



COSSI

CHILDREN OF THE SUN SOLAR INITIATIVE

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Spokane Indian Housing Authority
(SIHA)



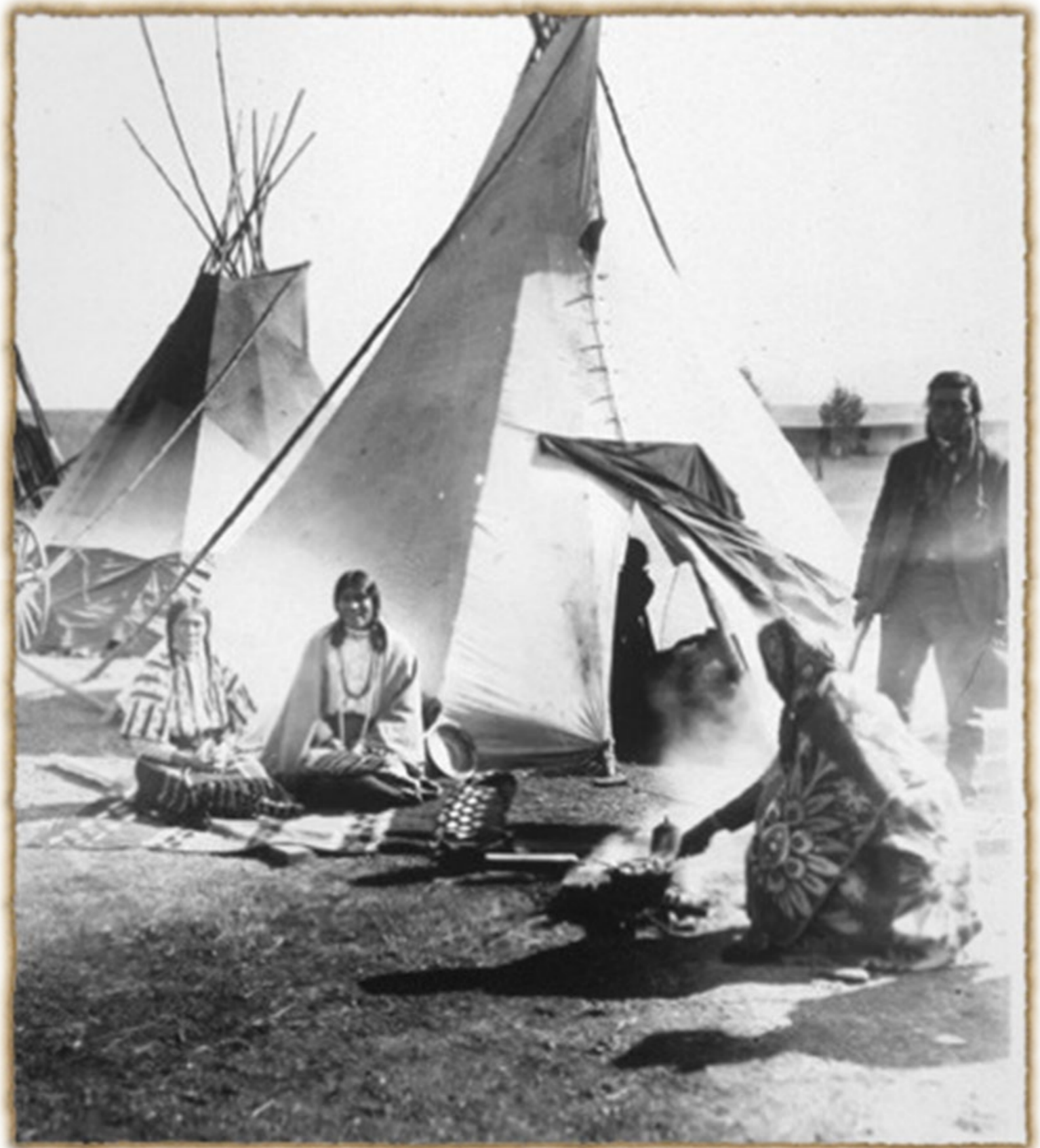
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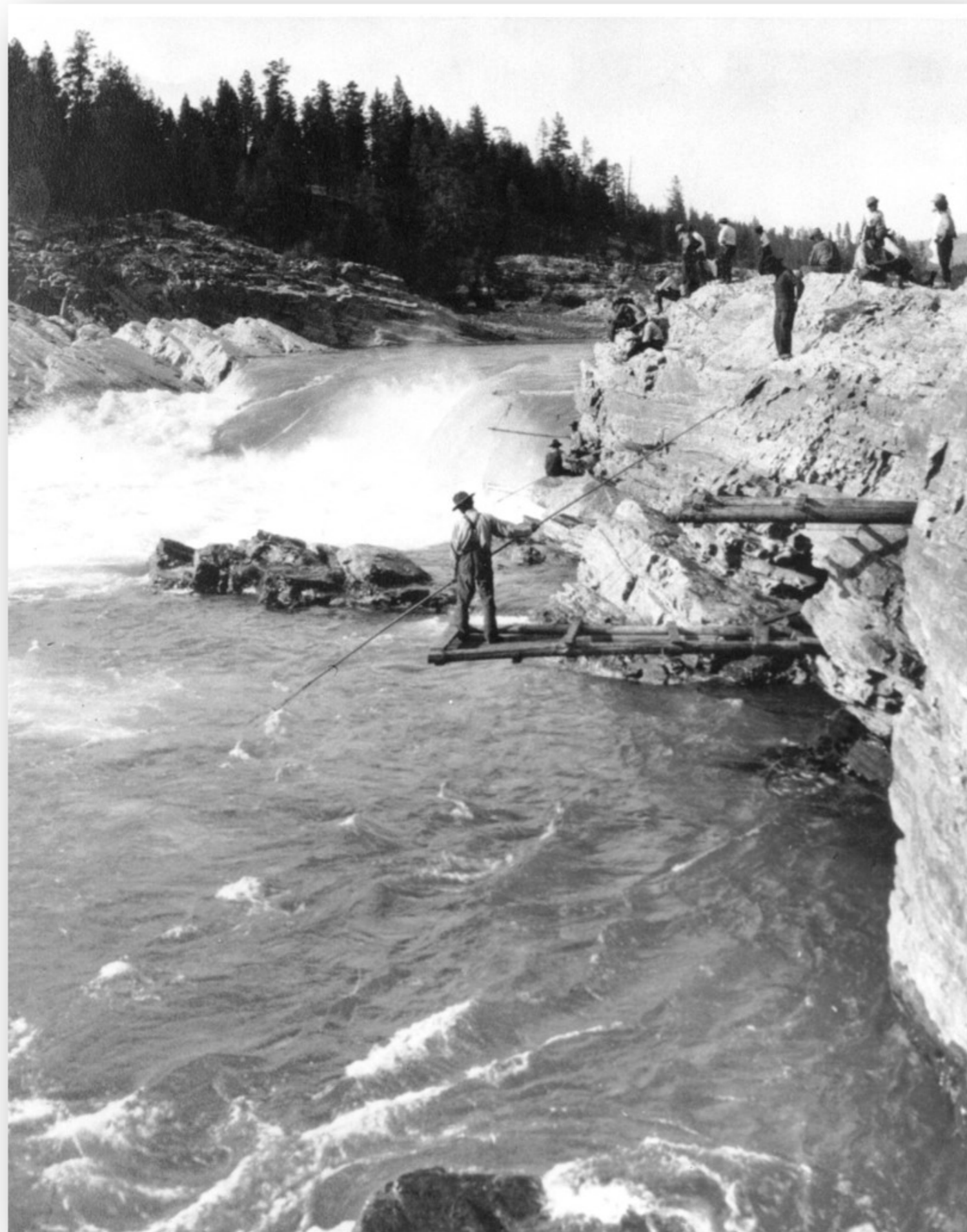
(Spokane Tribe of Indians)

