



Spokane Tribe of Indians

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US Environmental Protection Agency
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The Spokane Tribe is a member of the Upper Columbia United Tribes (UCUT) and is dedicated to reducing Greenhouse Gases and improving the lives of our Tribal Members through the collaborative Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Projects listed within our final Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP). The Spokane Tribe has devoted environmental staff as well as planning and other staff to the development of the plan and we are excited to offer this letter of support for the UCUT submission for the CPRG Implementation Grant application.

Through the PCAP development process, we have identified a key project for our Tribe: The Wellpinit Landfill Methane Capture project that, if we are funded to implement on our reservation, will create an even higher impact on our carbon emission reduction. To implement this project, we will install a system to capture the methane gases from the decomposition of organic matter from the Wellpinit landfill which will result in an estimated GHG emissions of 32,193 MT CO₂e!

Funding the UCUT submission will allow us to continue leading the way to not only educate our tribal communities and the surrounding communities through our actions, but it will provide better air quality, more resilient and affordable communities, and a more sustained future for our people. Providing funding for UCUT to disperse as we have determined, will also support tribal self-governance of our own tribal territories.

Thank you, in advance, for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Greg Abrahamson, Chairman
Spokane Tribal Business Council

CC: James Best, Planning & Economic Development Manager