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To: Field Managers, Nevada

From: State Director, Nevada

Subject: Authorizing Native American Monitoring

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Manual 8160, Native American Coordination and Consultation and the associated BLM Manual Handbook H-8160-1, General Procedural Guidance for Native American Consultation, define general policy and guidelines for Native American consultation. National policy precludes tribal monitoring for all land use authorizations within a tribe's aboriginal territory to protect undefined general tribal interests or concerns.

Within these constraints, this Instruction Memorandum clarifies how to determine when it is appropriate to allow tribes to participate in the land-use compliance process for implementing land use decisions. For all undertakings, BLM initiated or not, the policy is:

1. Field Managers should use the normal tribal consultation process to develop case-by-case monitoring plans when necessary. These plans are appropriate when:
  - a. the tribe provides sufficient specific information to identify and justify specific monitoring targets (definite locations with definite resources at risk and a specific resource management goal);
  - b. monitoring is limited to such specific targets; and
  - c. the number of independent monitors from each concerned tribe at each monitoring target is minimized.
2. Field Managers retain the authority to stop work, as needed, and should not give tribal monitors the independent authority to stop work or to require work to stop when tribal monitors are not available.
3. Tribal monitoring will be compensated according to Nevada IM 2002-005.

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