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Duane Matt is a member of the Confederated Salish Kootenai and Pend D 'Oreille tribes located on the Flathead Indian reservation located in western Montana. Mr. Matt currently works as a Physical Scientist with the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. He previously worked as a Technology Coordinator with the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) in Denver, CO. OSMRE is part of the Department of the Interior (DOI).



Duane is a founding board member of SAIGE. Duane is also a current board member of SAIGE. Recently, he instigated a meeting between SAIGE board members and Google staff to provide SAIGE with the latest technology/tools to help the board work more efficiently. The result was each board member having a Chromebook to work with, and, use to communicate with each other.

Before working for OSMRE, Duane worked for the Bureau of Land Management (Initial Attach Fire Dispatcher), Scientific Applications International Corporation (Field Geologist), Bureau of Reclamation (Geological Intern), United States Department of Agriculture (Smokejumper) and National Park Service (Helitack/Firefighter). Duane also worked as a schoolteacher on the Laguna-Acoma reservation in New Mexico. He holds a Master's Degree in Geology and a Bachelor's Degree in both Geology and English/Secondary Education. Mr. Matt was a member of the University of Montana cross-country and track-and-field teams 1986-1990. He also possesses six years of experience coaching both boys' and girls' high school cross-country and track-and-field.