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Spokane Indian Housing Authority
(SIHA)

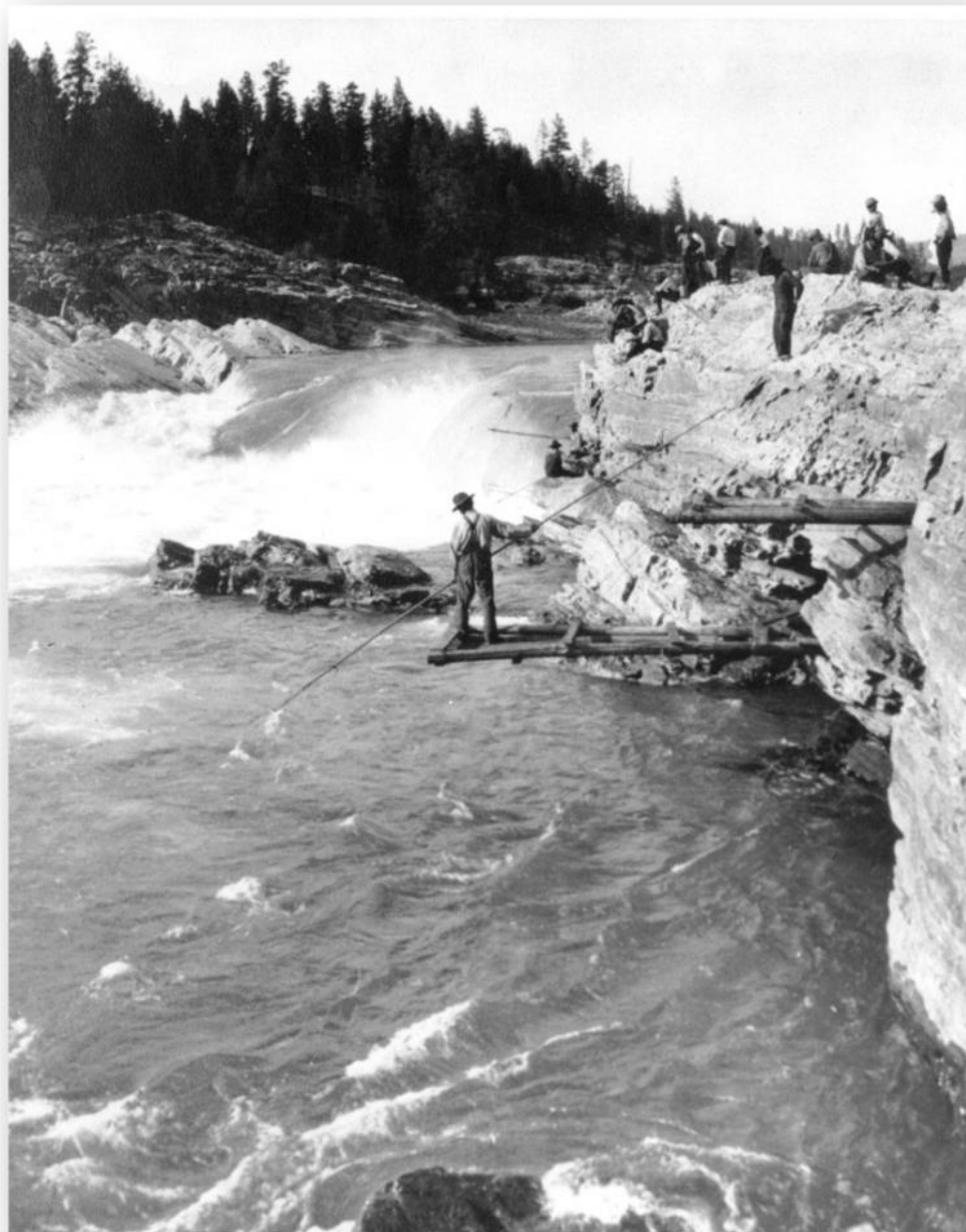


Children of the Sun

(Spokane Tribe of Indians)

(Peaceful Valley, Spokane, Washington) The Indian
Congress of October 1925





Cayuse Mountain Fire

(August 2016)

- In 2016 The Cayuse Mt. Fire left its devastating mark on the Spokane reservation causing much damage to local wildlife and land. In recent history this was the first time a fire of this scale had effected the Spokane tribal government, community and local first responders. The Cayuse wild fire awoke the consciousness of the Spokane tribe and (SIHA) that the severity of wild fires due to environmental change will not stop and we must be prepared for the worst scenario.





