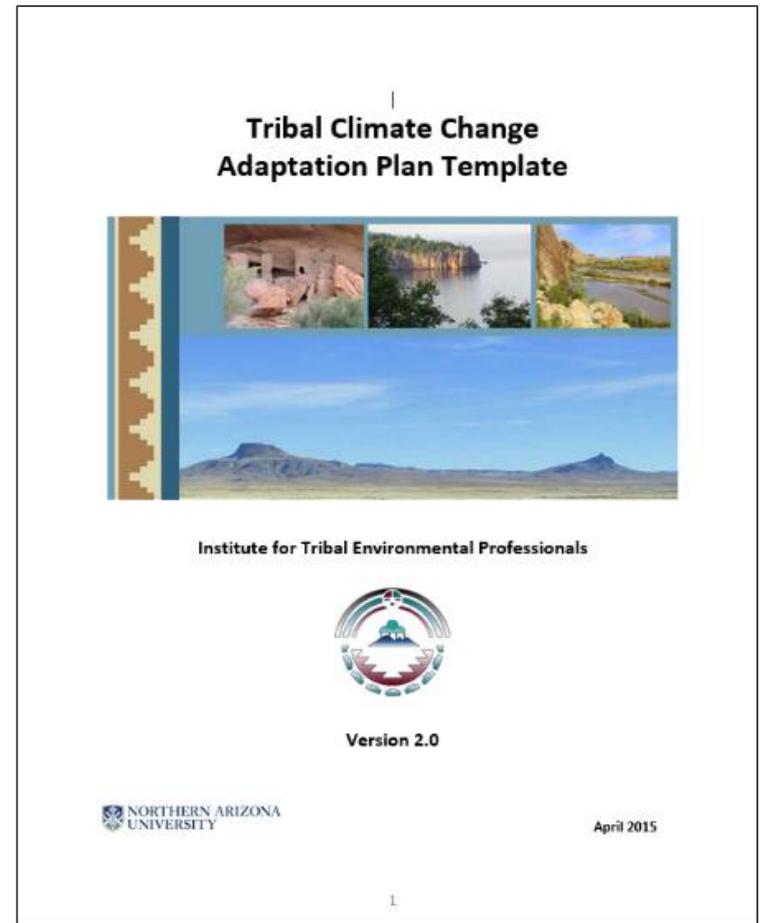
- Program started in 2009
- Build capacity of tribes to address climate change impacts
 - Training (30 completed, 7 planned in 2017)
 - Tools and direct technical assistance
 - Tribal profiles
 - Outreach and communication



Tribal Planning is Different



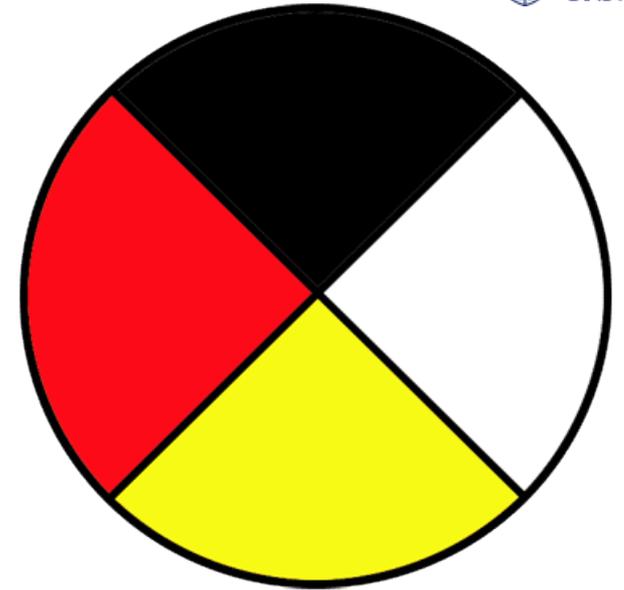
- Vulnerability assessment
 - Traditional foods
 - Culturally important resources
- Adaptation plan
 - Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK)
 - Relocation



Climate Change & Health



- Physical
- Mental
- Spiritual
- Cultural
- Non-climatic factors and multi-generational trauma



Tribes are Resilient



- They have adapted before
- Strong community bonds
- TEK
- Knowledge sharing



Thank you

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