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Tribal Relations: New Guidance
1780 Manual

• Tribal Relations

Handbook 1780-1

• Improving and Sustaining Tribal Relations
Learn about tribal organization

Demonstrate respect for tribal heritage and worldview

Read ethnographic histories

Build long-term relationships based on our common interest in managing & protecting lands & resources
BLM representatives in consultation
Programs with responsibilities for tribal consultation

- Cadastral survey
- Cultural resources
- Fire & aviation
- Forestry
- Lands & realty
- Minerals
- Planning & NEPA
- Rangeland & plant conservation
- Recreation
- Renewable energy
- Soil, water & air
- Wildlife & fisheries
- Wilderness
Statutes and legislation

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BLM Manual 6341.19
- Management of BLM Wilderness

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- American Indian Religious Freedom Act (AIRFA)
- Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)
- Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments (Executive Order 13175)
- Indian Sacred Sites (Executive Order 13007)
Indian tribes are sovereign domestic dependent nations

They are not stakeholders, municipalities, state governments, or the public.
What is Consultation?

- Two-way communication between the agency and an American Indian or Alaska Native tribal government regarding proposed BLM actions
- The purpose is to obtain substantive tribal input and involvement in the decision making process
- Each tribe may have their own idea of what is meaningful consultation
Consultation efforts

- Notification letter
- Follow up emails and phone calls
- Person to person visits
- Presentations and meetings
- Field visits
Each tribe is unique!

The nature of the interaction between individual tribes and the BLM should be mutually agreed.
What are BLM’s property-based trust responsibilities?

- Indian minerals management
- Cadastral survey of Indian properties
- Potential effects of public land actions that extend onto tribal lands
On BLM-administered lands...

Are not considered Indian Trust Assets

- Land, resources, or property on public lands
- Archaeological sites
- Traditional cultural or religious places
- Sacred sites
- Plants and animals important to Indian tribes
- Human remains and cultural items

On BLM-administered lands…
Compensation to tribes

Managers may provide, or require that land use applicants provide, financial compensation to Indian tribes to help cover the costs for consulting with the BLM on land use planning and authorizations.
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Appropriated funds or cost reimbursable accounts may be used to reimburse tribal elders or officials for travel expenses to attend meetings in connection with NEPA, FLPMA or the NHPA Section 106 process.
What is in the handbook?

- How to conduct and document consultation efforts
- How to identify tribal leaders and their representatives
- How to develop strategies to achieve success in our relations and G-to-G consultations
- How to recognize tribal motivations driving consultations
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