(Peaceful Valley, Spokane, Washington) The Indian
Congress of October 1925



- **The Salish Tribe was nomadic and traveled with the seasons to gather and forge up and down the rivers.**
- **The Salish people lived in tee-pee's during the spring and summer months and settled in tule mat lodges and pit houses in the winter.**
- **The river was a main source of dietary foods. Roughly 80% of their food came from the rivers fish being their main protein with the salmon being the most sacred.**



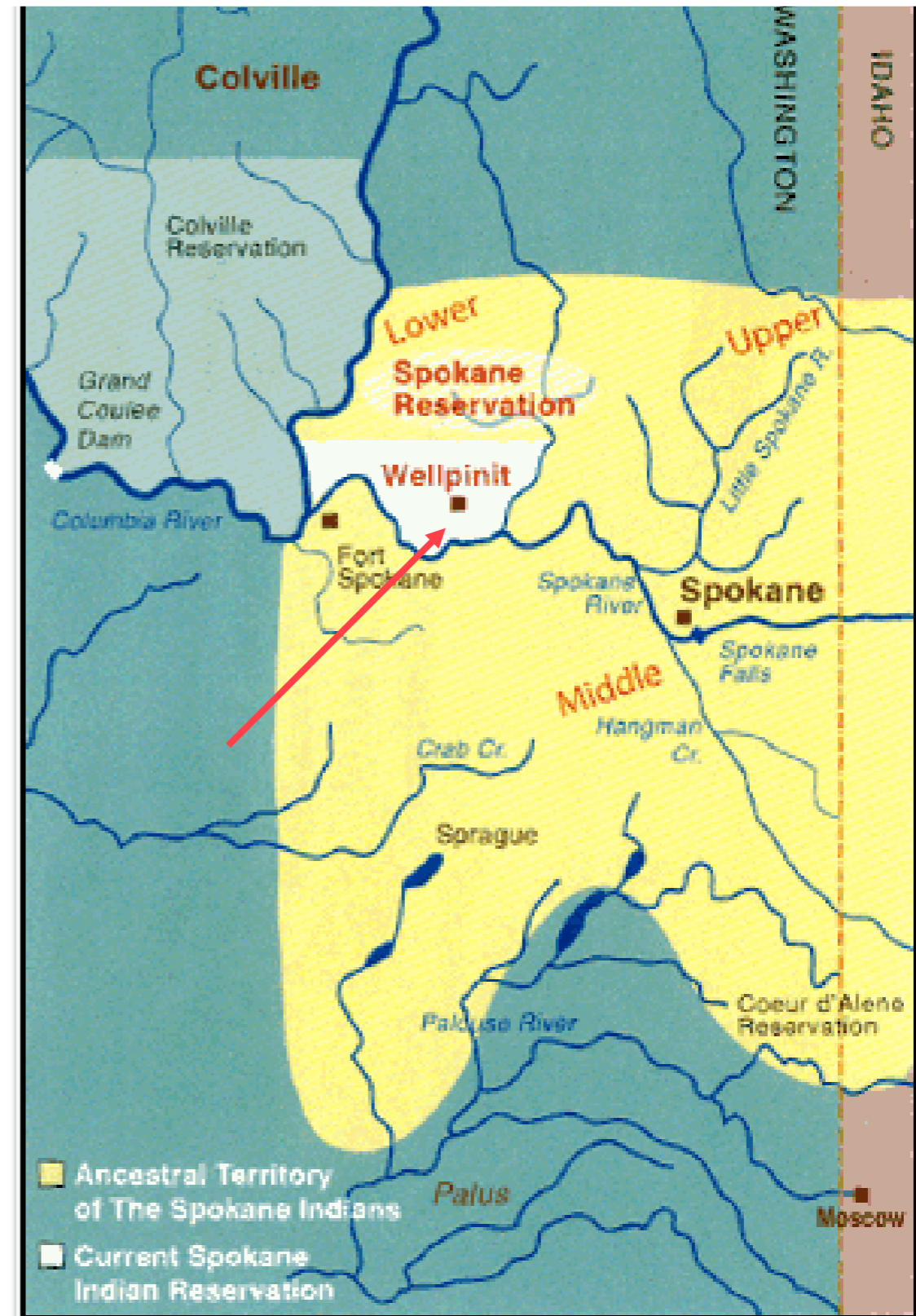




Children of the Sun

(Spokane Tribe of Indians)

- Spokane Reservation designated in 1881
- Wellpinit resides 50 miles Northwest of Spokane, Washington in the heart of the Spokane Reservation.
- As of May 2017, tribal membership includes 2879 people (spokanetribe.com)



Cayuse Mountain Fire

(August 2016)

- In 2016 The Cayuse Mt. Fire left its devastating mark on the Spokane reservation causing much damage to local wildlife and land. In recent history this was the first time a fire of this scale had effected the Spokane tribal government, community and local first responders. The Cayuse wild fire awoke the consciousness of the Spokane tribe and (SIHA) that the severity of wild fires due to environmental change will not stop and we must be prepared for the worst scenario.





Cayuse Mountain Fire

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- Closing in within 1 mile of tribal governmental buildings the wildfire cut off electrical power and water to the locals and emergency responders.
- Tribal admin, shut down for a week due to power outage creating loss of revenues and hampering the progress of internal affairs.
- SIHA shut down for three days.
- 18,000 Acres lost to the fire impacted the tribe's timber sales.
- 14 homes lost to the wild fire. Due to evacuation notices no lives were lost.



What is COSSI?

