



Join Our Tribal Climate Change Photo Contest

We value a lot of things, friends, family, animals, traditions, work, and the land, **you name it. Better yet, you photograph it.**

Climate Change Means Change.

A changing climate could change conditions for things we value. Warm air holds more water, resulting in bigger storms but also more days with warmer air can also melt mountain snow faster in spring resulting in less river water in summer. Warm air also dries out plants faster. Warmer winters cause other changes. Plant and animal habitat will change and it will be harder to find some plants and easier for others.

Our photo contest asks you to take a picture of things you, your tribe or village value and add a short caption describing how a changing climate might affect what's in the photograph. If you take a picture of people working, how might climate change affect their jobs? Will farmers be able to plant earlier in the spring? Will the road crew need to use a different tar mix. If you have a photo of kids playing, how might hotter summer (or warmer winter) weather effect how they play outdoors? For a picture of a garden or food, will a changing climate cause the flowers to bloom earlier in the spring? What about shifting seasons and migration patterns? How might that affect subsistence hunting and gathering? Will you have to go out at a different time?

What you need:

- Any camera, even a cell phone camera.
- An idea of things you value and a basic idea of how climate change might affect it.
- Patience to frame the subject in the picture, to look at the picture, and maybe take another picture. You can "Photoshop" your picture if you want.
- An idea of how the climate is changing in your area and how it might affect the subject of your photo. Look at <http://www.globalchange.gov/explore> or <http://climate.gov/> for effects on your region of the country. Then write a caption for the photo that links the picture to your ideas of a changing climate.
- Make sure to include your full name, grade, and school after caption (with the photo or in the email).
- Submit the photo to the contest to bia_climate_photo_contest@bia.gov. (Send any questions too.)
- If you are submitting as a whole class, follow your teacher's direction for submitting. If you are making your entry on your own, include your name, grade, school, and if you agree to the "terms and conditions" on page 2 of this notice.



Prize Categories and How to Apply:

Categories: Grades K-5, 6-8, High School.

Photos will be judged by age category on:

- **1) The image:** composition, subject, content and, **2) the caption:** is the climate change adaptation activity or climate impact identified for the photo's subject or topic.
- Winning photos with their captions will be hung in the hallways of the Department of Interior, Washington DC, and a matching framed copy will be sent to the school with a letter announcing the winners and list at: <http://bia.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/climatechange/index.htm#photocontest>
 - **Deadlines: Fall- November 30' 2016, Spring April 28th, 2017.**

Terms and conditions:

- If you choose to participate in this tribal climate photo contest:
- The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) will not use your photo or caption for sale or commercial purposes.
- By uploading and sending your photo and/or caption you grant the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Indian Education the following rights:
 - Worldwide, perpetual license to display, distribute, and reproduce your photo and/or caption via any medium, including on the internet, for educational or promotional purposes.
 - The right to use your name and school, or reservation in conjunction with your photo when displayed or reproduced for educational or promotional purposes.
 - The BIA and BIE intend to use the photos for education of the public on climate change impacts to Indian country and Alaska Native Communities. Selected photos and captions will be reproduced, framed and displayed, or shared on the internet via official Department of Interior, BIA or BIE accounts that can be accessed by the general public.

Final Notes

WINNERS WILL BE POSTED TO THE PHOTO CONTEST SECTION OF THE BIA CLIMATE CHANGE HOMEPAGE AT:
<http://bia.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/climatechange/index.htm#photocontest>

New Mentor Guide

Teachers, Parents, and Mentors may find a [new Mentor Guide](#) helpful. It lists a variety of climate communication and student curriculum links, in addition to additional climate photo and climate captioning tips, which can be found at:
<http://bia.gov/cs/groups/webteam/documents/document/idc2-044212.pdf>

Thank you for your entry.