

## **Native American Observations of Weather and Climate exhibit update**

An exhibit on Native American Observations of Weather and Climate has been installed in the Center for Western Studies on the campus of Augustana University in Sioux Falls, SD. The exhibit is similar to an exhibit installed at the U.S. Geological Survey's Earth Resources Observation and Science (EROS) Center. This exhibit, funded by the NOAA Preserve America Initiative Internal Funding Program and the U.S. Geological Survey, describes and displays traditional (i.e., non-instrumental) environmental observations (e.g., observations of physical features, plants, or animals) made by the Native Americans that depict weather and climate events. The exhibit features several examples of the drawings that depict the observed weather or climate events and video clips of a Native American topical expert who responds to questions that may be selected on an interactive monitor included in the exhibit.

*Importance:* This exhibit describes and displays traditional (i.e., non-instrumental) Native American historical observations of environmental phenomena similar to those now observed with satellites (e.g., observations of flooding rivers, the influence of drought on vegetation, and snow cover). *POC: Kevin Gallo*



Traveling version of Native American Observations of Weather and Climate exhibit at the Center for Western Studies. Exhibit is located in a hallway that leads to exhibit of an animal hide that includes recorded weather and climate observations.



*Native American Observations of Weather and Climate* exhibit located at Center for Western Studies on the campus of Augustana University, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.