

Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 4, 2014
St. Croix

Meet called to order at 8:10 am.

1. Roll Call

Present: Bad River (Lacey Hill-Kastern), FCPC (Nate Guldan), Ho-Chunk (Randy Poelma), LCO (Brett McConnell), Lac du Flambeau (Scott McDougall), Menominee (Doug Cox), Mole Lake (Tina VanZile), Oneida (Pat Pelky), Red Cliff (Gary Defoe Jr.), St Croix (Katie Stariha).

A quorum is present.

Others Present: Mary Rasmussen (USFS), Marla Collins (USFS), Mike Conner (USFS), Tom Fredrickson (NRCS), Evie Moore (FSA), Chris Borden (NRCS), Jimmy Bramblett (NRCS), Dan Cornelius (IAC), John Petty (WI DATCP), Greg Bussler (NASS), Shawna Begay (USFS), Erin Hoffman (WTCAC/Innovative Funding), Keith Sengbusch (WTCAC), Alan Johnson (WTCAC), Mark Gutierrez (RMA).

Sign in sheet attached.

2. Approval of Agenda

Add an update by Erin Jonson, WTCAC Grant Manager, to the agenda.

MOTION: Motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion by Menominee, seconded by Lac du Flambeau. All ayes, zero opposed, motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Change Moe to Mole on June 26 work group meeting report.

On Page 4 of June 11 minutes, correct 2nd executive session motion to 2nd by Mole Lake.

MOTION: Motion to approve the June 11, 2014 WTCAC meeting minutes. Motion by Mole Lake, seconded by St. Croix. All ayes, zero opposed, motion carried.

MOTION: Motion to accept report of work group meeting held on June 26, 2014. Motion by Red Cliff, seconded by Menominee. All ayes, zero opposed, motion carried.

Work Group reported is attached.

3. NRCS Update

Jimmy Bramblett – NRCS has been going through local workgroup meetings. They have changed the way they get feedback from customers. In the past each county office would reach out to their counties to see how much they wanted to split up between agriculture and pasture. They combined counties into 20 different work groups (groups of 3 or 4 counties). Also adding forestry and farmstead. Now they can guarantee the groups of counties more money. They are asking a lot of questions, resource concerns, practices to prioritize, what are the local questions.

They will have between 500 and 600 people participate in this process. Rules associated with these workgroups are the same as the state technical committee. He wants to stay committed to the process we have been using. They are also announcing the new program delivery timeline, in the past applications would be accepted as late as January. Last year was December because of shutdown. This year the application cutoff will be October so they can do planning before the snow flies. They would like us to have our meeting for approval of projects this fall sometime.

WTCAC Agreement - they are in the process of working to update it. The way they are audited requires them to have deliverables, meetings like this are deliverables. In the end all they will really need is a copy of the agenda and the sign in sheet. Called by National Office last week to offer \$2,500 with some type of match to do high tunnels. They could provide funds to half the Tribes this year. It would be a cooperative agreement between NRCS and each Tribe for \$2,500 and there would need to be a match.

Chris Borden – The last 2 meetings we discussed changes to EQIP/payment schedule. There is remarkably few changes. When they get together this afternoon and discuss EQIP we will get into the details. Much more steady state situation this year, but there are some important changes. There are two new funding opportunities, Lake Superior Landscape Restoration Initiative Partnership Funding (priorities are water quality, wildfire mitigation and species of concern) and the Young Forest Initiative for 21 counties in northern Wisconsin. The practices that are available are basically taking large blocks of tag alder and aspen and either shearing them or marking them to create a multi-aged stand. They had 100+ acres sign up primarily for alder shearing. Will probably be part of the regular process, but its own initiative. Sign up is ongoing.

4. FSA Update

Evie Moore - Susan sent a handout (attached). Right now in all the FSA offices they are very busy gathering producers cropping histories back as far as 10 years. Every agricultural producer in the country was mailed letters last week. The Farm Bill is giving everyone the opportunity to update their base acres.

