

Impact Report 2024-2025



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This report encompasses activity and accomplishments from July 2024-July 2025. Tallgrass operated as First Peoples Worldwide at CU Boulder from 2018 to January 2025 and launched as Tallgrass Institute on January 14, 2025. As of August 29, 2025, Tallgrass is a project of Earth Island Institute. We share our deep gratitude to all our partners who funded the work over this time period; those from philanthropy to individuals who support our mission. Thank you.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Tallgrass Institute creates pathways between Indigenous leaders and investors to ensure respect for Indigenous Peoples' rights – including their rights to self-determination and free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) – in development projects that impact Indigenous lands and communities.

By centering Indigenous Peoples' power, participation, and self-determination, we integrate Indigenous priorities and perspectives to solve for today's most pressing global challenges through training, research and publications, networks and partnerships, and corporate and international advocacy.

VISION



GROW THE CAPACITY OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TO HARNESS INVESTOR ACTION THROUGH SHAREHOLDER ADVOCACY AND CORPORATE ENGAGEMENT.



SEED THE VOICES AND PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES INTO INVESTOR AND CORPORATE SPACES.



INTEGRATE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' CONCERNS INTO BUSINESS BEST PRACTICES THROUGH RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS.



DRIVE MEANINGFUL CONSIDERATION BY INVESTORS, FINANCIERS, AND CORPORATIONS OF THE NEEDS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' RIGHTS AND WELLBEING.

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Tallgrass Institute amplifies Indigenous insights from around the world and encourages creative capital approaches that value the fullness of economic, social and cultural wellbeing.

–via [GreenMoney Journal](#)

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MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

I am thrilled to be sharing another chapter in our work with you. This impact report covers July 2024 to July 2025, a time period characterized most by the word *transition*.

Many of you reached out to celebrate with us as we rebranded as Tallgrass Institute. As a Center for Indigenous Economic Stewardship, I look forward to continuing the programming that allows us to redefine the private sector's role as one that respects Indigenous Peoples' rights, lands, and economic priorities.

This impact report also serves as a bookend to our time at the University of Colorado at Boulder (CU). Since 2024, we have embarked on a values-aligned strategic move of the program from CU. Tallgrass Institute will transition out of the University in late August 2025 in a way that allows us to build on and carry forward the excellence and expertise that we have developed since being housed at the Center for Native and American Studies (CNAIS) in 2018. This transition will provide ample runway to continue our core programming with a new fiscal sponsor.

We also witnessed a number of external shifts that impacted Indigenous Peoples globally. At the Indigenous Peoples Summit in October, Indigenous leaders set forth the *Indigenous Peoples Principles and Protocols for Just Transition* to guide decision-makers in a rights-based manner to drive a truly just transition. Our charge at Tallgrass is to uplift these protocols amid increasing geopolitical and market shifts.

We continue to find resolve among our partners, and over the course of the last six months, Tallgrass has collaborated to identify specific risks and effective paths forward. We were heartened by conversations with investor partners who have championed values-aligned investing for decades, and who remain committed to the work.

We also know that Indigenous values will outlast the politicization of ESG in the markets. Thus, we actively message the strength of Indigenous Peoples in all our work.

We had just such an opportunity in February 2025 as guest editors at *GreenMoney Journal*, where we gathered Native leaders to showcase their projects and ideas to an audience of impact investors and sustainable finance leaders. This ecosystem of Indigenous experts we curated – a sample of the immense power and innovation in the field – shows us how to navigate the pathway forward through political shifts and market fluctuation.

What has not changed is the incredible talent that the Tallgrass team brought to the work over the last year. Staff have moved deftly to stay attuned to Indigenous and investor partner priorities and to manage our internal transitions well. And I am grateful to our funder partners for their support, so that we can remain nimble to the moment while adhering firmly to our mission.

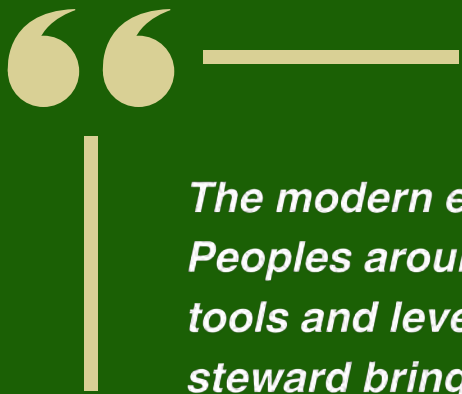
I would be remiss not to thank all those at CU that have contributed over the years to the program in myriad ways: the American Indian Law Clinic and the Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility at the Leeds School of Business, who invited this program into CU Boulder and fostered our initial successes; our colleagues at CNAIS who housed us within CU; and the Graduate School for the behind-the-scenes support.

I look forward to being in touch with you all as we continue the work of Tallgrass Institute, building momentum from this year's success to advance respect for the rights of Indigenous Peoples in the private sector.

Kate R. Finn

Founder & Executive Director, Tallgrass Institute

Programmatic Pillars



The modern economic realities of Indigenous Peoples around the globe are distinct, as are the tools and leverage that each investor and capital steward brings. We continue to create research, tools, and networks to connect a web of partners that begins to weave new systems; systems that mainstream narratives of Indigenous strength, expertise, and wellbeing. The fullness of economic thriving envisioned requires partnership and care to remain in right relationship as we work towards collaboration and equity among stewards.

From the launch of Tallgrass Institute, January 14, 2025.

RESEARCH, TOOLS & RESOURCES

Our research, tools, and resources lead with Indigenous Peoples' enterprise visions, advance respect for Indigenous Peoples' rights in business operations, and center and amplify Indigenous solutions to systemic economic exclusion. Publications highlight the voices of Indigenous leaders and provide actionable insights and recommendations rooted in Indigenous expertise.