What is COSSI?

"Children of the Sun Solar Initiative" The Project

- **COSSI is a green energy plan that allows SIHA to install solar panels on essential tribal buildings that need to operate during an emergency and residential units.**
- **COSSI will lead into a second phase project of installing solar panels for SIHA managed units to reduce energy cost for families and tenants making affordable energy available.**
- **COSSI is an energy plan to address issues caused by environmental change that threaten the social, economic and environmental well-being of the Tribe, its people and land and promote energy sovereignty.**


Our Vision

- Reduce tribal energy cost and become focused on energy self reliance, self-sufficiency and energy sovereignty.
- Emergency readiness, being prepared will give the Spokane Tribe the edge it needs to combat threatening conditions in the future.
- Contribute to lowering our carbon footprint as a tribal entity by promoting and utilizing green energy.
- Address the significant energy reliability we have through non-tribal energy sources and move towards energy sovereignty and self sufficiency.

Plan of Action

- Working with tribal and housing partners fund \$ 2.13 Million dollars with grant and tax credit investments.
 - DOE matching grant for renewable energy for Indian lands
 - Tax Credit Investor
 - Wells Fargo Foundation
 - GRID Alternative Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund
- Install PV solar panels on 29 homes and 9 essential tribal buildings.
- Move Spokane Tribe to energy sovereignty.
- Provide affordable clean energy.
- jobs
- Blueprint for a second phase – COSSI II

Spokane Tribal Administration Building, Wellpinit WA (245.1 kW)

 HelioScope

Annual Production Report produced by Bjorn Johnson

● Detailed Layout



SIHA Office and campus 2019



SIHA Force account and Weatherization Shop 2019



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SIHA Campus and Elder/Senior Housing 2019