5. NASS Update

Greg Bussler - American Indian Ag Census will be released around August 25. Will be available online and in a booklet. He will try to bring copies to the next meeting. He can give a summary on data from WI Tribes at the next meeting. They will release the first crop production report on August 12, first yield forecast of the season for corn and soybeans. A record soybean crop was planted in the US and WI. Concerns with dry weather lately. Who should be filling out the census form? If you get a questionnaire in the mail you should fill it out. Basically folks that produce \$1,000 or more of agricultural products. Go to AgCensus.gov and sign up. Benefit to being counted is your voice to be able to tell what you are producing. A lot of the census data is used for directing federal program funds in the future.

6. USFS Update

Mary Rasmussen – her update is attached. Introduced Marla Collins, she works on the Mark Twain National Forest and wanted to come up to see how the USFS is working with the Tribes in the Great Lakes Area.

Mike Conner – Every year a call comes out for Forest Health Projects. The funding is USFS but they are required to work through the BIA. USFS can work with us in advance to put proposals together as last year the announcement came via email from BIA 24 hours before the deadline. Contact Mike if you are interested. Tribes are not taking good advantage of this program. Pat wants to put the Forestry Subcommittee back together to discuss. Dan Cornelius would like a heads up on the forestry subcommittee when it is put together. They had their Washington Office review the first part of June. It was the first time ever that a Tribal relations review was included. Aerial surveys were completed, they fly all federal lands. Not a huge amount of damage reported this year. He asked the guy that flew it to write up a summary Tribal report that he will pass along. Barb T was replaced by Carlene Yocum. Butch Blazer and the national leadership will be coming to the Twin Cities and there is some interest in Tribal work that is ongoing. He will keep us informed.

7. RMA Update

Mark Gutierrez – They oversee the crop insurance program but it is really delivered by private insurance companies. Mostly what they do is work on setting the rates, determining if a program needs to be put in place, doing high risk boundaries. They use a lot of NASS data determining if a program needs to be in a county. They have a couple of new things (Farm Bill Initiatives), 1) Supplemental Coverage Option - Endorsement to an underlying policy, triggered by a county loss. Federal government pays 65% of premium cost. 2) Beginning Farmer Program – new producer would be exempt from the administrative fee, additional 10% of premium subsidized, can use any records they have access to, 3) Conservation compliance provision – they are really in synch with NRCS and FSA, they weren't in sink now they are, if producer does not follow rules they cannot receive insurance subsidy. This would happen until the producer restores the lands (highly erodible or wetlands).

8. EPA Update

Alan – Just completed semiannual report to EPA for the GLRI grant. It will end at the end of December. We have mapped 750 acres so we are way over our goal. About 42% as far as working with invasive species control. We will need to look at this year's EPA grant and see how the prior grant affects the upcoming grant application. There were a number of comments relative to handling personnel policies and issues on their own. Each Tribe would like to do this again. Thanked everyone for sending in the GLAS reports and he combined the information for the semiannual report.

9. IAC Update

Dan Cornelius – There is the 2501 Grant open right now (Socially Disadvantaged Outreach Grant), WTCAC used this in the past. Probably the most flexible USDA grant out there. Application deadline is August 25. Notay Begay Foundation grant just came out accepting grants for community health assessment and community planning efforts. Tribes and 501(c)3 are eligible to apply. Both posted on their website. Held a workshop at LCO focused on seed saving and high tunnels a couple of weeks ago. There seems to be quite an interest. They are working with College of Menominee Nation to do another training there. They have one more year left on a grant to continue these types of workshops. Trying to incorporate basic soil science as well. Keepseagle Legal Settlement – There is still about \$380 million left over after

the claims went out. They are trying to figure out what to do with the rest of the funds. The plan right now is to distribute about \$38 million out of it and then maybe create a foundation that would operate for about 20 years. They are gathering information on this. Intertribal Maple Syrup Producers Coop – Bruce Savage is one of the initial board members, plan to file official incorporation papers later this month. They have a Value Added Producer Grant in at this time. Hope to hold a meeting at the end of September most likely in Shakopee. Trying to hold this as initial membership meeting. They can get equipment discounts but need to get orders lined up right now. IAC Annual Meeting December 8 – 11 this year in Las Vegas. Mobile Farmers Market will be at FCPC Powwow. They are trying to fit as many events in yet this year as possible.

