

My name is Brenda Takes Horse and I am the Dena'ina Athabascan, a member of the Kenaitze Indian Tribe and a share holder in an Alaska Native Claim Settlement Act or ANCSA Regional Corporation. I have served as the native liaison for BLM in Alaska for the last fifteen years. I am Alaska Native; a political designation meant to encompass Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts in Alaska and not Native Alaskan which has a geographic reference to a birthplace. The topic I am covering is tribes in Alaska and how we consult with Alaska Tribes and ANCSA Corporate land owners. Why should you learn this? So you can be more effective in communication and negotiate with the right parties at the table. It will also help you avoid litigation and duplication of efforts. The objective is given the ability to locate the federally recognized tribal leaders list, understand the similarities and differences of tribes in Alaska and differentiate between tribes and ANCSA Corporations to adhere to Executive Order 13175, which is consultation and coordination with Indian Tribal Governments. Now that you know the objective, let's take a look at how to get there. We will be accomplishing this by examining Indian History in the lower forty-eight states and comparing it to Alaska Native History. It will also explain some of Alaska's uniqueness. Let's start with the tribal leaders list which is the official list of federally recognized tribes. If a tribe isn't on the list it isn't federally recognized.