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Patrick is the Executive Manager for Northern Arapaho Tribal Industries, Inc. which is one hundred percent owned and operated by the Northern Arapaho Tribe in Wyoming. Patrick, a member of the tribe, has spent the majority of his life dedicated to improving economic development opportunities for his community. He started his first business at the age of thirteen, and graduated from the local college at sixteen with honors. Upon being hired by the Arapaho Tribe's tech support office in 2001, he pursued grants to expand the company and within a short time secured multi-million dollar contracts hiring and training hundreds of tribal members over the years. As the Executive Manager of Northern Arapaho Tribal Industries (NATI) Patrick created the infrastructure for the internet across the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming, the seventh largest reservation in the United States.

Committed to staying current in the field, Patrick attended the MBDA Partnership Program at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth, and holds many certifications including Microsoft Certified MCITP: Enterprise Administrator. He has 25 years experience in network design, maintenance and project management, 20 years experience negotiating and administering local, state, and federal government contracts both as a sub and prime contractor. Patrick has completed and is currently administering several contracts for the Northern Arapaho Tribal Industries' Wind River Internet service. Patrick has been a vocal and highly motivated proponent for clean energy, electric vehicles, and solar power from a young age. Due to his advocacy, Wind River Internet now has eight solar powered telecommunication towers and six electric vehicles in their fleet. He is looking forward to further helping his tribe adopt technologies that reduce pollution and lead to healthier futures.

EDUCATION

- MBDA Partnership Program 2007 -Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth
- Central Wyoming College AA, with Honors 1997
- FOA CFOS/D: Fiber Optic Network Design
- FOA CFO/T: Testing / FOA CFOS/H: FTTx, Fiber To The Home
- Microsoft Certified Application Specialist / Microsoft Certified IT Professional
- MTCNA - MikroTik Certified Network Associate /MTCRE Certified Routing Engineer
- Certified Tower Climbing and Rescue

ADVISORY BOARDS

- Drive Electric Montana/Wyoming Advisory Group Leader Fremont County
- State of Wyoming Broadband Advisory Board

WORK EXPERIENCE

November 2001 – Present

Northern Arapaho Tribal Industries Wind River Internet - Executive Manager

- Formation of Tribal Telecom Wind River Internet as an ETC
- Awarded and managed State and Federal Funds:
- Federal Communications Commission LifeLine / Emergency Broadband Benefit / Affordable Connectivity Program Connect America Fund Phase II 4 Million Rural Digital Opportunity Fund 7.8 Million
- State of Wyoming Connect Wyoming 2.6 Million
- Small Business Administration 8(a) United States Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service F.E. Warren Air Force Appointing Services
- Actively deploying Fiber-to-the-Home network across the Wind River Reservation
- Designed and currently manage reservation-wide wireless internet service with 35 towers
- Working with Housing Programs and community planning of utility infrastructure in Fremont County and Wind River Reservation

October 2017 - Present

Founder / CEO - Wild West EV

- Installing Public Electric Car Charging Stations in towns across Wyoming.

June 2000 - September 2001

Circuit City, Henderson, Nevada

- Computer Sales Specialist and Support

March 1994 - November 2001

Patricio Productions (Internet Snack Shack)

- Owner/Manager Video Production and Cyber Cafe, Riverton, Wyoming

Interviews

Sierra Magazine [“If You Build It, EVs Will Come”](#) (October 2023)

Wyoming Rural Electric News WREN Magazine [“Where the EV's Roam”](#) (August 2023)

The New York Times series “The Energy Transition” (August 2023)

[“The Clean Energy Future Is a Battle for Hearts and Minds”](#)

Wyoming Public Radio [“Electric Cars in Wyoming are in Need of Chargers”](#) (April 2022)

The Pew Charitable Trusts, Living Facts [“Rural Broadband - A Digital Divide”](#) (March 2019)