

NACD NE Region Meeting



Tribal Outreach and Partnership RPG
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NACD Tribal Outreach and Partnership Resource Policy Group



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How the NACD TOP RPG Started

- 2012: Tension between tribes and Districts
 - WACD held a tribal listening sessions
- 2013: Created as Tribal Outreach Task Force
 - BIA Regional Director spoke at annual meeting
- 2014: Lines of communication opened with tribes
 - WACD awarded a Tribal/District Partnership Award
- 2015: WACD held a 2-day Tribal listening session
 - Participation and trust increased among Districts and tribes
- 2016: WACD let a tribal breakout at NACD Annual Meeting
 - Seeing our success, we proposed to take this model to NACD
 - At Reno, we met with NACD and NRCS leadership
 - WACD awarded the 3rd Tribal/District Award





How the NACD TOP RPG Started

2017

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- We had our first in person meeting at the NACD Annual Meeting in Denver
- Monthly calls since Annual Meeting
- We have worked on:
 - Setting our goals and objectives
 - TOP RPG Talking points
 - Template to promote success stories
 - Finding success stories to promote
- Next face to face meeting will be in Pac/SW Meeting in Tucson, Arizona on September 12th



Participating States

NACD Region

- Northern Plains
- Northeast
- North Central
- Southeast
- Southwest
- Southwest
- South Central
- Pacific

State

- Montana
- Maine
- Wisconsin
- Alabama
- Arizona
- New Mexico
- Oklahoma
- Washington

State Representatives

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- Montana
- Maine
- Wisconsin
- Alabama
- Arizona
- New Mexico
- Oklahoma
- Washington

Appointed Representative

- Ross Racine
- Ernie Neptune
- Greg Baneck
- Patty Lambrecht
- Sadie Lister
- Tomas Mendez
- Ed Mouss
- Tanna Engdahl



Participating Partners

Partner

- NRCS
- NASCA
- NCDEA

Appointed Representative

- Roylene Rides-at-the-Door (WA)
- Trey Lamb (OK)
- Duane Vanhook (NC)

Tribal Representatives

Representative


- Ross Racine
- Ernie Neptune
- Sadie Lister
- Tomas Mendez
- Ed Mouss
- Tanna Engdahl
- Roylene Rides at the Door

Represented Tribe

- MT – Blackfeet Tribe
- ME – Passamaquoddy
- AZ – Navajo
- NM – Mescalero Apache
- OK – Creek
- WA - Cowlitz
- NRCS - Blackfeet



My Story

- I have learned a lot over the last few years dealing with both WACD and NACD Tribal Committee
 - Grew up in Southern Indiana
 - Natural Resources and Environmental Science Degrees from Purdue
 - Masters in Wildlife Science Degree
 - Moved to WA State in 2000
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My Ranch

- I am a partner of a 2,000+ acre ranch that is mostly enrolled into a WRP easement
- I am a little biased, but it is the best WRP site in the world
- This ranch has likely had Native Americans for around 9,000 years
- Kennewick Man was found just a few miles downriver
- We still have a lot of cooperation with local tribal members to use the ranch



















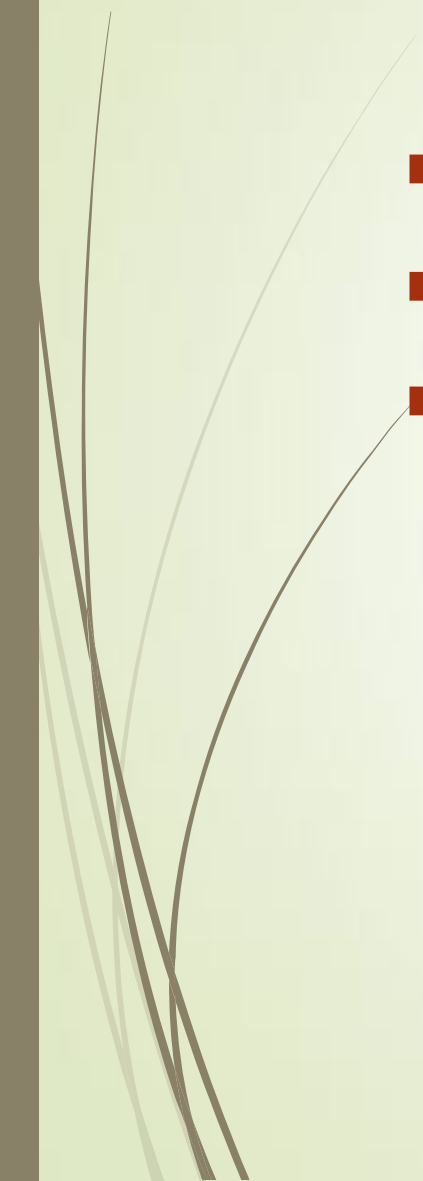








Outreach Activities

- Targeted outreach events
 - Targeted meetings
 - Direct communication with tribes
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Michael,

I would like to thank you on behalf of YST and this office of the Chairman . I extend a special thank you for your gifts, your thoughts and your sincerity it was heartfelt. We look forward to working with the NACD in the future.

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Other Outreach Activities

- Tribal RPG Updates on:
 - NACD blog
 - eRource
 - The Resource
 - Talking points
 - Success story template
 - Power Point Slideshow




RPG Tasks

- Conduct activities to advance the delivery of conservation technical assistance to Native American customers.
- Identify and share among states and tribes current successful partnerships between tribes and conservation districts, partner state agencies and others involved in conservation work.

What are YOU Doing?

- ***Do you have an example*** of successful outreach and partnership between your district and neighboring tribe(s)?
- What did you accomplish together?
- Why is this example important to both the district and tribe?
- What mutual objectives did you have?
- How did you get started?

NACD Tribal Outreach and Partnership RPG



*How can the NACD Tribal Outreach and Partnership RPG **help you** create partnerships with tribes to put conservation on the ground?*

Being Realistic on our Goals

- There can be significant challenges
- We will likely never get all tribes to participate, but we want to work with all of those that have interest.
- It takes time to build trust with some tribes
- You can't just say "I talked to the tribe", there are a lot of tribes and many are sovereign nations
- I have learned the hard way that there is something called "Indian time"
- We don't have to always work together, but let's not work against each other when we have a common goal
- It can be boiled down to communication, an understanding of both sides, a respect of both sides, and again communication

Questions?

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