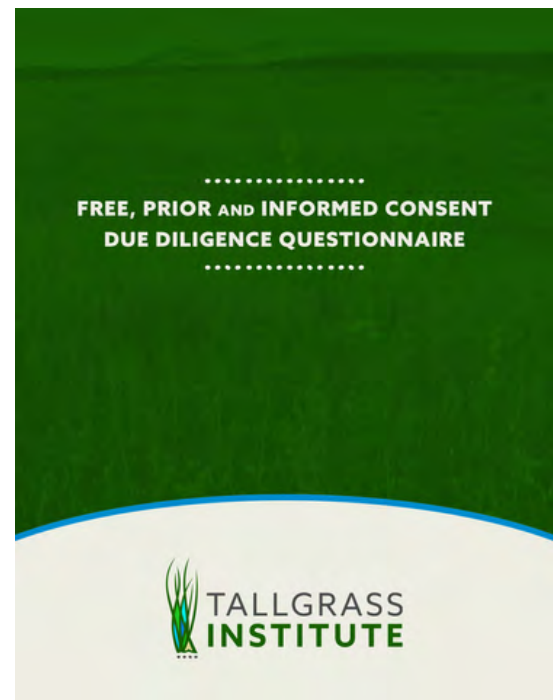
Updated FPIC Due Diligence

The ***Free, Prior and Informed Consent Due Diligence Questionnaire*** provides investors and corporate actors a framework for performing due diligence that optimizes partnerships and engagement with Indigenous Peoples.

Widely used and referenced by industry since its release in 2018, it also serves as a reference tool for Indigenous leaders in their interactions with the private sector. The guide is now available in **English, Spanish, Russian and French**.

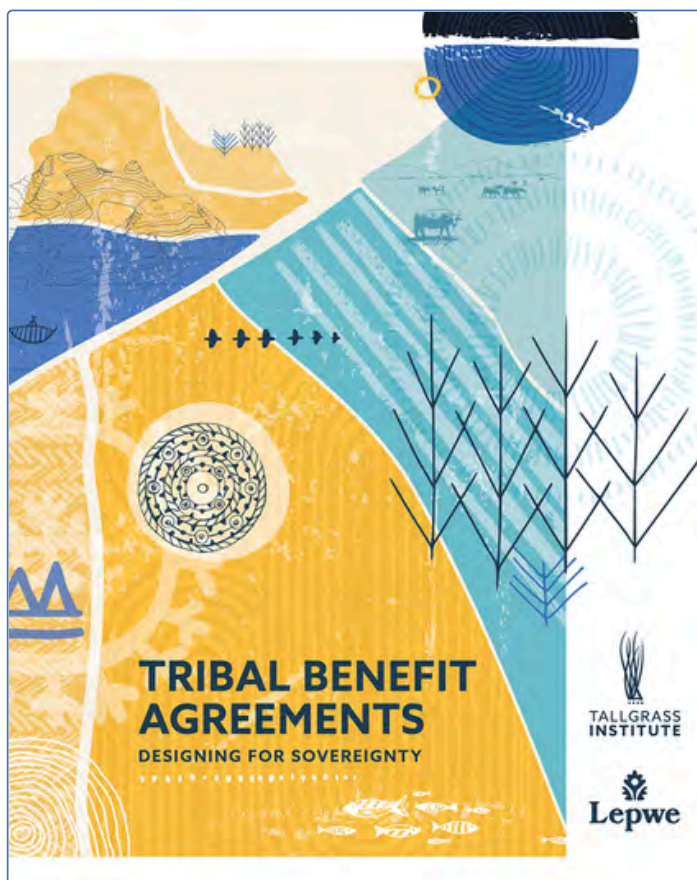
Updates to the questionnaire in 2024 reflect key advancements in best practices regarding how to ensure respect for Indigenous Peoples' rights. Notably, many Indigenous Peoples have developed their own protocols for engagement with the private sector, which must be the primary driver in the decision-making process for development projects. Another significant addition is the recognition of Indigenous Peoples in Voluntary Isolation and Indigenous Peoples in initial contact. These groups require particular consideration due to their heightened vulnerability to outside contact.

In 2025, Tallgrass Institute published the ***Free, Prior and Informed Consent Due Diligence for Insurers*** to provide insurance companies with a similar framework. In recent years, several global insurers have prioritized Indigenous Peoples' rights in their underwriting policy and practices; however, there remains considerable deficiencies in the industry that exacerbates risks from projects that impact Indigenous Peoples. This new guide delineates key criteria insurance underwriters must analyze to integrate respect for Indigenous Peoples into business operations.



AGM Report

2024 also saw the release of our second ***Indigenous Peoples' Rights and Participation in AGM Proposals*** report. This annual report examines shareholder proposals that aim to protect Indigenous Peoples' rights, and documents best practices for investors to work with Indigenous Peoples within those strategies. It also serves to collate data and examine trends year-to-year, with the most recent report reflecting a call from Indigenous leadership that action above policy is needed to ensure respect for Indigenous Peoples' rights. Partners report using the guide for their own individual work, and allied organizations have deployed the reports as resources for their networks.



Tribal Benefit Agreements Research

Tallgrass Institute and Lepwe Inc. published *Tribal Benefit Agreements: Designing for Sovereignty* in July 2025 to provide essential considerations for Tribal Benefit Agreements (TBAs) that respect self-determination and provide benefits in accordance with Native Peoples' own goals. The report – written by Kate R. Finn, Maranda Compton, and Melanie Matteliano, and produced with generous support from the 11th Hour Project – examines the complex legal and historical landscapes surrounding TBAs, gives key context for project development in the U.S., describes patterns and trends in current uses, and shares best practices for companies and Tribes to support positive outcomes.

Several positive trends emerged in regard to TBAs, such as agreements being made directly with Tribes, benefits designed to support the Tribal nation's broader goals, evaluation of projects cumulatively and holistically, and companies seeing Tribal partnership as a real benefit to their project. Specifically, Tribes have seen more objective and enforceable agreements, more focus on implementation, integration of workforce and career development, direct payments and community development partnerships as additional benefits, and royalties based on revenue or volume of production.

