2026 Indigenous-Led Transboundary Mining Conference Field Trip

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

8:45 AM – 5:00 PM

Missoula • Moiese • Council Grove • CSKT River Honoring Site

Lunch Provided

✨ **Hosted by CSKT - Natural Resources Department** ✨

Overview

Join us for a day of learning on the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes' Bison Range in Moiese, Montana and Council Grove State Park in Missoula, Montana. A lunch will be provided at the CSKT River Honoring Site on the Flathead River near the Bison Range.

Suggested Attire: We will be outside most of the day. Please dress comfortably for the outdoors (and the anticipated weather) with closed-toe shoes. We encourage you to bring a water bottle.

Schedule

8:45 AM – Meet in Hotel Lobby at Edgewater Missoula (100 Madison Street, Missoula, MT, 59802)

- Load into buses
- Group A: Two buses (buses 1 and 2) will depart to the CSKT Bison Range in Moiese
- Group B: One bus (bus 3) and 5-6 smaller vehicles will depart to Council Grove State Park in Missoula

Group A – Bison Range, River Honoring, Council Grove

Bison Range

9:00–10:00 AM—Travel to the CSKT Bison Range Visitor Center (58355 Bison Range Rd, Charlo, MT 59824)

- Travel to the CSKT Bison Range, Moiese, Montana

10:00–10:45 AM—Bison Range (West Loop / Prairie Drive)

- Half of the group will board smaller vehicles for West Loop / Prairie Drive
- Bison Range staff

10:00–10:45 AM—Bison Range Visitor Center

- Half of the group will exit the bus for a presentation at the Visitor Center

- Presentations by Whisper Camel-Means (Division Manager, Division of Fish, Wildlife, Recreation & Conservation, Natural Resources Department, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes), Stephanie Gillin (Information & Education Specialist, Natural Resources Department, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes), Bison Range staff

10:45–11:30 AM—Switch Presentations

- Groups will switch presentations

River Honoring (Lunch)

11:30–12:00 PM—Travel to CSKT River Honoring (4426 Moiese Valley Rd, Charlo, MT 59824)

- Group will load bus for 25-minute travel to River Honoring site.

12:15–1:45 PM—Lunch at CSKT River Honoring

- Lunch provided at CSKT River Honoring site
- CSKT Presentations:
    - Prayer
    - Welcome Remarks by Councilmember Danielle Matt (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes)
    - Presentation on CSKT's Achievements in Environmental Protection and on CSKT's Cultural Waterways Ordinance and Lower Flathead River Management Plan by Thompson Smith (Historian, Séliš-Qi̓spé Culture Committee)
    - A Tale of Two Rivers: Protecting the Flathead and Healing the Kootenai/y by Clayton Matt (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes), Michael Jamison (National Parks Conservation Association), and Erin Sexton (Flathead Lake Biological Station)

Council Grove State Park

2:00–3:00 PM—Travel to Council Grove State Park (11249 Mullan Rd, Missoula, MT 59808)

- Travel to Council Grove State Park, Missoula

3:00–4:00 PM—Council Grove State Park

- Presentations at Council Grove State Park (west of Missoula) by Vernon Finley (Director, Ksanka Culture Committee), Sadie Peone-Stops (Director, Séliš-Qi̓spé Culture Committee), Jan Gardipe (Outreach and Education Coordinator, Séliš-Qi̓spé Culture Committee)

4:00–4:30 PM—Travel to Edgewater Missoula Hotel (100 Madison Street, Missoula, MT, 59802)

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