STOI Longhouse May 2019



Community Impact

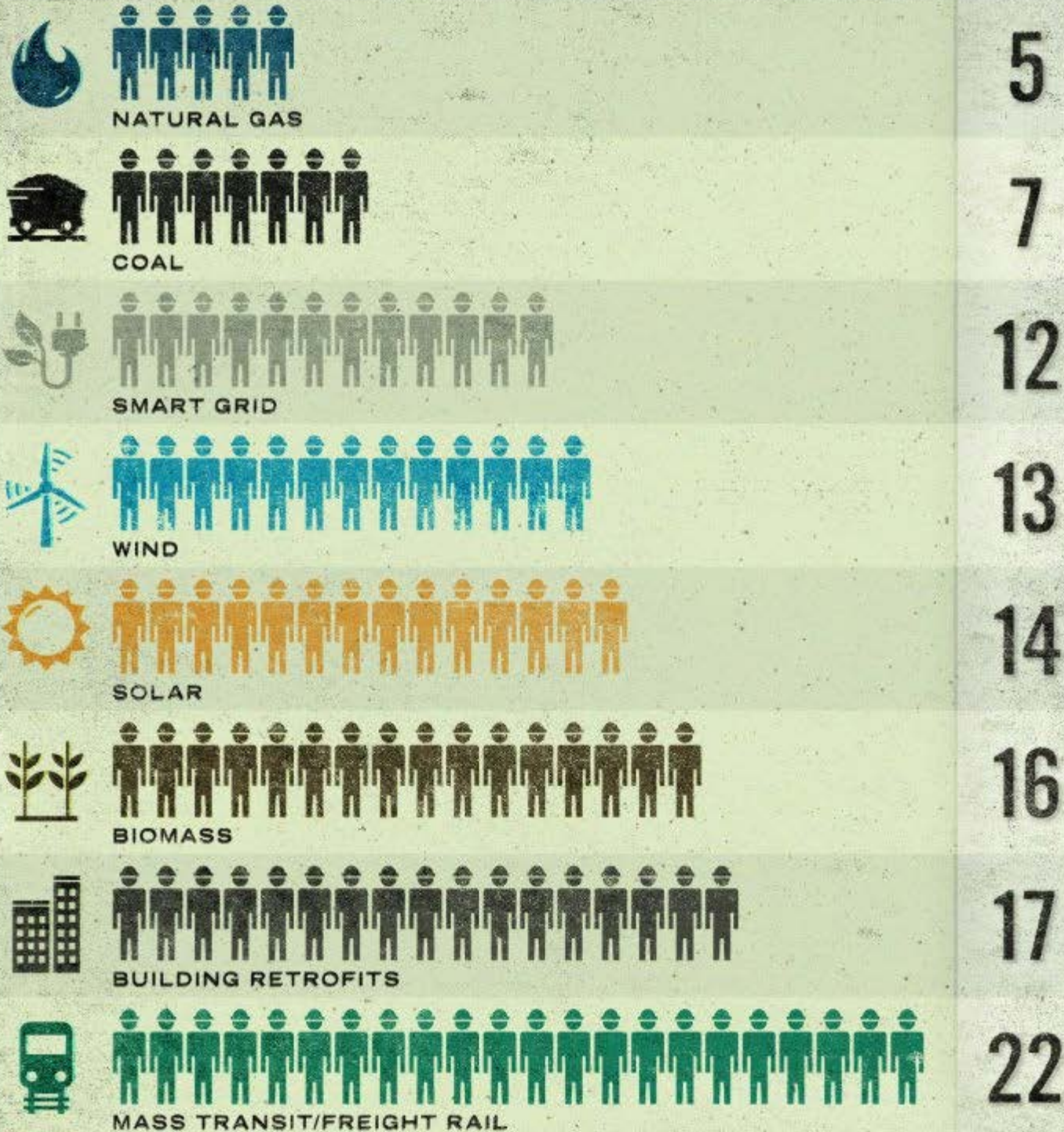
- Operations and Maintenance (O&M) contracted to Spokane Tribe's Sovereign Power entity .
- Train 6-8 tribal members.
- Create opportunity up to 4 Tribal member jobs.
- Lower energy bills for tribe.
- Change the status quo on renewable energy.

THE TRUTH

ABOUT

JOB CREATION

INVEST \$1,000,000 IN THE FOLLOWING INDUSTRIES, YOU GET THIS MANY JOBS:

