

Indigenous Sacred Sites MOU

2012/2016 Sacred Sites MOU

Implementation and Tribal Engagement

- Presentations at tribal and intertribal meetings
- Listening sessions in conjunction with the White House Tribal Nations Conference
- Developed Action Plan
- Executive and Core working groups to help accomplish the action plan

Signatories

 Departments of Defense, Interior, Agriculture, Energy and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

Purpose

- Extended the 2012 Sacred Sites MOU
- Aligned the requirements of Executive Order 13007, Indian Sacred Sites
- Improve the protection of and tribal access to Indian sacred sites
- Enhanced interdepartmental coordination and collaboration.
- Development and application of consistent policies and processes.



2012/2016 Sacred Sites MOU

Responsibilities and Commitments

- Develop and improve training and guidance for federal staff
- Develop best practices and build capacity
- Analyze mechanisms for, and develop recommendations related to, confidentiality of information
- Increase outreach to the public and non-federal partners
- Review existing legal authorities related to sacred sites

Accomplishments

- Native American Sacred Sites and the Federal Government (training video)
- Sacred Sites Guidance for Federal Senior Leadership and Staff
- Policy Statement on the Confidentiality of Information about Indian Sacred Sites

Accomplishments Cont'd

- The Protection of Indian Sacred Sites:
 General Information
- Policy Review Report
- Progress Report on Implementation
- The Relationship Between Executive Order 13007 Regarding Indian Sacred Sites and Section 106 (ACHP)
- Guidelines on Maintaining the Confidentiality of Information about Indian Sacred Sites (DOD)



2021 Sacred Sites MOU

- Signatories: USDA, DOE, DOI, DOT, EPA, ACHP, CEQ, TVA
- Renews and Strengthens 2012/2016 MOU
- Tribal and NHO guidance are central to MOU

2021 Sacred Sites MOU

MOU Commitments

- Working Group
- Develop best practices, procedures, and guidance for management, treatment, and protection of sacred sites
- Identify impediments to Federal-level protection of sacred sites
- Address and remedy impediments

2021 Sacred Sites MOU

MOU Commitments

- Incorporate consideration of Sacred Sites into Federal decision-making; consultation; regulatory processes;
- Incorporate Traditional Knowledge;
- Increase accountability
- Consultation



Question 1: What can federal agencies do to better consider, protect, and provide you access to Sacred Sites?

Question 2: How should federal agencies consult with you in order to better identify and protect Sacred Sites, while also providing access?

Question 3: What challenges have you experienced in your efforts to protect Sacred Sites?

Question 4: This MOU contains several provisions that commit agencies to action - are there any you would like to see prioritized?

Question 5: What additional commitments could federal agencies include in this MOU to advance the protection of Sacred Sites?



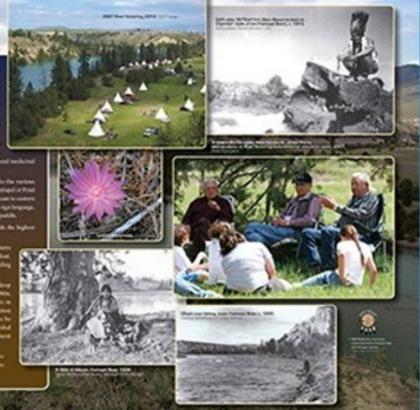
Feedback from Listening Session

- Capacity building
- Earlier consultation
- Respect Traditional Knowledge (TK)
- HQ and local office coordination
- Commitment to protection

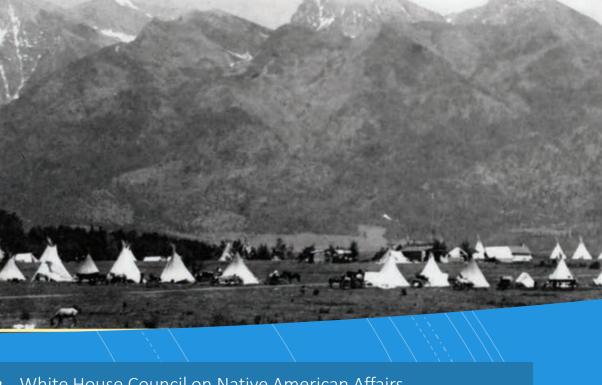
- Confidentiality/FOIA
- Proactive identification (pre-106)
- Budget for management & identification
- 2021 MOU training for federal staff

A Sacred Landscape

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Next Steps



- White House Council on Native American Affairs
- Agency/Department commitments
- Indian Tribes, Native Hawaiians, and other Indigenous Peoples

Opportunities for Department of Energy

Utilize strengths

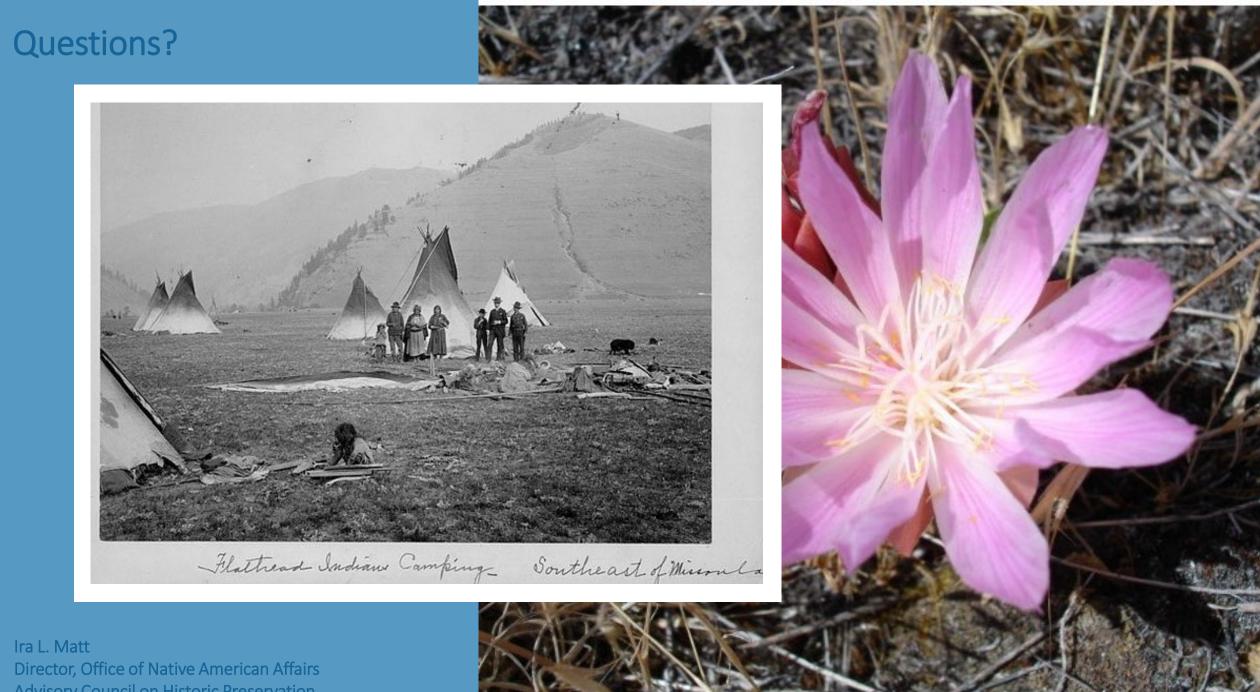
National policy

National/Local points-of-contact

Local/Regional Implementation Plans

Define role of Sacred Sites in planning





Advisory Council on Historic Preservation