

Consultation with Tribes

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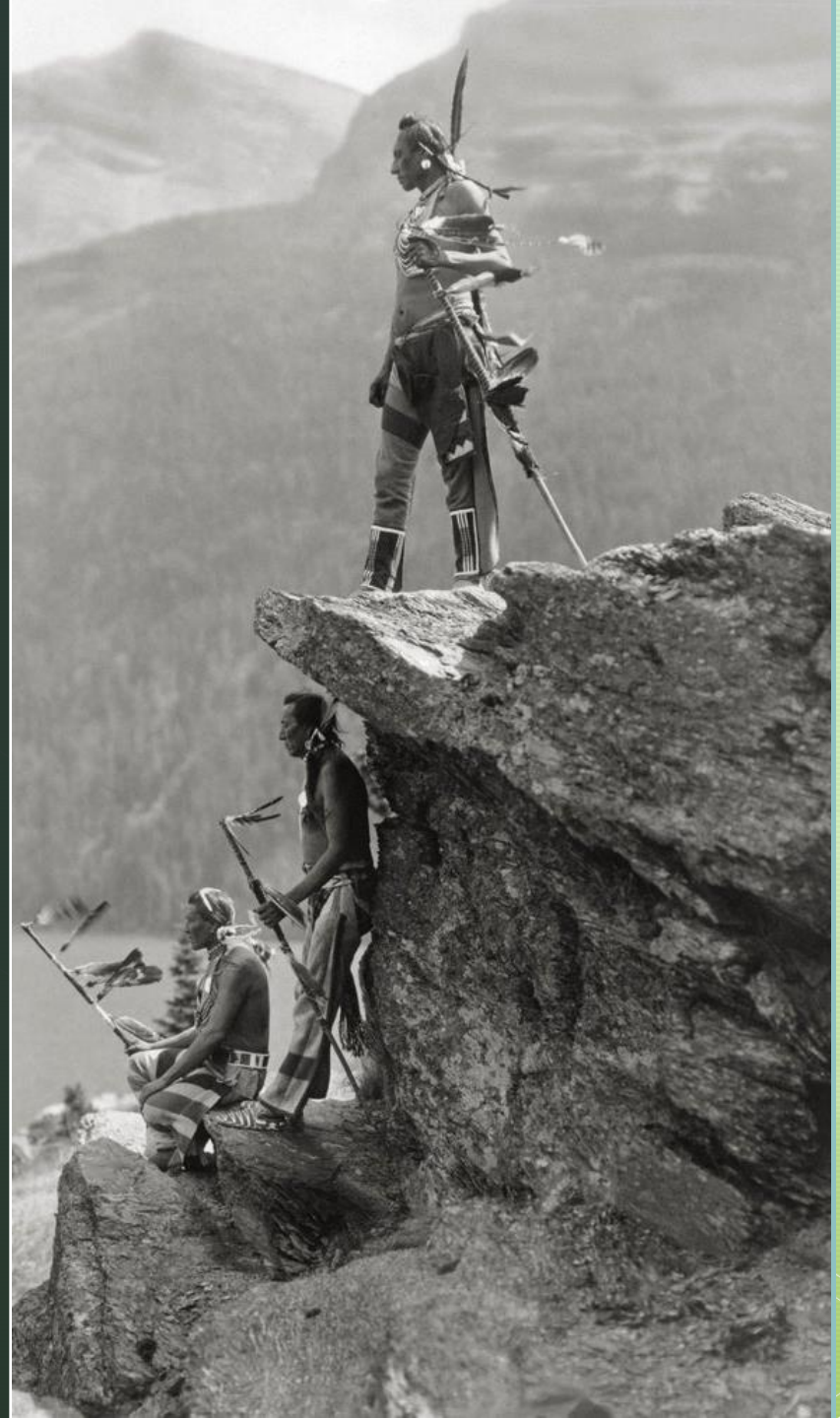




Man Has Responsibility, Not Power.
~ Tuscarora Proverb

How Can We Know What is in the Best Interest of Indian Tribes and Alaska Natives?

- Consultation utilizes the government-to-government process to seek, discuss and consider the views of American Indians and Alaska Natives regarding natural and cultural resources.



What is Consultation?

Consultation is collaboration.

Consultation involves the participants in analysis of the issues and development and implementation of the resource decisions.

Consultation requires two-way communication—it is NOT notification.