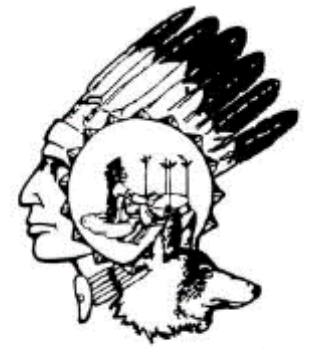


SOURCE: Political Economy Research Institute at the University of Massachusetts



Our Partners

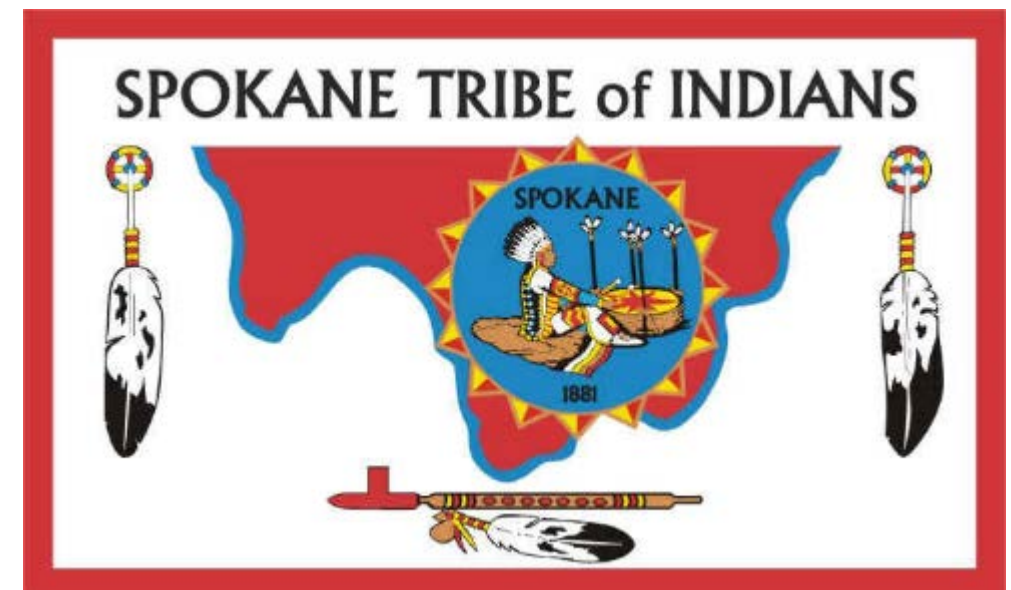
Spokane Tribe Of Indians



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of Indians**

- In earlier times, the Spokane Tribe lived on, protected, and respected over 3 million acres of land. Tribal members fished the Spokane River, the Columbia River, and utilized the grand Spokane Falls as a gathering place of family and friends. The Spokane's lived along the river in three bands known as the Upper, Middle and Lower Spokane Indians. Traditional campsites were lived in depending upon the Seasons of the year.
- In January 1881, President Rutherford B. Hayes formally declared the Spokane Indian Reservation the new and smaller home of the Spokane Indians. The three bands of Indians were split up and some found new homes, which are now known as the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation, the Flathead Indian Reservation, and the Colville Indian Reservation. Today the Spokane Indian Reservation is 157,376 acres in size. As of May 2017, tribal membership includes 2879 people; we are strong and growing. We welcome you and thank you for wanting to learn more about the proud Children of the Sun.

(Below) Salmon Chief monument on the Spokane falls, Spokane Washington. <http://spokanehistorical.org/items/show/508>



Major Funders



- Indian Energy Policy and Programs Grant: Deployment of Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy on Indians Land-2017
- Between 2010 and 2016, DOE office of Indian Energy co-funded the deployment of 43 tribal clean energy projects values at more than 70\$ million.
- DOE's support in clean energy developments, helps improve the quality of life in Indian country.
- <https://www.energy.gov/>



- Developed over 3 Megawatts of solar energy on Indian lands.
- A National developer who has worked with over 600 customers.
- <http://sunvest.com/>

Major Funders



- “\$5 million in charitable giving over three years to support solar projects in tribal communities.”
- <https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/corporate-responsibility/community-giving/>



- GRID Alternatives is a 501(c)(3) certified non-profit organization that brings together community partners, volunteers and job trainees to implement solar power and energy efficiency for low-income families, providing energy cost savings, valuable hands-on experience, and a source of clean, local energy that benefits us all.
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<https://gridalternatives.org/>

<https://tribalsolaraccelerator.org/about/>

Spokane Indian Housing Authority

- Established 1971
- Operates and manages 220 rental and mutual help units.
- 2 low income housing tax credit projects.
- Staff and workforce of over 37 employees.
- Force account and weatherization crews.
- Three Bands Construction
- Preliminary planning to build the Spokane Urban Indian Village.

<http://www.spokaneiha.com/>





<http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2018/aug/28/spokane-tribe-launches-children-of-the-sun-solar-i/>

<http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2019/may/27/solar-celebration-hosted-by-spokane-tribe/>

THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

“We’re delighted to bring this benefit to the reservation,” Horan said.
“Losing power during the fire was critical. Avista crews did an excellent job ... but they couldn’t work in the fire hot spots. We were looking at the loss of facilities – all of our administrative capacity could have been wiped out.” – Tim Horan, Executive Director of SIHA (The Spokesman Review)

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Thank You