

US FOREST SERVICE
BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST
TRIBAL CONSULTATION

DATE: Friday October 7, 2022
TIME: 2:30-5:30pmMT
PLACE: Black Elk Peak Conference Room
Best Western Ramkota
2111 N Lacrosse St.
Rapid City, SD 57701
ZOOM VIRTUAL REGISTRATION LINK
SUBJECT: Black Hills National Forest Consultation

AGENDA & FRAMING

WELCOME REMARKS

- **Invocation**
- **Dr. Homer Wilkes**, USDA, Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment
- **Kevin Killer**, Co-Host, President Oglala Sioux Tribe (Member, Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board)

INTRODUCTIONS

- **USDA Consulting Officials**
 - **Dr. Homer Wilkes**, USDA, Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment (NRE),
 - **Randy Moore**, Chief, US Forest Service
 - **Frank Beum**, Regional Forester
 - **Jeff Tomac**, Black Hills National Forest, Forest Supervisor
- **Elected Tribal Leadership**
 - Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe (SD)
 - Cheyenne/Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma (OK)
 - Crow Creek Sioux Tribe (SD)
 - Eastern Shoshone Tribe (WY)
 - Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe (SD)
 - Lower Brule Sioux Tribe (SD)
 - Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation (ND)
 - Northern Arapaho Tribe (WY)
 - Northern Cheyenne Tribe (MT)
 - Oglala Sioux Tribe (SD)
 - Rosebud Sioux Tribe (SD)
 - Santee Sioux Nation (NE)
 - Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe (SD)
 - Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe (ND)
 - Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (ND)
 - Yankton Sioux Tribe (SD)

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Facilitators: **Richie Meyers**, Black Hills National Forest, Tribal Liaison
Marla Collins, Regional Tribal Liaison

- 1) **CORRESPONDENCE**. Acknowledgement of Tribal Letters to USDA and USFS regarding the Black Hills National Forest.
- 2) **CONSULTATION PROCESSES**. How should the Black Hills National Forest structure regular tribal consultations?

Background: There are sixteen ([16 Tribes](#)) in six (6) states (MT, WY, SD, ND, OK, and NE) with standing treaties and/or formal tribal equities with the Black Hills National Forest. .

Proposal: A proposal framework for consideration and discussion includes the following:

- Regular quarterly virtual meetings of the Chairmen, or their proxy, of all 16 Tribes to discuss regular ongoings of the BHNF and National Grasslands.
- One annual in-person meeting in the Black Hills, of the Chairmen, or their proxy, of all 16 Tribes.
- One staff from each of the 16 Tribes appointed the official Point of Contact for communications to assist with regular correspondence and organizing consultations.
- Targeted consultations on an as-needed-basis for special topics and actions, example [Black Hills National Forest Plan Revision Process](#).

- 3) **CO-STEWARDSHIP**. Tribal Co-Stewardship Opportunities & Proposal

Background: Several Tribes have raised interest in co-stewardship opportunities, including in a 2021 letter to President Biden. The Forest Service welcomes the opportunity. However, no specific proposals have been presented to the Forest Service yet. In the interim, one first-step opportunity that many other Tribal nations are undertaking is the Interpretive contract at the Visitor's Center.

Proposal:

- The USFS welcomes specific tribal proposals for discussion of the wide variety of co-stewardship topics.
- The BHNF would like to discuss the potential of a tribal entity obtaining a contract for Interpretive Services for the Black Hills National Forest's Pactola Visitor's Center to tell the story of the Black Hills from the Tribal perspective.

Handouts: (provided at the consultation)

- [DOI-USDA Joint Secretarial Order on Fulfilling the Trust Responsibility to Indian Tribes in the Stewardship of Federal Lands](#)

Additional Documents of Potential Tribal Interest:

- [Black Hills National Forest Plan Revision Process](#)
- Forest Service Tribal Relations Action Plan
- [Native Farm Bill Coalition – Statutory Recommendations](#)