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As we enter into a new year, Red Plains would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our clients for their business. 2011 was an exciting year for Red Plains. We were able to add several new employees and open a new office in Vancouver, Washington. Through our continued growth, our services have expanded over the last several years from primarily civil engineering design to now include: construction management, transportation and land use planning, roadway inventory, grant writing, environmental assessments, transit studies, and GIS training. At Red Plains, we are excited about the future and the opportunities that 2012 will bring.

Again to all of our clients, we appreciate your business and look forward to working with you in the future.



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April 2-5

"To Bridge A Gap" Conference

Choctaw Casino Resort
Durant, Oklahoma



To Bridge A Gap (TBAG) is a joint partnership between the Forest Service and federally recognized tribal governments, with an aim to protect and manage important cultural and natural resources. Each year, federal, state and tribal officials get together to learn, share and discuss tribal relations, preservation issues, managing archaeological, natural or cultural resources, use of forest products, restoration of ecosystems, fire management, sacred sites, and many more.

For details,
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TBAG began as a local meeting in 2001 with National Forests in Oklahoma and Arkansas (Ouachita and Ozark-St. Francis National Forests) and the tribes. The meeting expanded to a conference in 2002 and was hosted by the Choctaw Nation in Durant, Oklahoma. The conference provides a forum for the tribes to meet directly with policy planners and project managers as well as serves as a gateway for more specific consultations about land and resource management practices.

Over the years, many federal, state, and local agencies as well as academic institutions and private firms have participated in the conference. Tribes have found this conference to be a central forum to meet directly with agencies that manage lands and care for those cultural and natural resources where their fore bearers lived. This relationship provides important ways for Tribes and federal/state/and private entities to work together to protect the past for future generations.

April 9-12

19th Annual ATNI Northwest Tribal Transportation Symposium

Chehalis Tribes Great Wolf Lodge
Grand Mound, Washington



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