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**Website Updates:**

*SGU Herb News Features*

*SGU Project Workbook:  
Greenhouse Lessons  
Learned Article  
(Posting Soon)*

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**Follow-up of Mid Year Meeting:**

*What are some recent efforts to strengthen your NR academic program?*

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**NRE Partners:**

- FBCC
- ISU
- NICC
- NDSU
- SBC
- SGU
- SDSU
- UNL

**Paula's Travel:**

None planned in February or March

**Josiah Chosen to Head Nebraska Forest Service**

Scott Josiah has been named Nebraska State Forester and Director of the Nebraska Forest Service, while retaining his faculty status at University of Nebraska Lincoln. The Nebraska Forest Service is administratively located within UNL and provides a variety of services to Nebraskans through programs including community forestry, rural forestry, rural fire protection, and forest health management.



*Scott Josiah*

Josiah has 30 years of experience in forestry and wildland fire in both the U.S. and the tropics. Originally from New York, he has a B.S. in Forestry from the New York State College of Environmental Science and Forestry, an M.S. in Soils and Botany from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and a Ph.D. in Forest Policy and Administration from the University of Minnesota. As State Extension Forester at NU, Josiah directed research and education programs in specialty woody crops production/marketing, community forestry, and agroforestry.

Scott will remain involved in the Natural Resources Education project with the Tribal Colleges. While he no longer will be able to travel to the Tribal Colleges to conduct

forestry educational activities, the Nebraska Forest Service (NFS) can provide other opportunities. For example, the NFS could host summer interns of Tribal College students interested in forestry careers.

Scott and Beth Hammond will also continue the hazelnut research partially supported by the NRE project. Results of the hazelnut research will be summarized by mid summer 2005 and will be made available to the NRE project. Scott and/or NFS staff also will continue to work directly with NICC, providing technical assistance as needed, or help to arrange forestry-related technical assistance to other tribal colleges in the NRE project.

**Oltrogge Selected as NICC President**

Michael P. Oltrogge began the year 2005 not as acting president, a position he held for several months, but as newly selected president of Nebraska Indian Community College. His vision for NICC is as an institution focused on the learner through collaboration, accountability, and institutional growth.

President Oltrogge received Associate of Arts degrees from NICC, BS degree at Bellevue University, and MS at Capella University. He is presently pursuing the PhD. degree in Leadership in Higher Education. He has good knowledge of the NRE project, having attended the annual meeting hosted by NICC, as well as providing positive support working



*Mike Oltrogge, NICC President*

with Hank Miller, NRE instructor. At NICC he has served as Director of Student Support Services and Acting President.

## Notice:

### MANRRS Conference

March 31-April 2  
Pittsburgh, PA  
Contact Mary,  
[mmdb@iastate.edu](mailto:mmdb@iastate.edu)

Check:

<http://www.manrrs.org>

### AIHEC Conference

March 30-April 6  
Albuquerque, NM  
Contact: [aihec-2005@iaia.edu](mailto:aihec-2005@iaia.edu)

Check:

<http://www.iaia.edu/aihec2005/>

### NRE Mid-Year Meeting

April 21-22 (Tentative)  
Iowa State University  
Host Contact: Paula,  
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## NRE REPORTING

Year 4, Quarter 1 reports were due February 1. If you haven't submitted your report, please do soon.

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NRE on the Web

<http://ifafsnrp.ag.iastate.edu/>

Submit project workbook and photos for the web to Jason at  
[Jason\\_Decker@hotmail.com](mailto:Jason_Decker@hotmail.com)

## Partner Activities

### Nebraska Indian Community College

Hank Miller, Jim Hallum, and Dave Stamp met with NRE personnel at ISU in early February. Hank and Jim met with Paula Teig's class, discussed possibilities of wildlife projects with Jim Pease, and participated in the NRE monthly team meeting.



*NICC Visit to ISU*

NICC has finalized leasing some land at Santee for various natural resources projects. In their Santee Park project, they have built benches to go along the trail that runs next to the river and plan to install them as frost leaves the ground. This will be the site for edible landscape and the interpretive trail. Hank, Jim, and Quintin Saunsoci found

information on planting woody floral shrubs to riparian buffer zones very helpful at the UNL woody floral workshop they attended. Hank and others are working with Jeff Hart, UN Extension Service, and Dr. Karen Korth on grant writing.

### Sinte Gleska University

Congratulations to Subodh Sing who earlier this month received a grant, along with University of South Dakota, from the Dreyfus Foundation. The \$25,000 grant provides the opportunity to participate in research at USD this summer and to organize a week-long summer workshop to encourage native students to enter science.

### Sitting Bull College



*Ecology Club Cleanup Day at SBC*

The Ecology Club involved faculty, staff, and students in a campus cleanup in early February. The club purchased water quality testing kits with their recent grant from the Ecological Society of America, and are

doing an outreach program to Standing Rock communities to inform residents of water quality issues and to listen to their concerns.

Several local farmers/ranchers completed their grazing plans while attending the 3-day Livestock Pasture Forage course in late January, which, for some also resulted in gaining graduate credit through NDSU. A summer range tour will be held as a follow up to the course. Those attending "learned a lot about biology of grazing" from instructor Dr. Llewellyn Manske, Range Scientist at the NDSU Dickinson Research Extension Center.

## First Friday Monthly Conference Calls

The March 4 Conference Call will be a continuation of the February call, focusing on curriculum development, facilitated by Kerry Hartman and Harold Crawford. The discussion will examine options for strengthening coursework in Natural Resources through engagement with 1862 partners.

Call in at 1:15 p.m. for announcements, followed by curriculum discussion from until 2:30 p.m. In order to arrange for the appropriate number of lines, please let Mary ([mmdb@iastate.edu](mailto:mmdb@iastate.edu)) know if you will be on the call and she will send call-in directions prior to the scheduled day.