"Children of the Sun Solar Initiative" The Project

- **COSSI is a green energy plan that allows SIHA to install solar panels on essential tribal buildings that need to operate during emergency time.**
- **COSSI will lead into a second phase project of installing solar panels for HUD home's to reduce energy cost for families and tenants making energy more affordable.**
- **Essentially, COSSI is a energy plan to help prevent issues caused by environmental change that threaten the social, economic and environmental well-being of the Tribe, its people and land.**


Our Vision

- **Is to reduce tribal energy cost and becoming more focused on energy self reliance, self-sufficiency and energy sovereignty.**
- **Emergency readiness, being prepared will give the Spokane tribe the edge it needs to combat any threatening conditions in the future.**
- **Contributing / pledging to lowering our carbon footprint as a tribal entity by promoting and utilizing green energy.**
- **Addressing the significant energy reliability we have through non-tribal energy sources and moving towards our energy sovereignty and self sufficiency.**


Plan of Action

- **Working with tribal and housing partners fund \$ 2.13 Million dollars with grant and tax credit investments.**
 - DOE renewable energy for tribal lands
 - Tax Credit Investor
 - Wells Fargo Foundation
 - GRID Alternative Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund
- **Purchase and install the PV solar panels on more than 25 essential tribal buildings and homes through out Wellpinit.**
- **Moving us closer to Tribal energy sovereignty.**
- **Affordability and benefits of clean energy.**
- **Model and foundation set for a second phase**

Spokane Tribal Administration Building, Wellpinit WA (245.1 kW)

 HelioScope

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 Detailed Layout



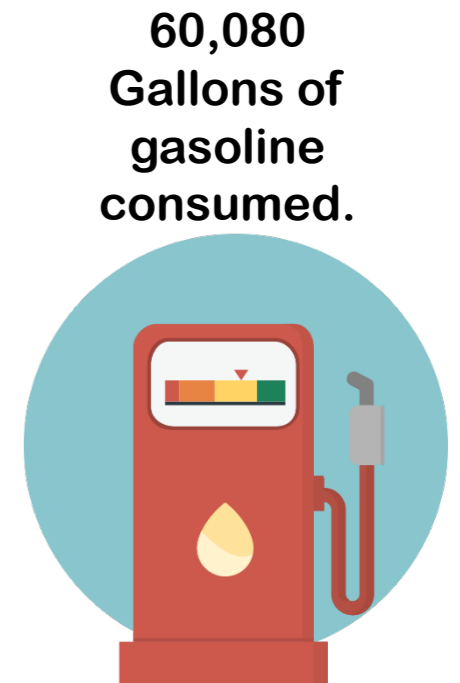
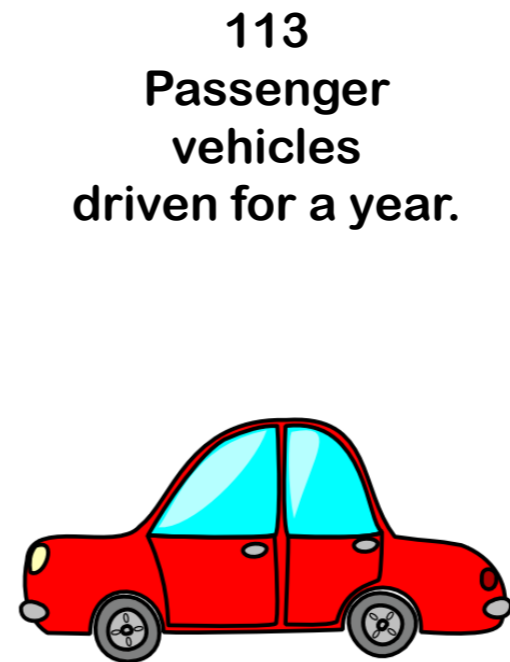
SIHA Weatherization Shop,
2019



COSSI Benefits

- **The solar photo voltaic panels installed will produce 650 kW (annually)**
- **Providing 23,126,810 kW of electricity over the life of the project.**
- **COSSI Energy will supplement 24% of the energy used in Wellpinit.**
- **Energy cost efficiency saving tribal programs approx. \$ 2.8 million over the 35 year life cycle of the PV system.**
- **This will reduce CO2 emissions by approximately: 9.32575 Tons per year**

- **Equivalency of greenhouse gas emissions. The annual greenhouse gas emission reductions referenced are equal to: carbon sequestration by**



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The above amounts were calculated using the GHG Equivalencies Calculator at <http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energyresources/calculator.html>

This is for the full capacity of the Solar PV systems can offset annually in Wellpinit, Wa.

