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Stefanie Tsosie is a member of the Navajo Nation and a senior attorney for the Tribal Partnerships Program at Earthjustice, a national environmental non-profit law-firm. Her family is from Baahaali, New Mexico and Houck, Arizona on the Navajo Nation. Stefanie originally joined Earthjustice as an associate attorney in the Northwest Regional Office of Earthjustice in 2015. As an associate, she worked with many of Earthjustice's tribal and Indigenous clients, including the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in its fight against the Dakota Access Pipeline, the Menominee Indian Tribe in Wisconsin in its advocacy against the Back Forty Mine, and the Yurok Tribe to secure flows in the Klamath River for salmon.

Stefanie transitioned to Earthjustice's Tribal Partnerships Program in September of 2019. Stefanie is working to develop the Tribal Partnerships Program as a national project to partner with tribes and Indigenous communities across the country to preserve and protect their air, earth, water, and way of life. This work combines the practice of environmental law with the complex legal, cultural, and political issues unique to tribal and Indigenous people in North America. Stefanie continues to represent tribal governments, Indigenous communities, and non-profit organizations in environmental litigation in federal, state, and administrative proceedings. Stefanie is currently working with the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in its advocacy against the Line 5 pipeline re-route and continues to work with the Menominee Tribe on advocacy related to the Back Forty Mine. Stefanie is based in Seattle, but works with and represents clients all over the country.

Stefanie earned her B.A. from Stanford University in Sociology and Native American Studies in 2009. She earned her J.D. from the University of New Mexico School of Law in 2015, with a certificate in Indian law. At UNM she was an active member of the Native American Law Students Association and received the Mary Beth and W. Richard West, Jr. Award for excellence in Indian Law and the Honorable Pete Domenici Award for Excellence in Environmental Law. In addition to her work at Earthjustice, she also serves as a board member of the Washington State Bar Association's Indian Law Section.