



FEMA

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Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is committed to engaging in government-to-government consultation and collaboration with tribal officials on actions that affect Tribal Nations. This is described in [FEMA's Tribal Consultation Policy](#) and is in accordance with [Executive Order 13175](#), and President Biden's "[Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships](#)." FEMA's goals and objectives outlined in the [2022-2026 FEMA National Tribal Strategy](#) also emphasize our commitment to honor tribal sovereignty and build and maintain strong relationships with tribal governments.

Consistent with these commitments, FEMA invites Tribal Nations to attend a listening session and tribal consultation on July 27, 2023, at 3 p.m. EDT (12 p.m. PDT; 11 a.m. AKDT) as we begin the process to update FEMA's tribal mitigation planning policy. This policy, currently entitled [Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide](#) (2017), interprets and explains the Mitigation Planning regulation at [44 Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) Part 201](#) and describes the requirements for developing and updating tribal mitigation plans. Mitigation Planning helps tribes understand risks from natural hazards and develop long-term strategies to reduce the impacts of hazards on people, property, and the environment. A FEMA-approved mitigation plan is also a condition for receiving certain types of non-emergency funding.

Registration information for the virtual consultation on July 27, 2023, follows:

<https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIscuqvrDkqHTFb5gW6uOWoAyoj37TIICU>

The purpose of government-to-government tribal consultations is to gather Tribal Nations' feedback on how to improve the tribal mitigation planning process across Indian Country. More details and updates will be posted on the [FEMA Tribal Consultations web page](#).

Tribal Nations can send their comments and any questions to fema-tribal@fema.dhs.gov. Please include the subject line "Tribal Mitigation Planning Guidance – Written Comments." Feedback and comments are due by November 30, 2023.

We hope that you join us and send us feedback as we work to support Tribal Nations before, during and after disasters. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please have a member of your staff contact FEMA Tribal Affairs at (202) 646-3444.

Sincerely,

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