



For more information click on the picture above to go to the website of The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition.

Indian Residential Schools

ICF, along with the rest of the world, was horrified when the news broke in 2021 about the location of unmarked burials of many First Nation children at Kamloops in British Columbia. The atrocities coming to light are heart-breaking. We knew immediately that this was a situation where ICF could be of assistance.

Most of you know, but for those who don't ... there were hundreds of these

“schools” around the United States, beginning in Carlisle PA. Native American children were literally stolen from their homes and shipped hundreds, and sometimes thousands, of miles away, to schools where they were forceably “assimilated” into the white world. Their cultures were denigrated and they were forbidden to speak their own languages or practice their own religions. Treatment was extremely harsh, nutrition was poor and medical care at times non-existent. The truth of the atrocities is coming out and it is horrifying. One can only imagine the terror these children experienced. Children died, were abused (emotionally, physically and sexually) and/or were killed and buried, many times without markers at their graves. Oft times there was no notification to their parents, who never knew what happened to their babies.

Recently we were honored to have been able to work two boarding school sites and help bring a bit of closure to some descendant families. If your community has a need, please contact us via our website, www.icfk9.org.

Lynne

A Look Back on September 2020 A Devastating Year for Fires in California and Oregon

LNU Vacaville, CZU Complex Boulder Creek, Happy Camp NorCal, Bear Creek Oroville, Glass Fire Santa Rosa, Berryessa Napa, Oregon fires (Almeda, Santian, Holiday, Echo Mountain Complex and Archie Creek)

As I was looking through old pictures I found these shots taken on September 9, 2020. In mid-August, massive thunderstorms had raged through the mountains of California and into the mountains of Southern and Central Oregon. The thunderstorms, over a few days, brought over 15,000 lightning strikes and ignited over 600 fires in Northern and Central CA alone. This was the first time my home, in the San Francisco Bay Area, was threatened by an approaching fire.

Lynne and I took a day off to train our dogs during one of the most devastating fire seasons ever seen in California. The smoke from the fires north of us had blown into the Bay Area. We did not realize how bad it really was until we looked at the pictures later in the day.

ICF handlers worked with the Alta Heritage Foundation (AHF), recovering previously cremated remains kept in peoples' homes, at 11 major wildfires in Northern CA and Southern and Central Oregon, successfully recovering approximately 60 sets of cremains. This was the first time we had teamed with a group of archaeologists out of Southern Oregon University. We also worked

with several Oregon dog teams.

To date we have worked over 330 homes, returning close to 500 sets of cremains (from partial to full) to their loved ones.

~Adela~



Lynne with Jazz, Jasper and Jett, working on agility at one of our training sites.



Jett walking the elevated plank. As we worked the skies got darker and darker. The color of the air glowed and gave off a doomsday feeling. Looking back to that day as the skies got darker and the smoke got worse we should have left sooner and retreated to our homes and shut ourselves inside.



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The 2022 Fire Season

Sadly, the 2022 Fire Season is well underway. The McKinney Fire along the California/Oregon border near Interstate Highway 5, has been devastating for many families. The Alta Heritage Foundation is already getting requests from victims who have lost their homes, to help locate the previously cremated remains of their loved ones. If you know of anyone in California or Oregon, who is in need of our services, please pass our contact information along. Just click on the flyer below.

While we never charge for our services, donations to help off-set our expenses and safety gear are gratefully accepted. Click the link below to donate.

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Cremated Remains Recovery

Free Service to Wildfire Victims

If you lost your home and the cremated remains of your loved ones were inside, a team of volunteer archaeologists and trained canines are able to help recover them. Our team is offering this service to wildfire victims at **NO COST**.

There are important actions that need to occur immediately to facilitate the recovery of your family member's cremated remains:

- *Do not disturb the area by sifting through ashes*
- *Protect that area from foot traffic or debris removal*
- *Inform agency officials that human cremains are present on the property*
- *Submit a request to Alta Heritage Foundation as soon as possible (see below)*



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We are happy to talk with you about your project and
how our dogs might help locate human remains or burials.

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