10. DATCP Update

John Petty - Invasive Species – just last week they finished their gypsy moth spraying program, 187,000 acres. In September and October they will begin taking down survey traps. They have a little over 13,000 traps set in the state for survey purposes to determine where populations are and use the data to set up where they will spray the following year. EAB – In the past 2 weeks they quarantined 7 counties primarily in southwest Wisconsin. They had detects in 4 of those counties. The entomologists guessed they had been there about 3 or 4 years. Also found in Door County, they anticipate that with survey traps coming down starting in southern WI this week, they will find them in Kewaunee and Manitowoc Counties. Madison is allocating \$5.9 million next year to combat EAB in the City of Madison. Bureau of Land and Water Resources – Continue to expand nutrient management plans throughout the state. They have a little over 5000 plans covering about 2.3 million acres, a little over ¼ of all crop land in the state of WI. USDA via the Farm Bill announced a different way of putting some money out to areas and it is the Regional Conservation Partnership Program. Funds will be used on a watershed basis to do plans to better water quality in various watersheds. DATCP combined with the State Department of Agriculture in other states and submitted one combined plan to NRCS for a little over \$16 million for a grant. WI portions would be \$4.5 million. The idea was there were other entities that could apply for this, there were counties on both sides of the state line in St Croix County, proposal in Yahara Watershed, one for the lower Fox. What they did was to work with Counties that are submitting on their own and they were not in the DATCP proposal as NRCS did not want overlap. If they are successful, DATCP will pass the money on to counties to work on their local watersheds. Nationwide there were over 600 individual submissions. They have approx. \$400 million in the program and got \$2.5 billion worth of requests. They made the first cut and are being asked to make a full-blown proposal. He does not know the status of the other proposals from the state. A major proposal will be coming out of FDA, Food Safety Modernization Act. The first major rewrite of food and animal feed laws since the 1930s. It is sweeping in its changes. In FDA's eyes, animal feed is food. So there is no difference between cranberry juice and animal food. It is also a major shift in attitude toward how animal feed is viewed. Historically, animal feed has been viewed as a consumer protection item. If the package says it is 50 pounds, is it 50 pounds? New law this will become number 2 in importance, what will be number 1 is the health matter of what is in there. Was it produced in a way that controls the potential hazards that could enter into a given product? Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Plans will need to be required for animal feed and animal food. It will be a major shift in animal feed production in this country. New law will go into effect sometime in August 2015, final rule will probably come out just before then.

11. NRCS Cooperative Agreement

Alan - Working with Roman to put together a detailed analysis of the specific deliverables, the outputs, and the costs associated with those items.

MOTION: Motion to establish a subcommittee to work with Alan on the NRCS agreement to consist of Brett, Roman, and Nate. Motion by Mole Lake, seconded by Red Cliff. All ayes, zero opposed, motion carried.

12. GLRI Update

They are working to get the expenses down to make sure they are spending the funds. One Tribe is working very closely with Tribal elders and THPO in order to make sure everyone can be involved.

13. AmeriCorps

Keith - Originally the planning grant would have ended last week but Alan got a no cost extension through December. Originally the plan was to put together a number of aquaponics systems at different tribes. They are still working with Bad River and Red Cliff. He talked to LCO College a little bit. There might be a chance to do a partnership with them. If they could find funding for the systems the AmeriCorps staff proposal may work. They have until the end of December.

14. APHIS Outreach and Program Training

Alan – Pat signed the \$100,000 contract with APHIS. Most of the funds will be utilized by Jerry in providing the training. A lot will be going to scholarships for those extension agencies involved. We hit another homerun on the national scene. First event will be later this month in Fort Collins. Science in the Northwoods – October 15 – 17.

15. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 14 – 15 at LCO.

16. Miscellaneous

MOTION: Motion to approve Alan and Pat to travel to the Twin Cities on September 23, 24, or 25 to meet with Butch Blazer and ask for base funding. Motion by Mole Lake, seconded by St. Croix. All ayes, zero opposed, motion carried.

MOTION: Motion to extend Randy's contract to December 31 to complete the GLRI grant. Motion by FCPC, seconded by Mole Lake. All ayes, zero opposed, motion carried.

