

Dr. Cristina Eisenberg

Dr. Eisenberg is courtesy faculty at Oregon State University (OSU) in the College of Forestry and an Outstanding Alumna and Alumni Fellow at that school. A Native American and Latinx ecologist of mixed Raramuri and Western Apache heritage, she is the principal investigator on two multi-year projects within Indigenous communities: the Kainai First Nation in Waterton Lakes National Park, Alberta, Canada and the Kainai Reserve; and the Fort Belknap Indian Community, *Aaniiih* and *Nakoda* Tribes, Montana. These projects take place in forest and grassland ecosystems and braid Traditional Ecological Knowledge with Western science to find ecocultural restoration solutions, create Tribal conservation corps, and provide jobs and STEM higher education opportunities for Tribal youth. BLM funds her work in Fort Belknap, in partnership OSU and the Society for Ecological Restoration. She is a Smithsonian Research Associate and the former Chief Scientist at Earthwatch Institute, where she oversaw a global research program prioritizing ecological restoration, climate resiliency, social justice for Indigenous peoples, and sustainable natural resources production. Dr. Eisenberg has authored numerous journal articles, books, and book chapters, and serves on several boards and advisory councils. She works to help build government-to-government partnerships with Tribal Nations and Federal agencies in a manner that respects sovereignty and treaty rights and advances social and environmental justice. She lives in northwest Montana in a wild, remote valley with her husband.