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