17. NRCS 2015 EQIP Program

Chris Borden – We need to go through the ranking questions. They did a comparison of 2014 to 2015 changes to cookbook as we asked. There are almost no changes for 2015. Bat boxes, bluebirds, snake, wood ducks, etc. will be contracted as wildlife habitat structures. Fish cribs are back this year with the exact figures we recommended to them. Aquaculture pond rates per acre have gone down slightly. Stream crossing may have additional opportunities such as a concrete box culvert and multiplate full invert culvert. State is considering whether or not to create

standards for bridges/timber bridges. Herbaceous weed control – they got the chemical back in but it is still 2-4D. Probably still not where we need to be for EWM treatment with chemicals. The seasonal high tunnel component cost has decreased significantly. \$4.39/sq. ft. to \$3.31/sq. ft. this year. Early successional habitat development and management – 1) mature alder to cut strips 2) mature aspen to cut strips 3) marking on even aged stands to do early harvest. These are best guesses for how things will go. Chris will send out new guidelines for this new practice.

MOTION: Motion to use State Question 5 as the screening tool and keep the rest of the ranking the same. Motion by Menominee, seconded by Red Cliff. All ayes, zero opposed, motion carried.

NRCS has an opportunity to bring money to the table for community garden type high tunnels. Take back to our respective Tribes and if interested get ahold of Chris Borden. Chris will send out an email.

18. Grants Discussion

Erin – Best approach has been to develop priorities and then seek funding for them. Figure out what each Tribe's priorities are to develop WTCAC's priorities. She will check with Randy on GLRI deliverables. Send Erin Tribal natural resource plans. For GLRI, what she really needs from the Tribes is what the natural steps are for the next 2 years they would like to do with their invasive crews. Email Erin specific small projects.

19. Executive Session

MOTION: Motion to go into Executive Session. Motion by Ho-Chunk, seconded by Mole Lake. All ayes, zero opposed, motion carried.

MOTION: Motion to leave Executive Session. Motion by Menominee, seconded by Lac du Flambeau. All ayes, zero opposed, motion carried.

We would like Alan to attend a cultural training with Doug and Tina. We would like to see a financial plan and at each meeting we would like a financial report. Alan will send out financial report.

MOTION: Motion to adjourn. Motion by Mole Lake, seconded by Menominee. All ayes, zero opposed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:06 pm.

EMAIL MOTION 09/19/2014

MOTION: Motion to approve the Statement of Work for the agreement between WTCAC and NRCS. Motion by Menominee, seconded by LCO. Seven ayes (Menominee, Red Cliff, FCPC, LCO, Lac du Flambeau, Mole Lake, St. Croix), zero opposed, motion carried.

EMAIL MOTION 09/29/2014

MOTION: Motion to authorize Alan to sign the agreement between INCA and WTCAC pertaining to the upcoming USDA APHIS training. Motion by FCPC, seconded by Mole Lake. Six ayes (Menominee, FCPC, LCO, Lac du Flambeau, Mole Lake, St. Croix), zero opposed, motion carried.

**Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council
August 4, 2014 Sign-in**

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Thursday, June 26, 2014

Mole Lake

Meeting called to order at 10:00AM by Pat Pelky.

1. Roll Call

Present: Menominee (Doug Cox), Mole Lake (Tina Van Zile), Oneida (Pat Pelky)

Phoned in: Ho-Chunk (Randy Poelma), Red Cliff (Chad Abel), Bad River (Lacy Hill), LCO (Dan Tyrolt)

A quorum is present.

Others present: Keith Sengbusch (WTCAC), Chris Borden (NRCS), Alan Johnson (WTCAC)

AGENDA

- Gaming Funding Planning Request
- Aquaponics Funding Planning Request
- NRCS and WTCAC Cooperative Agreement

2. Motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Menominee, seconded by Moe Lake. All ayes, none opposed, motion carried

3. Approval of Minutes: June 11, meeting at Red Cliff was not available.

4. Alan Johnson reviewed the **Gaming Funding Planning request** (see attached)

WTCAC proposes to further design, develop and implement growth of the Wisconsin Native American Student Internship Natural Resources program through:

- **Elimination of those factors which diluted growth (see addendum page 5)*
- *Provision of those resources designed to promote growth*

A request for \$560,328 was made. Mole Lake made the motion to approve the request. LCO seconded, motion approved unanimously. Pat asked Alan to provide the request to Michele Allness DNR (Shelly had originally brought the opportunity to our attention—Alan provided the document and Shelly submitted on our behalf on 6/30)

5. Funding for Aquaponics was also discussed. The Board did not wish to pursue the program through Wisconsin Gaming Funding at this time.

