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Biography: Crystal Reynolds has been the Tribal Archaeologist for the Northern Arapaho Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) since 2018. She started her education at Central Wyoming College where she obtained her Associates degree and moved to the University of Wyoming to complete her Bachelor's degree. Her first archaeology job was in Yellowstone National Park, and since then she has worked all over the United States and beyond. Since obtaining her position with the tribe, she has had great opportunities to work with numerous state agencies on projects and hold permits for conducting their own surveys off the Reservation. Crystal is also lucky enough to be able to include her son on some of her great adventures into the field with work and teach him about our history and modern day presence on the land.



Workshop: *Tribal Archaeology; Learn the Difference between Tribal Archaeology and Academic Archaeology* - Crystal will tell the story of how she got involved in archaeology, her journey through Cultural Resource Management (CRM), and returning to the reservation to learn tribal archaeology and how that differed drastically from what she was taught academically. You will look at artifacts, models, and pictures to gain an understanding of tribal archaeology versus academic. Students will have the opportunity to “excavate” a model archaeological site and ask questions. You will also talk about the other sciences that go into archaeology and how those play a big part, but also take a much deeper science to surround and add to the material existence of archaeology. Students will be asked to recap on what they learned, versus what they came in knowing. You will talk about the differences of archaeological types, sites, and artifacts. Finally, you will see if you can identify different sites through a photo slide show!