Tribal Benefit Agreements: Designing for Sovereignty compliments a suite of research around sustainable, just, and innovative economic and business insights from Native leaders, including reports about catalytic capital, private equity, food systems, and more published since 2018.



GreenMoney Indigenous Peoples Issue



“As sustainable finance evolves, so too must its criteria for driving impact.”

Tallgrass Institute partnered with *GreenMoney Journal* to guest edit their February 2025 issue, ***Indigenous Peoples & Impact Investing***. The issue – featuring insights and acumen from a dozen Native finance and investment leaders – examined the transformative potential of creative capital in Indian Country, the intersection between sustainability and Indigenous knowledge, and pathways towards reconciliation and economic wellbeing through investment models that prioritize Indigenous Peoples’ rights, leadership and expertise.



Supporting Indigenous Self-Determination Through a Spectrum of Capital



Articles

- Supporting Indigenous Self-Determination Through a Spectrum of Capital | The Christensen Fund
- Unleashing Potential: The Vision of WIHEDC for Native Economic Development | Wisconsin Indigenous Housing and Economic Development Corporation
- Breaking Barriers: Catalyzing Indigenous Entrepreneurship Toward Financial Inclusion | Roanhorse Consulting
- A Community Centered Approach to Closing Credit Access Gaps: Native CDFIs | Center for Indian Country Development
- Small Wings, Big Impact: Revitalizing Tribal Lands and Livelihoods | Euchee Butterfly Farm
- Change the Lending Paradigm: A Model of Success in Native Ag Finance | Akiptan
- Indigenous Values Seed Systems Transformation in Hawai’i | Hawai’i Investment Ready
- Entry Points for Equity: Risk Criteria and Partnership in Indigenous-aligned Portfolios | Adasina Social Capital
- Indigenous Peoples and Engagement Timeline for Sustainable and Responsible Investing–2016 to 2024 | BCAM and Tallgrass Institute



Podcast

- Historic Loss Assessment Report quantifies \$1.17 trillion in land theft from Colorado’s Native Nations | People of the Sacred Land’s Truth, Restoration, and Education Commission



Video

- Rematriating Economies Apprenticeship | Roanhorse Consulting
- Leveraging the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Shareholder Advocacy | Investors & Indigenous Peoples Working Group

TRAINING

Tallgrass Institute provides Indigenous leaders, investors, and corporate decision-makers with training that aligns business practice with respect for the rights of Indigenous Peoples.

In 2024-2025, we provided trainings on shareholder advocacy for Indigenous audiences, including the Saami Council, the Western Mining Action Network, and a full financial advocacy workshop in Norway. Training around FPIC and Indigenous Peoples' rights in due diligence and project design was provided for multiple investor and private sector audiences. At the request of training participants, Tallgrass cultivates ongoing relationships to support initial and ongoing strategy development and implementation.



SHAREHOLDER ADVOCACY WORKSHOPS

Shareholder advocacy can be an important tool for Indigenous Peoples to join collaboratively with allied investors to shift corporate behavior.

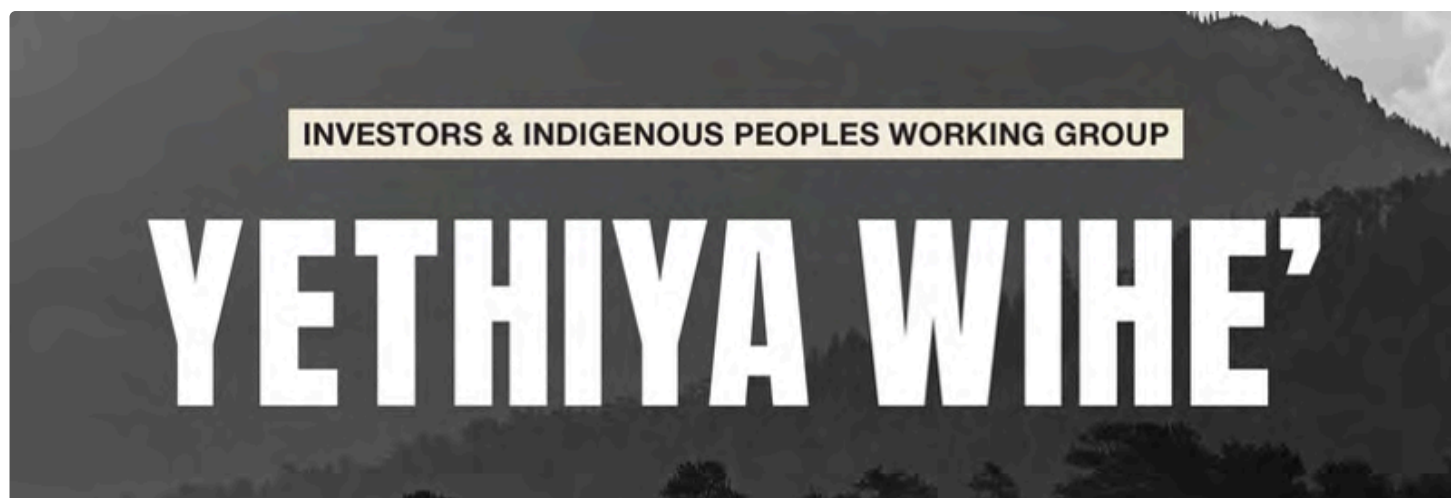
For Indigenous leaders who want to engage directly with investors and companies to avoid or eliminate negative impacts from projects, Tallgrass Institute provides training, research, and education tailored to specific issues, interests, and concerns.

Shareholder advocacy often requires consistent work over time to be successful, and our ability to remain a steady partner is pivotal to uplift Indigenous Peoples' self-determined priorities to investors and influence corporate practices.

Interested parties may explore our [suite of resources](#) to learn more about education opportunities and shareholder advocacy strategies that can be tailored to specific issues and concerns. Our [comprehensive FAQ](#) answers common questions about how Indigenous leaders can engage directly with investors and companies to forward their communities' priorities and self-determined goals.