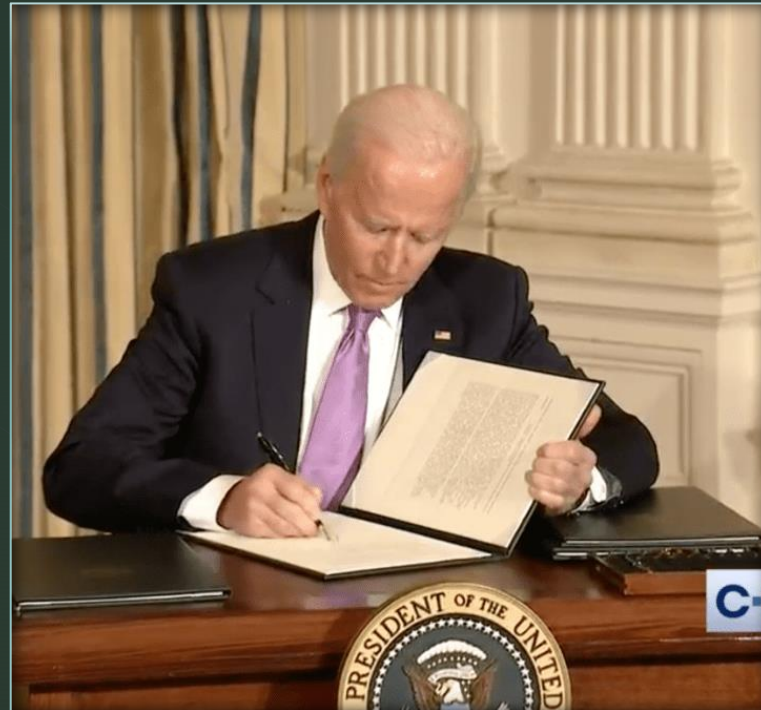
Consultation means the process of seeking, discussing, and considering the views of others, and where feasible, seeking agreement on resource decisions. Consultation is based on the exchange of ideas.



Memorandum on Tribal Consultation & Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships

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- President Biden reaffirms the policy in Executive Order 13175 (Nov. 6, 2000), Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments.



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Levels of
Consultation

Preparing for the
Consultation
Process

Initial Contact

Meeting Format

Follow Up

Examples

How to Do Consultation: Guidelines

1. *Build on existing consultative relationships* with American Indian Tribes.
2. *Institutionalize consultation* and collaboration procedures.
3. Include, at a minimum, the following specifics in *agreements/protocols*: primary contacts; how contacts are made; which lands are covered; when consultation should take place; what practices, programs or activities are covered; timeframes; procedures for settlement of disputes; and procedures for cancellation or amendment of the agreement/protocol.

How to Do Consultation: Ten Guidelines

4. *Initiate consulting on specific/new matters as **early as possible** in the project or program planning process.*

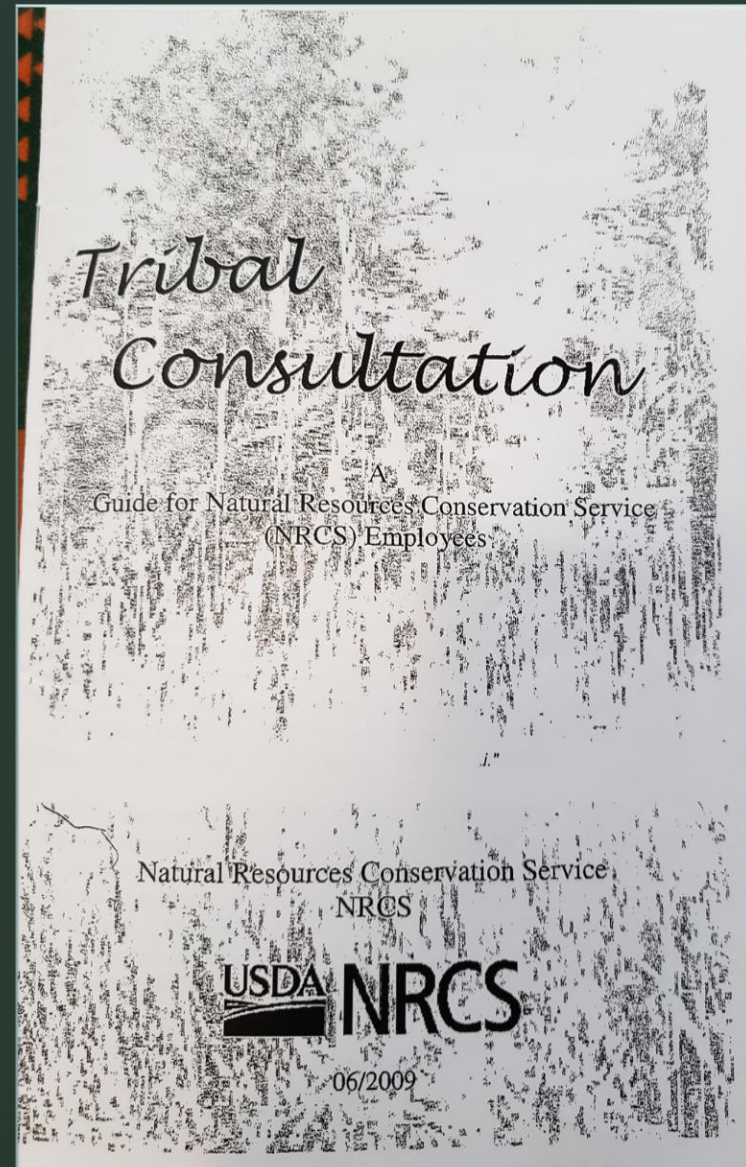
5. ***Establish training programs on consultation** procedures and protocols in conjunction with Tribes within the State.*

6. *Maintain a reputation of **honesty and integrity** in working with Tribes.*

7. ***Know the history of Tribes in your area.***

Tribal Consultation

- Guide for NRCS Employees



Questions?

