



FEMA

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Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) remains committed to its responsibility to engage in consultation and collaboration with Tribal officials, consistent with [Executive Order 13175](#), *Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments*, reaffirmed by President Biden's "[Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships](#)."

The [2022-2026 FEMA Strategic Plan Goal 1.2](#) includes a commitment to removing barriers to FEMA programs through a people first approach. The [2022-2026 FEMA National Tribal Strategy Goal 1.4](#) further commits FEMA to increase Tribal Nation's access to FEMA programs and resources by affecting policy change. [Executive Order 14112](#), *Reforming Federal Funding and Support for Tribal Nations to Better Embrace Our Trust Responsibilities and Promote the Next Era of Tribal Self-Determination*, directs all federal agencies including FEMA to remove barriers that Tribal Nations face when accessing federal resources.

The [National Disaster Recovery Framework](#) (NDRF) was last updated in 2016. The NDRF explains how the federal government supports disaster impacted Tribal Nations as they recover from disasters and provides a framework to support Tribal Nations planning for and leading their own recovery operations. FEMA's Interagency Coordination Division (ICD) originally began the NDRF version 3 update in 2021 before strategically pausing at the end of 2022 to align with other ongoing recovery priorities. In February 2024, the effort began again, specifically focused on improving the following five issue areas that partners have identified as important areas for updating – recovery scope, roles & responsibilities, capacity & resources, planning, and data metrics.

In order jump start our work to better incorporate Tribal Nations within the NDRF, FEMA hosted three Tribal Working Group sessions with tribal emergency managers and tribal leaders to begin our process of gathering feedback and input to improve disaster recovery in Indian Country. Having gathered this initial deep-dive input, FEMA now invites Tribal Nations to participate in government-to-government tribal consultations to gather formal Tribal Nations input on revisions and updates to the NDRF. These consultations will lead to a NDRF that better incorporates Tribal Nations needs for recovery after a disaster strikes. In addition to the consultations, FEMA will also post the NDRF Version 3 draft on FEMA.gov for public comment before final publication and welcomes Tribal Nations to submit comments during the public comment period.

You can find out information on upcoming listening sessions and consultations below.

Upcoming Tribal Consultations on the NDRF:

Virtual Tribal Consultation

Day/Time: July 15, 2024. 3:00 – 5:00 pm EST

Location: Zoom (link for registration [here](#))

Virtual Tribal Consultation

Day/Time: July 18, 2024. 2:30 – 4:30 pm EST

Location: Zoom (link for registration [here](#))

All consultation materials may be found at: [Tribal Consultations | FEMA.gov](#). Tribal Nations can submit feedback or comments by August 9, 2024, via email to FEMA-Recovery-ICD-PDB@fema.dhs.gov with the subject line “NDRF – Written Comments.”

We look forward to your participation and feedback as we support Tribal Nations before, during, and after disasters.

Sincerely,



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