NETWORKS

Tallgrass Institute cultivates collaborative networks to activate investor and economic ecosystems aligned with Indigenous Peoples' rights and wellbeing. Our relationships with global networks provide a distinct view into the impacts of the private sector on Indigenous Peoples to hold companies accountable to the highest standards of corporate respect regardless of geography.



IIPWG

Tallgrass Institute serves as secretariat for the [Investors & Indigenous Peoples Working Group \(IIPWG\)](#), a hub and clearinghouse for investors and Indigenous Peoples to create joint actions on issues of mutual interest. The IIPWG listserv maintains almost 300 active participants. In the role of secretariat, between July 2024 and July 2025, Tallgrass facilitated agenda creation for and moderated 23 strategy and working calls and published 13 [newsletters](#).

At monthly IIPWG meetings, Tallgrass consistently brings the voices and priorities of the Indigenous world directly to investors. From there, investors frequently inquire about specific companies or strategies to move these priorities to the private sector. Investors report that these touchpoints provide reliable and informative news to assist them as they move these priorities through their engagements in the private sector.

In 2024, Tallgrass expanded capacity to support IIPWG, through which the group has grown to include a monthly subgroup focused on forwarding free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) in corporate policies.

At the request of participants in Canada and in partnership with the Reconciliation and Responsible Investment Initiative and SHARE Canada, [IIPWG Canada](#) was launched in 2024 as a regional subgroup that meets bimonthly to provide an Indigenous-led strategy space specific to Canadian investors, companies, and issues.



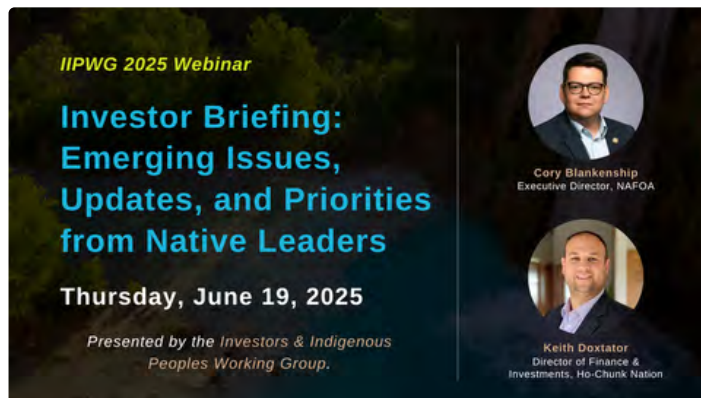
IIPWG Webinars & Presentations



Identifying Catalytic Indigenous-led Funds for Catalytic Investing

November 21, 2024

Indigenous-led funds offer values-aligned investment opportunities that foster mutual benefits for communities, enterprises, and investors. Featuring representatives from Akiptan, Hawai'i Ready Investment, and Dishgamu Humboldt Community Land Trust, presented in partnership with Collective Action for Just Finance.



Investor Briefing: Emerging Issues, Updates, and Priorities from Native Leaders

June 19, 2025

A landscape overview of sovereignty in action covered current challenges and priorities in Indian Country, including budget reductions, program eliminations, and how investors may partner with Tribes and Native communities to support sovereignty.

Tallgrass invited a number of Indigenous leaders to present to IIPWG on urgent and developing issues, including:

- Kipsigis community advocacy to ensure Lipton adheres to its FPIC and returns the Lipton tea estates to the Kipsigis people.
- Apache Stronghold's ongoing efforts to protect Chi'chil Bitdagotee (Oak Flat) from mining.
- Gwich'in Steering Committee's ongoing efforts to protect sacred land in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
- Indigenous Peoples' declaration on global certification, validation, and verification bodies.
- Indigenous Peoples of the Amazon Basin's declaration affirming for COP30.
- Indigenous-led engagements with the International Council on Metals and Mining and the Consolidated Mining Standard Initiative.

In addition to webinars and presentations, broader strategy discussions ranged from 2025 FPIC proxy proposals and updates from Indigenous Peoples' participation in AGMs in U.S. and Canada, scoping reductions for human rights and impacts to Indigenous Peoples in ESG analysis and research firms, and improving consistency and adherence to corporate UNDRIP and FPIC commitments.

SIRGE Coalition

The *Securing Indigenous Peoples' Rights in the Green Economy (SIRGE) Coalition* implements transformative solutions to secure the rights of Indigenous Peoples in the global energy transition, and, with respect to transition mineral supply chains, focuses on the urgent need to operationalize free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) as defined by impacted Indigenous communities.

As a founding member of SIRGE Coalition, Tallgrass Institute provides the coalition analysis, research, and expertise on the legal and political status of FPIC; leads corporate engagement and shareholder advocacy strategies; supports the coalition to bring information, data insights, and case studies to investors concerned about Indigenous Peoples rights; and provides capacity building support regarding FPIC and shareholder advocacy.

In October, we attended and provided support for the *JUST TRANSITION: Indigenous Peoples' Perspectives, Knowledge, and Lived Experiences Summit* in Geneva, Switzerland with the SIRGE Coalition.

Nearly 100 Indigenous leaders from the world's seven socio-cultural regions came together to define the just transition from Indigenous Peoples' priorities and perspectives.

The resulting outcome document, *Indigenous Peoples Principles and Protocols for Just Transition*, provides 11 principles required for a just transition, including the right to life, the right of self-determination, a rights-based approach to supply chains, and the full restoration of Indigenous lands.

Among commitments to action and implementation, Indigenous Peoples call for "comprehensive mapping and due diligence procedures for transition minerals development and for social, environmental, and human rights impacts," as well as for "companies, governments, financial mechanisms, private sector, all responsible parties, to take full responsibility and action for damage, loss of cultural heritage, and other adverse impacts of mining activities to human, biodiversity, ancestral lands, cultural, and spiritual practices, territories and waters."



