

Job takes family back to Australia

Bodie Shaw, his wife and three children will be living in Australia for the next six months.

Shaw is working in Australia with fire response agencies from across the Down Under, making arrangements for the sharing of resources in instances of major wildland fire response.

These arrangements will allow the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Australian agencies to share personnel and other assistance in international emergencies.

Shaw is the deputy director of the Branch of Wildland Fire Management for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He is responsible for all activities associated with wildland fire protection on Indian land across the U.S.

His home is in Kuna, Idaho, where he lives with wife Heather, and children Madison, Brendan and Cameron.

For the next six months Shaw and family will be living at Bendigo, Victoria, Australia.

Meanwhile, Alan Goodwin, the assistant chief fire officer of the Melbourne, Australia Department of Sustainability and the Environment, and his family will be living at Kuna.

The families exchange houses during the six-month exchange program.

Shaw was in Australia on a similar project in 2007, focusing mainly on developing arrangements with the Emergency Coordination Center in Melbourne.

Through those arrangements, U.S. fire fighters went to Victoria, Australia to help with emergency response.

Also through the arrangements, fire fighters from Australia and New Zealand in August came to the U.S. to help fire wild fires in California.

During this visit to Australia, Shaw will be working with Australian fire agencies other than the Melbourne agency. The town



The Shaw and Goodwin families met at the Shaw residence in Idaho, before the Shaws traveled to Australia. Members of the families are Allan Goodwin, daughter Georgia, wife Denise, Bodie and Heather's daughter Maddy, Tom and Nick Goodwin, Brendan Shaw, Cameron, Bodie and Heather (from left).

where he's living, Bendigo, population about 100,000, is about 90 miles from Melbourne.

Shaw said he is enjoying living there. The Australian driving habits were hard to get used to at first, but other than that, he and his family are having a great time. The three children are attending a school in Bendigo called the Eppalock Primary School.

During his first week in Australia, Shaw attended the Fifteenth Annual Australian Fire Authorities Council Conference in Adelaide, South Australia.

At the conference Shaw served on an aboriginal panel. Each panel member highlighted indigenous natural resource use and management.

"I presented some of the research findings from historic and present-day indigenous burning in the Pacific North-

west, reintroduction of fire and promoting cultural plants," said Shaw. "My Australian aboriginal colleagues presented on fire and use on their homelands."

Afterward, Shaw met with and got to listen to many stories from elders of the two presenters, Yankunytjatjara and Pitjantjatjara people of South Australia and the Northern Territories.

"They were curious about U.S. Indians," Shaw said. "The take home message for me was how they wish they had the luxuries and relationship with the federal government like the U.S. Indians do."

The Shaw family has developed a website that follows their Australian adventure:

www.aussie-shaws.blogspot.com

Team approves projects

The Resource Management Inter-disciplinary Team met on September 18 and approved a number of Small Project Assessments brought before them.

The team approved a project that will involve the digging of test holes on Eagle Butte to determine if the area is suitable for a new telecommunications tower.

They also approved a new

shooting range and construction of a fire hall at Sidwalter Flat.

The team approved a juniper removal project that will reduce fuel loads in the Warm Springs and Seekseequa areas, another project to clean-up the old trailer park, a PUD line at Greeley Heights, and a timber salvage at the site of the recent Tenino underburn.

Tribes getting out the vote

The deadline to register to vote in the 2008 National Election is October 14.

Of the 2,000 tribal members who are eligible to vote, 837 are registered.

The Get Out The Vote Committee is working to reg-

ister as many tribal members as possible by the Oct. 14 deadline.

If you would like more information on registering, please contact Louie Pitt at 553-3270. Or Teeney Miller at 553-3258.

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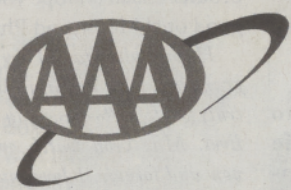
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