

## Introduction of CDC Deployers to the Ft. McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe

Dr. Steven Mischler is currently a senior research scientist for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), an agency in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Dr. Mischler received his Ph.D. from the School of Occupational and Environmental Health at the University of Pittsburgh, School of Public Health. Since joining NIOSH in 2002, Steve's work has focused on occupational exposure assessment and control for airborne hazards including, coal mine dust, diesel particulate matter and elongate mineral particles. Dr. Mischler has served in an infection prevention and control role on several previous deployments including deploying to West Africa for the Ebola response in 2015, to Ghana for the Polio response in March 2020 and to Idaho for the COVID-19 response in June of this year.



Damian Weikum is an epidemiologist at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In his day job, he works on the CDC Global HIV Community Engagement Team and helps communities across the globe in their fight to prevent HIV. Damian graduated from Yale University, where he received his Bachelor of Science in molecular biology and Master of Public Health in epidemiology of microbial diseases. In his spare time, Damian enjoys hiking, camping, cycling, and playing soccer and basketball.



Until early October, Damian and Steve will be supporting the Ft. McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe in their response to COVID-19. We are very grateful for the gracious invitation from the Tribal Council and look forward to meeting Tribal members over the next few weeks.