CORPORATE & INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY

Tallgrass Institute works with Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous organizations to design and support engagement with the finance and business sectors as well as standard-setting bodies to provide context for respect for Indigenous Peoples' rights. Parallel international advocacy works to mainstream the business case for Indigenous Peoples' rights to investors and corporate decision makers.

International advocacy threads through everything we do at Tallgrass. Staying connected with the global Indigenous ecosystem allows us to telegraph insights to investors and corporate decision makers. In addition to the work described for the Investors & Indigenous Peoples Working Group (page 10), Tallgrass Institute engaged directly with investor groups, insurance companies, vehicle manufacturers, and banks. In our work, we identified the steps that the private sector must take to understand and mitigate the risk gap between current practice and practices necessary to fulfill the UNGPs – a risk gap that is growing as nation states rush to mine transition minerals.

Support for Indigenous Leaders

Throughout our work, we provide training and support to Indigenous Peoples who are engaging shareholders, investors, companies, and in international forums to forward their priorities and concerns from business and development impacts.

We have facilitated presentations by Indigenous leaders to the Investors & Indigenous Peoples Working Group and supported the Indigenous Peoples' Just Transition Summit (page 12). We continue to work with the SIRGE Coalition and other Indigenous organizations to advocate for improvements in the Consolidated Mining Standard Initiative (page 15).

For several years, Tallgrass has worked with the Gwich'in Steering Committee and the Menomonee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin to track and respond to impacts from potential extractive resource development in different regions of the world. We attended the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in 2025 to facilitate a range of interventions, meetings, and presentations for these and other leaders (page 15).

THE GWICH'IN STEERING COMMITTEE

Tallgrass Institute continues to partner with the Gwich'in Steering Committee (GSC) and Arctic Defense Coalition to advocate for the protection of Iizhik Gwats'an Gwandaii Goodlit ("The Sacred Place Where Life Begins") – the Coastal Plain of Arctic National Wildlife Refuge – from oil and gas development.

Through the activation of a broad corporate engagement strategy, including targeted meetings, public reports, and Indigenous Peoples rights risk trainings, there are now 28 banks and 20 insurance companies globally with [commitments against covering new oil and gas projects in the Coastal Plain](#).

While federal interest in extractive projects under the current administration continues, no bids were made in the 2025 lease sale. The GSC has [again called on banks and insurance companies](#) to not fund or underwrite drilling projects in the Arctic Refuge. Kristen Moreland, Executive Director of the GSC, remarked, "Our way of life, our food security, and our spiritual well-being is directly tied to the health of the caribou, and the health of this irreplaceable landscape."



Financial Institutions

At the invitation of investors or Indigenous Peoples, Tallgrass met with banks and insurance companies to discuss the impact of financing and underwriting without clear and complete FPIC policies.

Tallgrass has been advocating for the consideration of FPIC in not only project-based financing but also in general corporate finance policies, which is critical to ensure financiers comprehensively conduct FPIC-related due diligence for financing and underwriting activities. Notably, after engagements with investors – to whom Tallgrass provided guidance and support – JPMorganChase recently disclosed that they now **consider FPIC in general corporate finance activities**. This marks a significant step forward given most U.S. banks have historically only applied Indigenous Peoples' screens to project-based financing.

Business & Human Rights Resource Centre

Article

United States: JPMorgan Chase agrees to include new disclosures towards Indigenous Peoples' rights

[Read more](#)

"Investors and JPMorgan Chase Reach Agreement to Uphold Indigenous Peoples' Rights" April 17, 2025

United Church Funds (UCF), in collaboration with the Investor Advocates for Social Justice (IASJ), has reached an agreement with JPMorgan Chase, marking significant progress in advancing Indigenous rights within the financial sector...

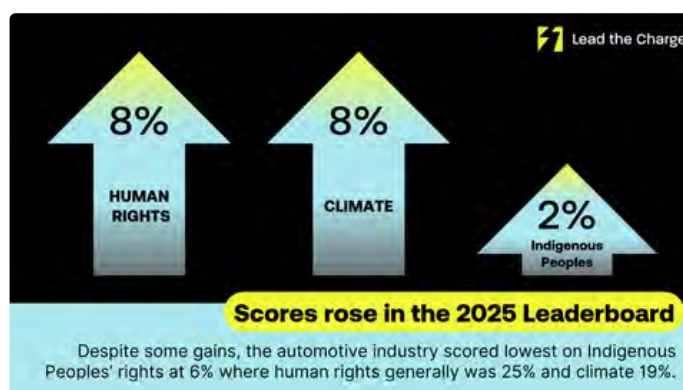
UCF has withdrawn a 2025 shareholder proposal that called on JPMorgan to evaluate the effectiveness of the company's policies, practices and performance indicators in respecting the rights of Indigenous Peoples...

Over the past several months, UCF and IASJ...engaged in multiple dialogues with JPMorgan to underscore the importance of Indigenous rights in both project-specific and general corporate financing. Through sustained, good-faith engagement, the parties reached an agreement that marks a meaningful step toward greater transparency...

Automotive Industry

With colleagues in the SIRGE Coalition and Lead the Charge, Tallgrass has engaged with international automakers to highlight their role in ensuring the right to FPIC is upheld across their supply chains. From these engagements, at least three automakers worked with the Coalition to update their policy related to Indigenous Peoples.

These engagements are driven by Lead the Charge's annual **Auto Supply Chain Leaderboard**, for which Tallgrass consults on Indigenous Peoples' rights metrics. The 2025 report found that **rights violations and impacts to Indigenous Peoples remain automakers' lowest performing metric** for the third year running. Despite some gains year-to-year, findings indicate that no automaker yet demonstrates whether or how they operationalize commitment to Indigenous Peoples' rights throughout their supply chains. The report urges automakers to commit to the highest standard of Indigenous Peoples' rights.



Standard Setting Bodies

An increase in both new and the revision of global standards across sectors create benchmarks for the field that streamline consistent and high-quality reporting from companies. Several of these standards, including the Initiative for the Responsible Mining Assurance (IRMA), International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM), and the new Consolidated Mining Standard Initiative (CMSI), include critical components on how companies identify and disclose impacts on Indigenous Peoples.

Tallgrass Institute has been invited to review standards and provide field-aligned comments that increase their cogency and quality around Indigenous Peoples' rights. To achieve this, we develop local relationships, offer reciprocity through training and tools, and identify themes to telegraph to the private sector how they can better fulfill their role under the UNGPs to respect human rights.

In addition to extensive work on the CMSI, we supported Indigenous Peoples' [engagement with the Global Battery Alliance](#) on their interim *Indigenous Peoples' Rights Rulebook*. We also provided extensive comments and [analysis on the ICMM Indigenous Peoples and Mining guidance](#), which became live in August 2024. Among other topics, the analysis detailed the need for mining companies to disclose procedures demonstrating that they will disengage from projects where there is no FPIC.

International Advocacy

International engagements parallel ongoing corporate advocacy to generate attention on threats to Indigenous Peoples from the private sector and to communicate the same to investors.

Our team attended the **Twenty-fourth Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)** in April 2025 to participate in a number of events and meetings and to support interventions on behalf of Indigenous leaders.

CONSOLIDATED MINING STANDARD INITIATIVE

In October 2024, four mining industry standards proposed consolidating into a single framework. Led by ICMM, the Consolidated Mining Standard Initiative (CMSI) was created to “reduce complexity” and clarify “responsible practices for mining companies of all sizes, across all locations and commodities.”

[Our analysis](#) demonstrated key gaps in CMSI criteria to recognize and uphold Indigenous Peoples' right to FPIC, lack of protections for Indigenous Peoples' land tenure and resource rights, failure to meaningfully integrate Indigenous Peoples' decision-making mechanisms into the governance model, insufficient access Indigenous Peoples' participation in the assurance process, and more.

Tallgrass Institute encourages investors to critically evaluate CMSI's credibility and exercise caution before using it as a benchmark for responsible mining, and for investors and Indigenous leaders to engage with CMSI to improve the standard.



In partnership with the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, we invited Indigenous leaders to share with investors their experiences from mining impacts in Indonesia, Argentina, Chile, and Brazil, and experts discussed gaps in the Consolidated Mining Standard Initiative (CMSI). Takeaways included:

- Indigenous Peoples globally demonstrate on-the-ground expertise in responsible business conduct;
- Corporate respect for Indigenous Peoples' right to FPIC is a *minimum* benchmark for a credible and effective responsible mining standard;
- Conducting due diligence to understand the local cultural and environmental context is critical for companies to ensure full protection of Indigenous Peoples' rights; and,
- Voluntary standards have limited effectiveness in low-trust and militarized environments since companies and governments undertake coercive tactics.

Our *investor brief* from the UNPFII contextualized Indigenous Peoples' top priorities, concluding:

Consideration of Indigenous Peoples' rights is central to sustainable development and responsible investment. FPIC, direct finance, and legal accountability for companies are no longer optional—they are essential. The private sector should respond to these findings with concrete action, realigning investment practices with international norms and Indigenous Peoples' self-determination.

Further international work included coordinating support for leadership of the **JUST TRANSITION: Indigenous Peoples' Perspectives, Knowledge, and Lived Experiences Summit** in Geneva (page 12), attending the **13th United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights**, and developing a white paper describing the importance of ensuring permanent Indigenous participation within mechanisms such as the Working Group on Business and Human Rights.



Organizational Overview

VALUES

Tallgrass Institute is a thought leader in the field and operates to amplify Indigenous self-determination with excellence in work and creativity in design. We employ a holistic view which Indigenous Peoples have cultivated for centuries in which all things – people, animals, the landscape, and built environments – are intrinsically connected. Centering relationships, Tallgrass is committed to sustainability, equality, respect, and collaboration in our work both internally and externally. Tallgrass holds personnel to these standards and values and elevates these values within its organizational culture and policies.

TEAM

As of July 2025**NALORI CHAKMA**TRANSITION MINERALS
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Senior Advisor, Mokwateh

APPENDIX Highlights of Tallgrass Institute's work July 2024-July 2025.

Publications, Articles, Briefs & Newsletters

- JULY 24, 2025 - IIPWG July 2025 Newsletter - Certifications and Audits Presentation, COP30 Priorities, IIPWG Canada and More
- JULY 8, 2025 - Tribal Benefit Agreements: Designing for Sovereignty
- JULY 8, 2025 - Article: New Research Examines Best Practices and Provides Historical Context for Designing Agreements with Tribal Nations in the U.S.
- JUNE 26, 2025 - IIPWG June 2025 Newsletter - NAFOA Presentation Takeaways, UNPFII Investor Brief, Human Rights Defenders in Ecuador and More
- JUNE 26, 2025 - Investor Brief: Key Findings from the 2025 UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
- MAY 23, 2025 - IIPWG May 2025 Newsletter - Arctic Refuge Letter, IIPWG June Webinar, CMSI Takeaways, UNPFII Highlights and More
- MAY 19, 2025 - Guide: Free, Prior and Informed Consent Due Diligence for Insurers
- MAY 19, 2025 - Article: Tallgrass Institute Publishes FPIC Due Diligence Guide for Insurers
- APRIL 24, 2025 - IIPWG April 2025 Newsletter - JPMorgan Chase Withdrawal, Arctic Refuge Investor Letter, CMSI Investor Brief and More
- APRIL 23, 2025 - Tallgrass Institute Spring 2025 Newsletter
- APRIL 18, 2025 - Investor Brief: Indigenous Peoples and the Consolidated Mining Standard Initiative
- APRIL 18, 2025 - Article: Indigenous Peoples and the Consolidated Mining Standard Initiative
- APRIL 1, 2025 - FPIC Due Diligence Resources web page
- MARCH 31, 2025 - IIPWG March 2025 Newsletter - Gwich'in Steering Committee Presentation, Greenpeace Lawsuit, US Bank Proposals, IIPWG Canada and More
- FEBRUARY 27, 2025 - IIPWG February 2025 Newsletter - Thacker Pass Report, Clean Car Scorecard, BankTrack Benchmark and More
- FEBRUARY 11, 2025 - Guest edited and coordinated *GreenMoney Journal's Indigenous Peoples & Impacting Investing Issue*. Features written-or co-written by Tallgrass Institute include the following (full list of content on page 8 of this report):
 - Podcast: Historic Loss Assessment Report quantifies \$1.17 trillion in land theft from Colorado's Native Nations, featuring Richard B. Williams, chair of the Truth, Restoration and Education Commission (TREC), with host Kate Finn, Tallgrass Institute
 - Indigenous Peoples and Engagement Timeline for Sustainable and Responsible Investing–2016 to 2024, by Steven Heim, Boston Common Asset Management and Tallgrass Institute
 - Tallgrass Institute: Connecting Investors to Indigenous Insights and Expertise, by Tallgrass Institute
- FEBRUARY 11, 2025 - Article: Despite Some Gains, Indigenous Peoples' Rights Remain Lowest-Scoring Indicator in Third Clean Car Report, with SIRGE Coalition
- JANUARY 31, 2025 - IIPWG January 2025 Newsletter - UNDRIP Strategy, 2nd Arctic Refuge Lease Sale, GM Investment in Thacker Pass Mining and More
- JANUARY 14, 2025 - www.tallgrassinstitute.org launch
- JANUARY 14, 2025 - Article: Welcome to Tallgrass Institute! A Message from Founder Kate R. Finn
- DECEMBER 23, 2024 - IIPWG December 2024 Newsletter - CMSI Takeaways, Sustainalytics Investor Letter, Arctic Refuge Lease Sale and More
- DECEMBER 10, 2024 - Article: Indigenous-Led Funds: Succeeding through Trust, Values, and Relationship
- NOVEMBER 26, 2024 - IIPWG November 2024 Newsletter - Indigenous Funds Webinar, 2024 AGM Report, Investor Sign-on, IIPWG Annual Survey and More

- NOVEMBER 25, 2024 - Indigenous Peoples' Rights and Participation in 2024 AGM Proposals Report
- NOVEMBER 18, 2024 - First Peoples Worldwide at CU Boulder July 2023-June 2024 Annual Report
- OCTOBER 31, 2024 - IIPWG October 2024 Newsletter - Apache Stronghold Presentation, Updated FPIC DDQ, Ecuador-Canada Negotiations, IFC Settlement, KC Team Sponsor and More
- OCTOBER 23, 2024 - Article: Indigenous Peoples Reach Unanimous Agreement on Defining the Just Transition and Provide Principles and Protocols to Eliminate Harm from Renewable Energy and 'Green' Development, with SIRGE Coalition
- OCTOBER 4, 2024 - FPIC Due Diligence Questionnaire (Updated), translated into Spanish, Russian, and French)
- OCTOBER 2, 2024 - Article: Recommendations to Ensure Electric Vehicle Compliance with Indigenous Peoples' Rights and FPIC, with SIRGE Coalition
- OCTOBER 2, 2024 - Article: Global Battery Alliance's Battery Passport: Implications for Indigenous Peoples and Opportunities for Feedback
- SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 - IIPWG September 2024 Newsletter - IPWG Canada Launch, Consolidated Mining Standard Letter, Response to UNSG Panel Report, BHR Forum and More
- AUGUST 28, 2024 - IIPWG August 2024 Newsletter - Weak ICMM Position Statement, Chubb Withdrawal, Albemarle and SQM Engagements and More
- AUGUST 16, 2024 - Analysis: From Commitment to Action: A Critical Review of ICMM's Implementation of UNDRIP and FPIC for Indigenous Peoples' Rights
- JULY 31, 2024 - IIPWG July 2024 Newsletter - Kipsigis Community Call to Action, Engagement to Protect Oak Flat, Franchisee Strategy and More
- JULY 2, 2024 - FPW Quarterly Newsletter - Summer 2024 - UNPFII Investor Brief, Leveraging the UNDRIP, Insights from Young Indigenous Professionals and More
- JUNE 19, 2025 - Produced IIPWG webinar *Investor Briefing: Emerging Issues, Updates, and Priorities from Native Leaders* (video)
- JUNE 19, 2025 - IIPWG June 2025 Strategy Call
- JUNE 13, 2025 - Presented at Lavdan Sami Arena - Financial Advocacy Workshop with Saami Council
- MAY 20, 2025 - Presented on the panel *Understanding the Consolidated Mining Standard Initiative (CMSI) and Investor Risk* with Oxfam for US SIF
- MAY 15, 2025 - IIPWG May 2025 Strategy Call
- MAY 14, 2025 - Presented on the panel *To Heal Our Planet, Invest in Regeneration*, part of the Total Impact Summit 2025
- MAY 5, 2025 - Delivered plenary on FPIC at the Alaska Conference on Mining Impacts and Prevention
- APRIL 21-MAY 2, 2025 - Produced and coproduced side and parallel events, presented at and moderated events, and supported partners at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) Twenty-fourth Session
 - APRIL 25, 2025 - Presented *Investor Workshop: Advancing Indigenous Peoples' Rights in the Consolidated Mining Standard Initiative in partnership with ICCR*
 - APRIL 24, 2025 - Moderated UN Secretary-General panel *Critical Minerals: Advocating for the Inclusion of an Actionable Recommendation on Indigenous Peoples' Rights*
 - APRIL 24, 2025 - Spoke on the side event *Mining Standards: Can They Effectively Uphold Indigenous Peoples' Rights or Simply Enable Corporate Self-Regulation?*
 - APRIL 24, 2025 - Moderated the Gwich'in Steering Committee panel *The Sacred Place Where Life Begins: Gwich'in Voices for the Caribou and Land*
 - APRIL 23, 2025 - Delivered statement
 - APRIL 22, 2025 - Presented on *Financing Energy Transition at What Cost? Ensuring Financiers Protect Indigenous Rights and Nature from Harmful Investments*, webinar by SIRGE Coalition (video)
- APRIL 17, 2025 - IIPWG April 2025 Strategy Call
- APRIL 1, 2025 - Presented on *Mining Standards and the Risks to Indigenous Peoples Rights from the Proposed CMSI* for SIRGE Coalition

