



## Russell Felicia

Russell grew up in Oacoma, South Dakota and graduated from Chamberlain High School in 2013. He is an enrolled member of the Kul Wičasa Oyáte (Lower Brule Sioux Tribe). He has always loved working outdoors with wildlife.

Russell attended college at South Dakota State University. He completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife and Fisheries with a Minor in Rangeland Management. Toward the last couple of years of his schooling he became involved with the Pathways program for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He did his internships for the pathways program at Lower Brule Agency working under the Fire program. After a few years of experi-

ence in the Wildlife and Fire areas of study he turned his focus to some rangeland management studies.

Russell graduated from South Dakota State University in May of 2018. He followed up graduation by starting a job on the Rosebud Reservation. He worked there as a rangeland specialist for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Since May, 2022, Russell is working as the tribal liaison for the Crow Creek (Hunkpati Oyate) Sioux Tribe for the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

The Dakota Indian Foundation was one of the many scholarships that helped him along the way to his college degree.