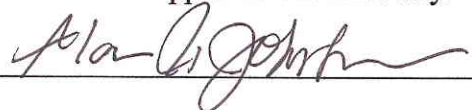
6. NRCS/WTCAC Cooperative Agreement was discussed extensively. (See Attachment A)

Pat requested Alan to:

- Consolidate the board recommendations
- Formulate additional work deliverables, time frames, and associated costs of such
- Submit to him by July 7 for review

The motion to approve the NRCS/WTCAC Cooperative Agreement for \$40,000 utilizing a timeframe of (5) months was made by Menominee and seconded by Ho-Chunk. Motion approved unanimously.

Restfully submitted: Alan R. Johnson, Executive Director





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Farm Service Agency (FSA) REPORT TO WTCAC – August 4, 2014

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PROVIDE EMAIL ADDRESS TO FSA TO RECEIVE ELECTRONIC NEWS

- Individuals can fill out form AD-2047 at the local FSA office to provide their email address to receive electronic news from the local and state FSA office. Contact your local FSA office for details. (AD-2047 form is attached)

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

- The nomination period for members of the local FSA County Committee ended on August 1. However, any tribal member can submit a request anytime to serve as a FSA County Committee advisor to ensure the views and needs of the tribes are considered at the local office. New advisors would start in March.

FARM LOAN PROGRAMS:

- August Farm Loan Interest Rates: 2.125% for operating/microloans/youth loans, 3.750% for farm ownership loans.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

- Signup #46 for the Continuous CRP ends September 30th, 2014. Cropping history changed to 2008 – 2013. Cost-share payments, upfront signing incentive payments and practice incentive payments are available during this signup.

BIOMASS CROP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (BCAP)

- No facilities in WI signed up to qualify as a Biomass Conversion Facility. However, there are facilities in MN and MI. Eligible material owners would have to deliver to those locations. At this point, no deliveries from WI accepted at MN or MI.

LIVESTOCK LOSSES

- Losses for other livestock, farm raised fish and honey bees can be covered under the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP). The deadline for this program has been extended to August 15th. Fact Sheets available.

LOSS COVERAGE POLICIES WITH FSA– FRUIT, VEGETABLES, FARM RAISED FISH, ETC.

- The Non-Insured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) covers losses on uninsurable commercial crops caused by damaging weather conditions. The 2014 Farm Bill expanded NAP to include buy-up protection, similar to buy-up provisions offered under the federal crop insurance program and details are still being worked out. A 100 percent waiver of the basic service fees for NAP coverage and a 50 percent reduction in premiums for buy-up NAP coverage is available for limited resource producers, beginning farmers, and tribal members and women.

Application deadline dates for specific NAP qualifying crops for 2015 are shown below.

September 1, 2014 - ginseng, turf grass, sod, Christmas trees, aquaculture, floriculture, and mushrooms

September 30, 2014 - fall and spring plantings of 2015-crop wheat, barley, rye, triticale, and mint

November 20, 2014 - fruit and other crops such as apples, pears, blueberries, strawberries, grapes, honey, maple sap, asparagus and other perennial fruits

AD-2047
(10-24-13)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Farm Service Agency
Rural Development
Natural Resources Conservation Service

**CUSTOMER DATA WORKSHEET REQUEST FOR SCIMS RECORD CHANGE
(FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY)**

(See Page 2 for Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Statements)

PART A – CUSTOMER INFORMATION

1A. Customer's Full Legal Name or Business Name	1B. Customer or Business Address (Including Zip Code)
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1C. Home Telephone Number (Area Code)	1D. Business Telephone Number (Area Code)	1E. Other Telephone Number (Area Code)
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2. SSN or Tax ID Number (9 Digits)	3. E-Mail Address
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4A. Does the customer want to receive mail by USPS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	4B. Does the customer want to receive e-mails via GovDelivery? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	4C. