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January Newsletter

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CTEPO Updates!

**December was busy from start to finish!
With the holidays, CTEPO was also working
with a rather compressed schedule.
Thankfully, we were able to get everything
done!**

**At the beginning of the month, CTEPO
conducted a waste audit to help us identify
areas of need in our waste management
services. We learned some very valuable
information in regard to household waste
and ways we can improve our waste
system.**

**Speaking of waste services, thank you to
Tribal Members for being understanding of
the various alterations made to the trash
route schedule this month. We very much
appreciate your patience.**

**Also, in December, we surveyed the
Reservation for wildlife, prepared for the
new year and continued our work on some
upcoming projects in collaboration with the
cultural department.**

**We are very excited to see what 2025
brings and can't wait to see you all in the
New Year! Cheers to 2025!**

Winter Calendar

JANUARY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Day	21	22	23	24	25
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FEBRUARY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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16	17 President's Day	18	19	20	21	22
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MARCH 2025

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Winter Wonderings

On January 4th, the Earth will be at its closest point to the Sun in its rotation. This is called the perihelion.

There are two birth flowers of January: the carnation and the snowdrop.

Greta Thunberg, famous climate change activist, was born on January 3rd, 2003.

January 2024 was the 10th wettest January in recorded history for the US.



You Snow You Wanna Laugh

What do you call a snowman's temper tantrum?

A meltdown

Where do snowmen keep their money?

A snowbank

Who is Frosty the Snowman's favorite aunt?

Aunt Arctica



A Global Commitment



Environmental Health is dependent upon us all. There are no boundaries which can confine these issues to one place or another.



A Complex Issue



Global collaboration on issues related to climate change and sustainable living have most prominently been attempted in the past few decades.

With notable meetings such as the Earth Summit in 1992 and the subsequent conferences aimed at tackling major environmental issues, representatives of the state and many global leaders have come together in an attempt to address these matters in an appropriate and effective matter.

Of course, as often seen with most global efforts, there is often interstate friction, continual revisions to plans, and serious political undertones which setback global environmental initiatives. These initiatives require a ton of energy and a delicate hand in order to properly achieve anything worthy

However, there have been some instances in which these efforts have been extremely successful. For instance, the swift response and successful management of the ozone crisis in the 1980s was a direct result of this type of worldwide acknowledgement and collaboration.

Conference of the Parties

Each year, leaders from around the globe come together to discuss the most pressing environmental issues during the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties.

This conference is an opportunity for the development and assessment of collaborative sustainability initiatives. It is a platform for climate advocacy on a global scale which allows for stakeholders to bring international attention to their many individualized stances.

Finding Equitable Solutions

It is important to understand the disproportionate impacts of the lifestyle of the Global North's wealthy countries when it comes to the issue of environmental degradation.

The Global South, the world's largely undeveloped nations, have not been participants in many of the activities responsible for the majority of the consequences of climate change. It is important to acknowledge this disparity and develop solutions which allow the Global South to grow while holding the each state of the North and South accountable for their part in the impacts of climate change.

Caring for the Earth requires global collaboration. The United Nations has developed the Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs) in an effort to facilitate sustainability initiatives with international support and cooperation. There are seventeen goals.

- 1.No Poverty
- 2.Zero Hunger
- 3.Good Health & Well-Being
- 4.Quality Education
- 5.Gender Equality
- 6.Clean Water and Sanitation
- 7.Affordable and Clean Energy
- 8.Decent Work and Economic Growth
- 9.Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- 10.Reduced Inequalities
- 11.Sustainable Cities and Communities
- 12.Responsible Consumption and Production
- 13.Climate Action
- 14.Life Below Water
- 15.Life on Land
- 16.Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
- 17.Partnership for the Goals

