

Unified Fed. Water Policy

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Group 1: ⁹ participants Federal & tribal

1.a. - What do you like & what would you want changed?

- * - Place tribes in a higher status or position in the document - emphasize their role more.
- ID tribes as co-managers of the resource
- ID tribes as not locked in w/ local state i.e. not just another interest group
- * - Some tribes have rights outside the bounds of their reservation & are involved w/ local cities...
- Unified approach is good
- Notice to tribes got late. It's so important that some steps should have been made to get or assure to participate
- * - Good to see watershed based boundaries
- easier to work w/ those boundaries
- Want to establish std definition of terms being used; unify the Fed. position on Trights.
- Good to see it is watershed based
- Want more interaction w/ FG; almost no connection. They don't seem to care what we are doing.
- Want to compliment one another.

1.b. #. What direction should we be heading? (next steps)

- Hard to say how & where we start; get tribes involved need a Needs Inventory for these areas. (They have no \$'s)
- Missing integrating this w/ other initiatives already in place, esp. implementing it w/ concurrent work.

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- Feds need to look at structures of their agencies
i.e. EPA, FWS, FS, all have diff. geographic areas (Regions) & need to approach consistently
- Need to be Forest level local meetings, prior to final draft
- Federals need to contact tribes - that's not being done.
- This would pull several tribes together 8-10 tribes
- EPA should come to Coast (Indian Country) . .
- * - Standardize terms is needed.
- Missing: how is this really going to affect us? give examples, FS & Timber sale? how to apply this?
i.e. Clarify responsibilities locally & so how they line up w/ tribes. It takes #'s & do this.
- * - Turn the responsibility over to tribes. #6.93-638
Restoration project level or basin wide or?
i.e. they are local & know the area.; they have expertise.
- Don't see a commitment to work w/ tribes in this.
- Some actions have potential to affect tribal resources.
- Agree to use tribal expertise & need #'s to go w/ it.
- Need a clear definition of BIA & Am. Indian Env. Office
- e.g. Trustee to monitor other feds.
BIA is a "co-imp" of Animal & Res. resources.
QIN allotments are held in trust, but Indian manage.
- Indian land in PNW = 53% of Oregon in acres.
- * - BIA should be equal partner w/ other feds. Define Role

Phase

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2. Most effective processes for ~~meaningful~~ consultation
w/ tribes & how to pay for restoration
- #1 = water quality / ecosystem
 - 2 = economic self suff. ensure sustainable
 - 3 economic sustain
 - 4 cultural sustain
 - 5 Indian Water Rights need to be acknowledged.
- * - Direct communication Feds need to know tribal leaders & resource staff; reg. meetings
- Focus on local contacts direct w/ leader, not groups.
- * { - Feds. need training & ed. "Consultation 101".
- Call tribes first! before acting; not to comment on draft
 - Emphasize that tribes are sep. govt.
 - protocol, return the calls! from tribes.
 - Consultation: Tech level, Policy level, like w/ NMFS, FS ... a tier approach.
 - underscore "meaningful" i.e. early in planning
 - Consultation, at state level? since States are part of this process? Need states to approach similarly.
 - id. Tribes as co-mgrs will help communications.
 - as Feds acknowledge Tribes as govt helps Tr's talk to States.

2a. Priorities for funding forest projects

- If Feds want tribes to participate need to send help and/or it's to get to a solid plan
- How Tr's will be integrated

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- Feds. ~~etc~~ who have a project in or near Tr, find additional contribution of \$'s, a distribution method or mechanism.
- How do priorities get funded? via a task force to help allocate.
i.e. within the funding or appropriations may be non-BIA agencies could transfer funds to BIA, who could then contract w/ tribe
- May have to assess & own budget, have agency prioritize one division project. When id. a program make sure address 1" project as a pilot.
- projects? priorities see 5 points earlier or find other ways to distribute \$'s Multi agency group to look at projects & priorities.

Partnerships

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Best way to develop w/ others

- Open communication in timely manner.
e.g. roadless area - not a telephone survey!
Need letters, maps, time to respond.
Use web sites!
- Develop a trust relationship
- " " " set done locally
- Partnerships Conferences in ES have been missing Tribes! So, include tribes in these efforts, get better at it.

Collaboration ? means

- - a) get together & hug
 - b) all compromise & go away wanting more
- Means working together, side by side
not just looked to for input.
- Honest dialog (not nice discussion (not so gossy))
"Help me do this", not send me your comments!

Examples where & why worked:

- reason, because focus on common area & what we could do or can do.
- Restoration of local timber co. rather than court put diff aside, go for common goal even though each had diff reasons for that goal
- get to a level of trust, so can work together
- Wetland admin near K. Falls - from design to finish, using 8 members as part of work force

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QIN, Park, ?, Road decommission
had good working relation w/ local staffs.

- Tribal Bio's had hands on work.

NPS & culture sites we to technicians.
What part to play; role?

- Being at the table (being told the table exists)
on a govt to govt basis

- Work w/ other agencies to help get more \$
to tribes. BIA request, CWA & ...

to discuss next step that will or could help to \$
i.e. get anything/something to 638, early in FY.

- What Feds allow. good start in draft Fed Regist

- ~~Tribe~~ - decision maker & help manage water ~~leads~~
Tribe is a teacher for Dist Ranger ... etc. we do
have that info & background to offer; our Role

Bruce: consult.

tiered approach, contact offcial first
Then Feds need tech. consultation, & policy next
NMFS & FWS works well on resource issues.

Role of Tribe = work w/ tribe - consuls.
but may be not a co decisionmaker.
Tr = educators to. e.g. new Ranger.