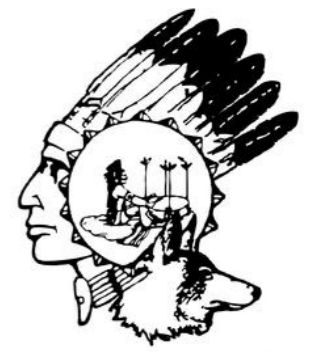
Community Impact

- **Operations and Maintenance (O&M) contracted to Spokane Tribe's Sovereign Power entity .**
- **6-8 Training opportunities for tribal members.**
- **4-6 Hiring positions for tribal members.**
- **Lowering energy bills for tribe.**
- **Changing the status quo on renewable energy.**



Our Partners

Spokane Tribe Of Indians



Spokane Tribe
of Indians

- In earlier times, the Spokane Tribe lived on, protected, and respected over 3 million acres of land. Tribal members fished the Spokane River, the Columbia River, and utilized the grand Spokane Falls as a gathering place of family and friends. The Spokane's lived along the river in three bands known as the Upper, Middle and Lower Spokane Indians. Traditional campsites were lived in depending upon the Seasons of the year.
- In January 1881, President Rutherford B. Hayes formally declared the Spokane Indian Reservation the new and smaller home of the Spokane Indians. The three bands of Indians were split up and some found new homes, which are now known as the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation, the Flathead Indian Reservation, and the Colville Indian Reservation. Today the Spokane Indian Reservation is 157,376 acres in size. As of May 2017, tribal membership includes 2879 people; we are strong and growing. We welcome you and thank you for wanting to learn more about the proud Children of the Sun.

(Below) Salmon Chief monument on the Spokane falls, Spokane Washington. <http://spokanehistorical.org/items/show/508>



Department of Energy

DOE

- Indian Energy Policy and Programs Grant: Deployment of Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy on Indians Land-2017

- (Funding Opportunity Announcement Number DE-FOA-0001660)

- Between 2010 and 2016, DOE office of Indian Energy co-funded the deployment of 43 tribal clean energy projects values at more than 70\$ million.
- Match grant awarded to SIHA for COSSI solar project helping move the tribe into a clean energy future.
- DOE's support in clean energy developments, helps improve the quality of life in Indian country.



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ENERGY

Investors: Solar Investors

- A National developer who has worked with over 600 customers.
- Ranked among the top 50 solar developers by Solar Power World Magazine.
- <http://sunvest.com/>



GRANT: Wells Fargo Foundation

- “\$5 million in charitable giving over three years to support solar projects in tribal communities.”
- “\$5 million for solar panels is part of a larger, \$50 million commitment from Wells Fargo over five years to address economic, social and environmental needs in American Indian and Alaska Native communities.”
- ““Our goal was to find projects that were shovel-ready that we could get across the finish line,” said Mary Wenzel”
- (<http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2018/aug/28/spokane-tribe-launches-children-of-the-sun-solar-i/>)



Consultant: Godfrey & Kahn

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<http://www.gklaw.com/GodfreyKahn.htm>

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Non-Profit: GRID Alternative Grid Alternative Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund

- GRID Alternatives is a 501(c)(3) certified non-profit organization that brings together community partners, volunteers and job trainees to implement solar power and energy efficiency for low-income families, providing energy cost savings, valuable hands-on experience, and a source of clean, local energy that benefits us all.

<https://gridalternatives.org/>



Sovereign Power

- The mission of Sovereign Power is to identify, leverage, and develop opportunities in the renewable energy sector in a manner that reflects our historic culture of stewardship and sustainability.
- The partnership Sovereign Power has with the Spokane Indian Housing Authority to deploy community scale solar pv moves the Spokane Tribe toward energy independence while reducing the monthly burdens for tribal elders and tribal departments operational costs.
- The partnership creates job opportunities for unemployed and under-employed tribal citizens. The jobs created, matched with skilled labor development, supports Sovereign Power in creating a market driven business that is gearing up to operate on the reservation and throughout the region.
- We look forward to the engagement with external partners in relationships that we have developed with organizations like GRID Alternatives to provide capacity that meets those goals in labor development.



Spokane Indian Housing Authority

- Established 1971
- Operates and manages 220 rental and mutual help units.
- 2 low income housing tax credit projects.
- Staff and workforce of over 37 employees.
- Force account and weatherization crews.
- Three Bands Construction
- Preliminary planning to build the Spokane Urban Indian Village.

<http://www.spokaneiha.com/>





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“We’re delighted to bring this benefit to the reservation,” Horan said. “Losing power during the fire was critical. Avista crews did an excellent job ... but they couldn’t work in the fire hot spots. We were looking at the loss of facilities – all of our administrative capacity could have been wiped out.” – Tim Horan, Executive Director of SIHA (The Spokesman Review)

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