



FEMA

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Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is committed to engaging in government-to-government consultation 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 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 tribal consultation on **October 5, 2023, at 3 p.m. EDT** (2 p.m. PDT; 11 a.m. AKDT), as we begin to update the agency's tribal mitigation planning policy. This policy, currently entitled [Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide](#) (2017), interprets and the Mitigation Planning regulation at [44 Code of Federal Regulation \(CFR\) 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 October 5, 2023 follows:

<https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItce6vrTIsHufqv3ynyKobE-pP7Qq0pdw>

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 Consultation 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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