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Digest: Following is an explanation of the changes throughout the directive by section.

01 - 04: Sets out codes and captions for Authority (sec. 01), Objectives (sec. 02), Policy (sec. 03), and Responsibility (sec. 04) related to the Tribal Relations Program and provides cross-references to additional direction at FSM 1563.01 - 1563.04.

10: Establishes the chapter for direction regarding consultation with Tribes.

10.1: Provides a cross-reference to the full listing of laws, regulations, and Executive orders at FSM 1563-1563.01i. Exhibit 01 sets out the full text of Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments.

11: Provides direction on the steps to follow in consulting with Tribes.

12: In this section regarding compensation, encourages agency officials to facilitate tribal participation in agency decision making and provides guidelines for the agency to consider compensation to Tribes or tribal representatives for extraordinary circumstances or specialized expertise when it may be in the agency's interest.

20: Establishes a chapter for direction on repatriation and reburial documentation.

21: Sets out samples of documentation for repatriation and reburial in exhibits 01 through 05.

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30: Establishes a chapter to provide direction on voluntary closures of National Forest System lands for tribal activities.

31: Provides direction on needs to be considered when Tribes request voluntary closures of areas because of traditional tribal activities.

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01 - Authority

For further direction on authorities related to Tribal Relations, see FSM 1563.01.

02 - Objectives

See FSM 1563.02 for the objectives of the Tribal Relations Program.

03 - Policy

Tribal Relations Program policy is set out at FSM 1563.03.

04 - Responsibility

The general responsibilities of line officers and principal staff related to tribal relations and the specific responsibilities of the Director, Office of Tribal Relations, Washington Office, are contained in FSM 1563.04 through FSM 1563.04g.