



Karen Wilde

Ms. **Karen Wilde** is the Tribal Liaison for the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site, National Park Service, located in southeast Colorado. The primary responsibility of the Tribal Liaison is assist the Park management teams engage in consultation and information sharing between the park and the Tribes of the Cheyenne and Arapaho.

Karen has vast experience in partnering with state, federal and tribal governments. She has served as Tribal Partnership Specialist for the Denver Regional Census Center and previously as Project Coordinator for the Indian Health Service Coordinating Center-Special Diabetes Program for Indians at University of Colorado-Anschutz Medical Campus. In these two pivotal positions, she collaborated with urban American Indians, rural and reservation including Alaska tribes on education, advocacy, planning and implementation of the various programs. Her experience with consultation and government-to-government relationships evolved during the nine years she spent at the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, State of Colorado.

While with the National Park Service, Karen has served on the Intermountain Region writing team for the policy on Sacred Sites. She is a member of the recently formed NPS service-wide American Indian volunteer employee group, Council for Indigenous Relevancy, Communication, Leadership and Excellence (CIRCLE) and she served on the executive team of the Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE). Her community involvement includes volunteering on an assortment of boards and commissions including the Colorado State Advisory Council for the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. Ms. Wilde's awards include Women's Leadership Day in the City & County of Denver, Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award, Stephen B. Hart Award-Colorado Historical Society, and American Indian Educator Award-Native American Resource Group (Denver Museum of Nature & Science).

Karen is proud of her Muscogee (Creek) and Pawnee Nation heritage, is a first generation college graduate with a B.S. in Business Administration and holds a paralegal certificate. Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper recently re-appointed Ms. Wilde to her second term on the Fort Lewis College Board of Trustees.

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