Events & Convenings

- JULY 17, 2025 - IIPWG July 2025 Strategy Call (presentations from Right Energy Partnership with Indigenous Peoples (REP) and Asia Indigenous Peoples Network on Extractive Industries and Energy (AIPNEE))

- MARCH 20, 2025 - IIPWG March 2025 Strategy Call (Gwich'in Steering Committee Presentation)
- MARCH 17, 2025 - Roundtable with PRI Advance Indigenous Peoples Working Group
- MARCH 12, 2025 - CMSI presentation for PRI
- FEBRUARY 20, 2025 - IIPWG February 2025 Strategy Call
- FEBRUARY 13, 2025 - Presentation for the Saami Council, with support from Voices
- FEBRUARY 11, 2025 - Presentation at Measuring Beyond 2025 Conference: Social Impact at the Heart of Sustainable Transition
- JANUARY 23, 2025 - FPIC training session for ICCR
- JANUARY 16, 2025 - IIPWG January 2025 Strategy Call
- JANUARY 6, 2025 - Presentation to ICCR Just Transition Group on the CMSI
- DECEMBER 19, 2024 - IIPWG December 2024 Strategy Call
- DECEMBER 11, 2024 - Presented *Forwarding Indigenous Peoples' Right to Free, Prior and Informed Consent in Corporate Engagements* for PRI Advance
- NOVEMBER 25-27, 2024 - Attendance and partner support at the United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights
- NOVEMBER 21, 2024 - Produced the IIPWG webinar *Identifying Indigenous-led Funds for Catalytic Investing* (video)
- NOVEMBER 14, 2024 - Shareholder advocacy training at presentation at the WMAN 2024 Biannual Conference
- NOVEMBER 4, 2024 - Presented on FPIC and Indigenous Peoples' rights for ICCR
- OCTOBER 17, 2024 - IIPWG Strategy October 2024 Call (Apache Stronghold Presentation)
- SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 - IIPWG September 2024 Strategy Call (Shuar Arutam Presentation)
- SEPTEMBER 13, 2024 - Supported production of the webinar *Centering Indigenous Peoples' Self-Determination in the Energy Transition and Sustainable Development* by SIRGE Coalition (video)
- AUGUST 15, 2024 - IIPWG August 2024 Strategy Call
- AUGUST 5, 2024 - Presented on FPIC and Indigenous Peoples' rights for Sunrise Project
- JULY 18, 2024 - IIPWG July 2024 Strategy Call (Kipsigis Community Presentation) (video)

Press Releases, Statements & Eblasts

- JULY 15, 2025 - IIPWG July 2025 Call Agenda
- JULY 8, 2025 - Eblast: Tribal Benefit Agreements: Designing for Sovereignty - New Report from Tallgrass Institute
- MAY 29, 2025 - Eblast: IIPWG Indian Country Updates Webinar Invite
- MAY 13, 2025 - IIPWG May 2025 Call Agenda
- APRIL 15, 2025 - IIPWG April 2025 Agenda
- APRIL 10, 2025 - Eblast: INVITE: Indigenous Peoples and the Consolidated Mining Standard Initiative - Investor Workshop
- MARCH 18, 2025 - IIPWG March 2025 Call Agenda
- FEBRUARY 18, 2025 - IIPWG February 2025 Call Agenda
- JANUARY 14, 2025 - Eblast: Welcome to Tallgrass Institute: A Center for Indigenous Economic Stewardship
- JANUARY 14, 2025 - IIPWG January 2025 Call Agenda
- DECEMBER 18, 2024 - IIPWG December 2024 Call Agenda
- NOVEMBER 14, 2024 - Eblast: IIPWG Indigenous-led Funds Webinar
- OCTOBER 15, 2024 - IIPWG October 2024 Call Agenda
- SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 - IIPWG September 2024 Call Agenda
- AUGUST 12, 2024 - IIPWG August 2024 Call Agenda
- JULY 16, 2024 - IIPWG July 2024 Call Agenda

Media Coverage

- JULY 10, 2025 - Native CDFIs are positioned to step up, even without promised federal funds, ImpactAlpha
- JUNE 25, 2025 - New Brief for Investors Highlights Key Risks Posed by the Consolidated Mining Standard Initiative, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre
- JUNE 6, 2025 - Reflections from the Alaska Conference on Mining Impacts and Prevention, Alaska Conservation Foundation
- APRIL 23, 2025 - Faith Investors Demand Accountability on Indigenous Rights ahead of Citi and Wells Fargo AGMs, Stand.Earth
- MARCH 26, 2025 - Most critical minerals are on Indigenous lands. Will miners respect tribal sovereignty?, Grist
- SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 - “Interconnected”: The Battle Between Indigenous Rights and Lithium Mining in Thacker Pass, Medium
- SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 - RRII launches Canadian chapter of Investors & Indigenous Peoples Working Group (IIPWG), Reconciliation & Responsible Investment Institute
- SEPTEMBER 5, 2024 - 6 Things to Do on International Indigenous Women's Day, Cultural Survival
- SEPTEMBER 5, 2024 - The International Council on Mining and Metals' New Indigenous Peoples and Mining Position Statement Risks Doing More Harm Than Good, Earthworks
- AUGUST 26, 2024 - The lithium boom: What's holding back a lithium rush in the U.S.?, WBUR / NPR Boston
- AUGUST 19, 2024 - To Avoid Perpetuating Harm and Rights Violations, ICMM Must Correct its “Critically Weak” Indigenous Peoples’ Policy Links to FPW's ICMM analysis, SIRGE Coalition



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