

FY10 – MTSO Tribal Consultation Program Summary

Tribal Consultation/Information Meetings Attended

8/17-19/2010 – Billings, MT (Ft. Belknap Energy Conference)

9/20/2010 - Ft. Belknap – Assiniboine/Gros Ventre

9/21/2010 - Rocky Boy – Chippewa Cree

9/30/2010 – Rapid City, SD (Dept. of Interior)

Winnebago of Nebraska

Rosebud

Ogalala

Santee Sioux of Nebraska

Chippewa – Red Lake

Omaha

10/14/2010 - Ft. Peck – Assiniboine/Sioux

11/9-10/2010 Spearfish, SD (MT/WY BLM)

Lower Brule

Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate

Yankton

Cheyenne River

Rosebud

Ogalala

Northern Cheyenne

Crow Creek

11/19/2010 – MTSO - Crow

Planning Efforts (Review-Comment-Contribute)

Oil and Gas Leasing Reform Implementation Plan

Hiline RMP

Dewey –Burdock Uranium Recovery

MSTI – draft EIS/cultural PA/Tribal Consultation Plan

On the horizon:

Tongue River Railroad- PA revision (MCFO)

GCC Dakota Limestone Conveyor Belt (SDFO)

Billings RMP

South Dakota RMP

Wind Quarry, wind application (SDFO)

Tribal Outreach Efforts

7/28-29/2010 - Shoshone Bannock elder tour of DFO

9/23-24/2010 – Presentations at Bannock Gathering, Ft. Hall Reservation

Partnership Development

Bridging the Divide: A Natural and Cultural Resources Field Camp for Tribal High School Students - Partners include: Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Salish-Kootenai College, Two Eagle River School, Shoshone-Bannock Jr/Sr High School, Montana Office of Public Instruction- Indian Education Program (<http://btd2010.wordpress.com/>)

Working with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe, the Dillon field Office to develop a memorial to Chief Tendoy on a 40 acre parcel of BLM on Ennis Lake, near the birth place of Chief Tendoy.

Bureau of Indian Affairs – IGO contract to jointly sponsor annual consultation meetings with the Montana/Wyoming Tribes, assist in providing training opportunities for personnel of THPO's.

Working group of Montana/North Dakota/South Dakota tribes to develop tribal consultation protocols that would cover the Montana BLM- Eastern Montana/Dakotas District and the Wyoming BLM-High Plains District (a suggestion made at the meeting in Spearfish, SD)

National Park Service- submitted an application for a Cultural Resources Diversity Internship Program 2011. Park Service will help fund a cultural resources internship position geared towards diversity student candidates.

Development of Training Opportunities

Disseminate link for web based training “Working Effectively with Tribal Governments”, recommended for Field Office and District Managers, State Office Managers and Program leads, and Cultural Resources staff. (<http://tribal.golearnportal.org/>).

Hosting “Trust Fundamentals”, a 2 ½ day training course provided by Thomas Bird Bear, of the Office of the Special Trustee, Trust Training. Proposed for August 2011. Course recommended for Oil and Gas employees and Field Offices that handle O&G on reservation lands; lands staff that deal with allotted land records, Cadastral employees that work on reservation lands.

Cultural Awareness Presentations: have discussed with Northern Cheyenne and Ogallala Tribes Treaty council the potential to provide cultural awareness workshops or presentations for Field Office/State Office employees.

Future Tribal Outreach Opportunities

Chippewa-Cree of Rocky Boy Reservation have expressed an interest in showing BLM staff areas of cultural significance on BLM lands, so they can be recorded and protected. Will arrange a field trip for summer of 2011 (will involve Lewistown and Hilina Districts).

Blackfeet Tribe THPO has expressed an interest in having the Hilina District provide staff and tribal elders with a tour of cultural resources located in the Big Bend of the Milk ACEC.

The Blackfeet Tribe is interested in completing a cultural study/Ethnographic Overview of the tribal use of the Sweet Grass Hills to augment information and enhance the management of the designated TCP/ACEC.

The Shoshone Bannock Tribes have expressed an interest in having the Dillon Field Office provide a tour of archaeological site the Centennial Valley for tribal elders, and can use the opportunity to show elders the proposed vegetation treatment projects along Bean/Price Creeks.

Proposed Enhanced Tribal Coordination Efforts

Add Tribal Coordination home page to the BLM/MT Internal and External web sites:

- One stop shop location of information for tribes

- Questions and Answers

- Planning/NEPA Project Lists and Summaries

- Partnerships/Contracting Opportunities

- Tribal Employment Opportunities (permanent and seasonal)

- Annual Summary of BLM tribal consultation efforts,

- BLM Bi-monthly electronic Tribal Consultation newsletter

- Information sharing for projects, issues, and updates