

FY11 – MTSO Tribal Consultation Program Summary

Tribal Consultation/Information Meetings Attended

10/14/2010 - Ft. Peck – Assiniboine/Sioux (Hiline RMP and Major Projects)
11/9-10/2010 Spearfish, SD (MT/WY BLM)

Lower Brule	Rosebud
Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate	Ogalala
Yankton	Northern Cheyenne
Cheyenne River	Crow Creek

11/19/2010 – MTSO – Crow (Big Day)
2/2/2011 – Northern Cheyenne (Miles City RMP and Major Projects)
2/22/2011 – Crow (Two Leggins)
3/23-3/24/2011 – BLM/BIA THPO Meeting in Helena (MT/WY BLM)

Blackfeet	Ft. Peck – Assiniboine/Sioux
Crow	Ft. Belknap –
Rocky Boy - Chippewa-Cree	Assiniboine/Gros Ventre
Flathead - Salish-Kootenai	

4/19/2011 – Crow (Pryor 107th Committee) – Outreach with Tribal Elders
5/19-5/20/2011 – Pierre, SD (BLM MT/WY)

Lower Brule	Northern Cheyenne
Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate	Crow Creek
Yankton	Standing Rock
Cheyenne River	Flandreau Sioux
Rosebud	Ft. Peck

5/6/2011 – Crow (Old Horn)
7/19/2011 – Crow (Pryor 107th Committee) – Outreach with Tribal Elders
8/2/2011 – Crow (Pryor 107th Committee, field trip to Absarokee)
8/8-8/9/2011 – Bannock Gathering – Outreach with Tribal Elders
Shoshone Bannock Tribes – Ft. Hall, Idaho
8/24/2011 – BLM Onshore Oil and Gas Order Tribal Consultation meeting, Billings, MT
Ft. Berthold – Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara
Blackfeet
Ft. Belknap – Assiniboine, Gros Ventre
Ft. Peck – Assiniboine, Sioux
Wind River – Eastern Shoshone, Northern Arapaho
BIA Northern Rocky Mountain Region
8/31/2011 – Federal Programs and Partnerships in Indian Country Workshop
(Billings, MT)

Training Offered

8/16-8/18 – Office of the Special Trustee and BLM MT/Dakotas - “Trust Fundamentals: Understanding the Modern Indian Trust”, (Billings,MT)

BLM Montana/Dakotas Tribal Coordination Program Development

Tribal Coordination Vision Statement (approved by the State Director and SLT)

Strategy for Enhanced Tribal Coordination (approved by State Director and SLT)

Action Plan for the Development of a Tribal Consultation Protocol with Federally Recognized Indian Tribes Having Cultural and Treaty Rights Interest in Public Lands and Minerals Managed by the BLM Montana-Eastern Montana/Dakotas District and BLM Wyoming High Plains District (approved by the MT and WY District Managers)

Crow Ethnographic Overviews for the Billings Field Office (directed STEP student’s efforts to complete tribal elder interviews to provide ethnographic overviews for the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range and the Grove Creek ACEC areas in the Billings Field Office)

Planning Efforts (Review-Comment-Contribute)

Billings RMP (provided **Tribal Interests** sections of chapters 2, 3, and 4)

South Dakota RMP (provided **Tribal Interests** sections of chapters 2, 3, and 4)

Miles City RMP

Oil and Gas Leasing EAs (working on a template for tribal/cultural resource issues)

Dewey –Burdock Uranium Recovery, draft SEIS, cultural PA, TCP survey scope of work

MSTI – draft EIS/cultural PA/ developed Tribal Consultation Plan reviewed by Montana and Idaho BLM

Tribal Outreach Efforts

8/2/2011 – Crow, Pryor 107th Committee, field trip to old Absarokee Agency

8/8-8/9/2011 – Presentations at Bannock Gathering, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes 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.

Working group of Montana/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)

Working group of Montana/Wyoming tribes to develop tribal consultation protocols that would cover the Montana BLM- Western/Central/HiLine Districts and the Wyoming BLM-Wind River/Big Horn Basin District (a suggestion made at the meeting in Helena, MT)

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. (APPLICATION NOT FUNDED)

Working with Sarah Romero Minkoff and the EEO Program on the following partnerships for 2012 and 2013.

Salish-Kootenai College- Dr. Jeff Bendremer is offering a degree program and training for Tribal Historic Preservation Officers. We are seeking funding to create internship/archaeological field school opportunities with the BLM. Students would intern/mentor with Cultural Resource specialists in various field offices across the state.

Little Big Horn College- Partnership with the BLM-Billings Field Office, Custer National Forest and Crow Tribe. We are seeking funding to develop a project to use students to research, document, and formally evaluate Traditional Cultural Properties on BLM and FS lands in the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range. The goal will be to provide ethnographic overview of areas important to tribes, assist the field office in documenting and recording traditional cultural properties, and complete formal National Register nomination for identified properties.

Chief Dull Knife College – Partnership with the BLM-Miles City Field Office and the Custer National Forest Ashland District. Seeking funding to develop summer natural resource programs for local high school students, an expansion of the **Bridging the Divide: A Natural and Cultural Resource Field Camp for Tribal College and High School Students**, to the Northern Cheyenne Tribe.

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/>).

Cultural Awareness Presentations: have discussed with Northern Cheyenne and Oglala 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 (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.