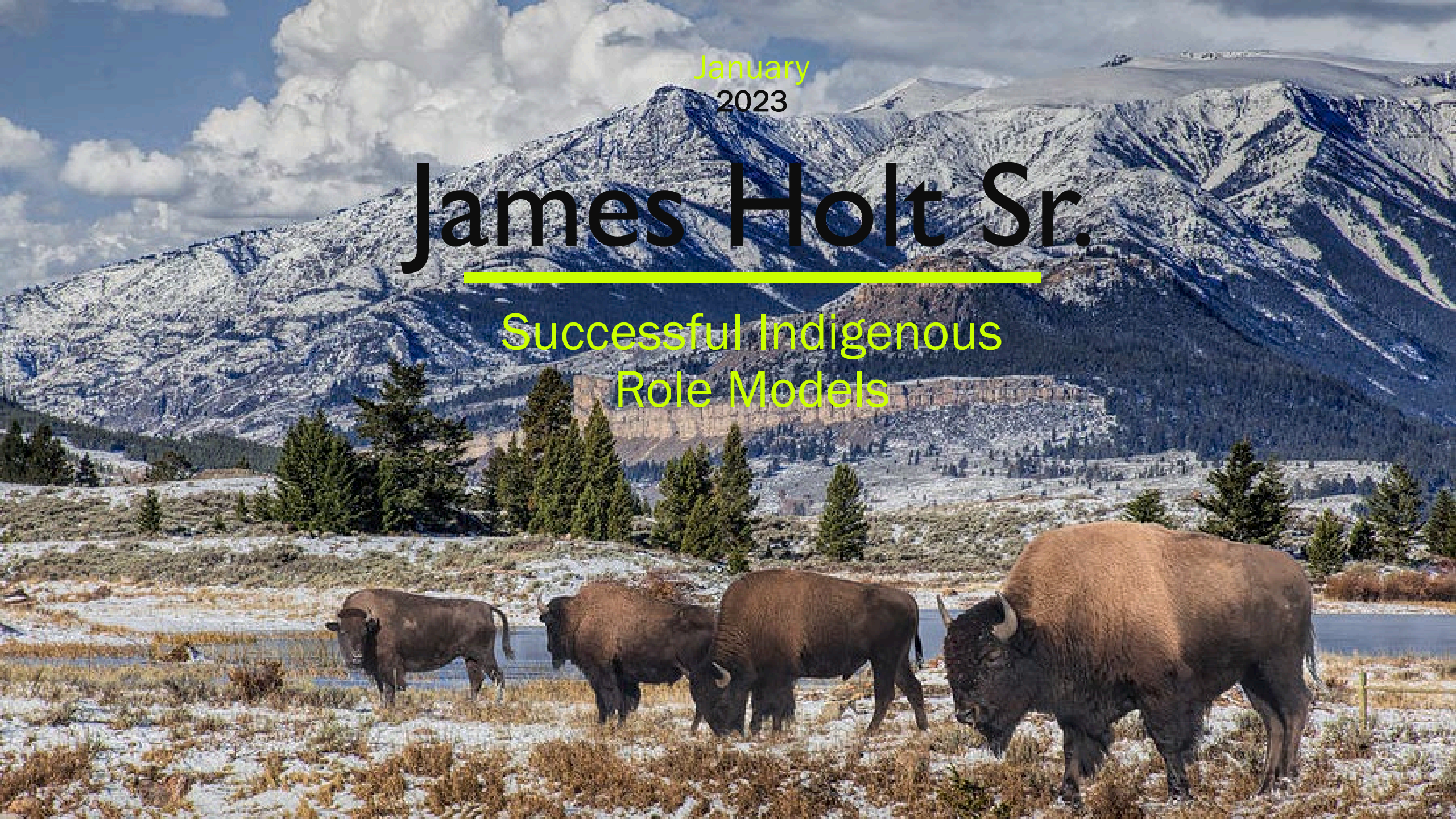


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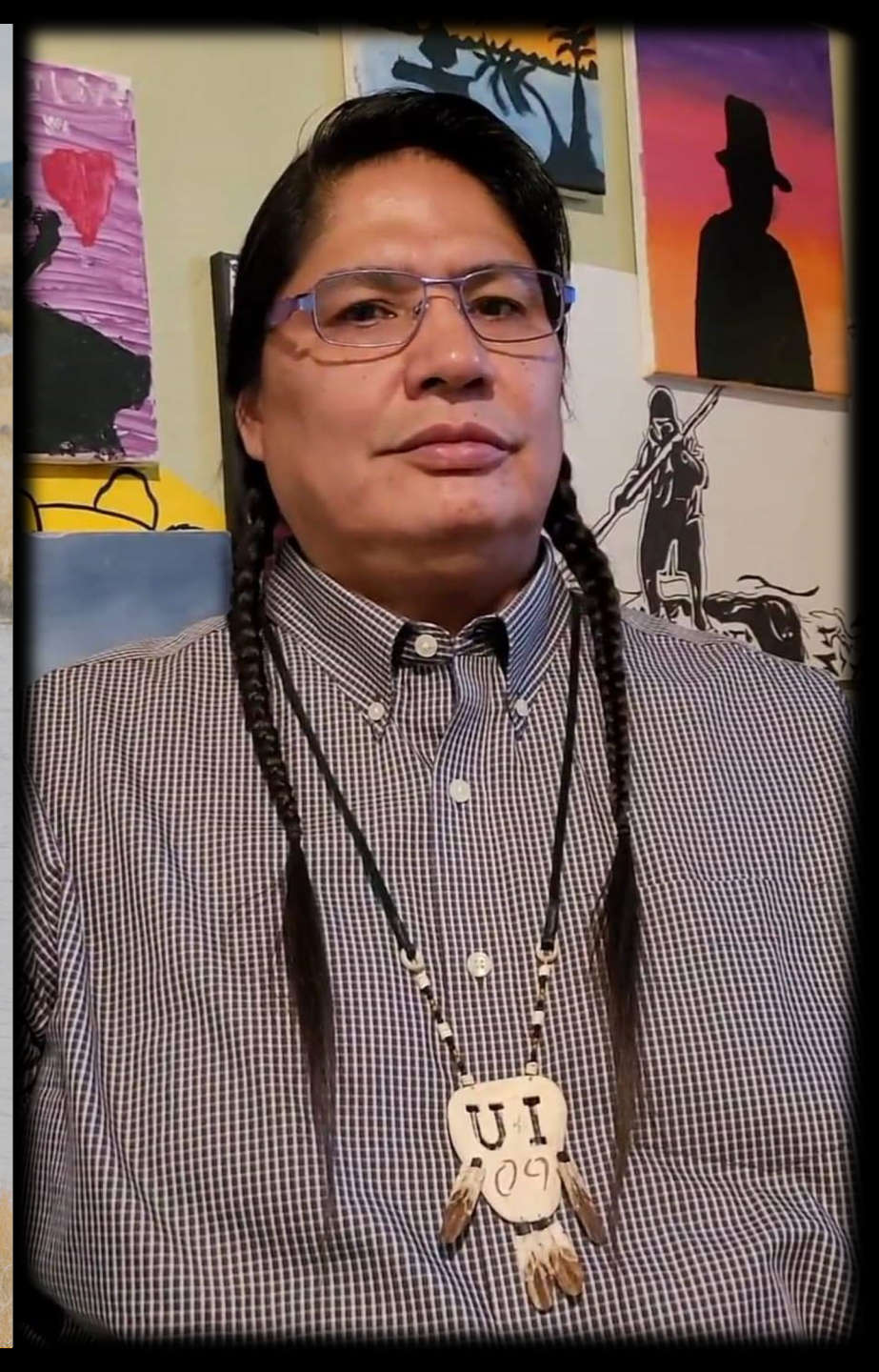
James Holt Sr.

Successful Indigenous
Role Models



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- James Holt Sr. was born in Lewiston, Idaho and raised in Lapwai, Idaho on the Nez Perce Reservation, where he reside today. His family lifestyle as a provider and is one of tradition that was taught to him early on. Learning how to hunt, fish, pick berries, dig roots, and harvest the leaves of various plants for spiritual and subsistence purposes. Holt was given the belief that his relationship with the natural world is sacred, and he treats it as such.



Education

- Holt's paternal grandpa and his dad sparked his love of the outdoors. His grandpa was a renowned fisherman and knowledge keeper, while his dad is a great hunter, statesman, and naturalist. Together they taught him what he knows about the ways of the rivers and mountains. He was given the responsibility of being a warrior for Mother Earth, to speak for her and her children.

- Holt Sr. continues learning after attaining his B.S. in Environmental Science from the University of Idaho as a Ronald McNair Scholar. He earned a Certificate in Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion and has completed his Master's Degree coursework in Water Law, Management & Policy. He currently is working on completing his thesis to wrap up his Master's.
- Holt excels as a Rural Environmental Sociologist and continues to contribute to his efforts by sharing his cultural wisdom and knowledge and the 23 years of environmental public policy experience he has to strengthen the Buffalo Field Campaign's vision and help bring their mission to fruition.



Involvement

- Holts family loves to volunteer, often assisting with local food drives, public awareness events, and subsistence fishing and hunting to support tribal families. In their free time we can find them in the mountains or on a river having fun. They also travel extensively to BFC Headquarters, referred to by their kids as the Buffalo Home.
- Holt served two terms on the Nez Perce Tribe's Fish & Wildlife Commission, and one term on the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC)
- Holt's managerial and executive experience also includes serving as Director of the Nez Perce Tribe's Water Resources Division, and Executive Director of Confluence Environmental Center located in Portland, Oregon.
- In addition to his work as the Executive Director of the Buffalo Field Campaign, he has served on the leadership committees of numerous nonprofit organizations that compliment his professional experience:
 - Friends of the Clearwater, Board Member
 - Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Chairman
 - Inter-Tribal Bison Cooperative, Treasurer
 - Spirit of the Salmon Foundation, President
 - Wolf Education and Research Center, Board Member
 - EPA Region 10, Tribal Operations Committee, Idaho Alternate Member

“The Earth and I are of one mind.”

- Nez Perce chief of the Wallowa Band, Chief Joseph

This motto is one that resonates deeply with Holt that he continues to share with the BFC community. What do you think this motto meant to them?” Share your thoughts on the form through [LINK](#) or at <https://forms.gle/xnPDTjwNUAZLGR5z6>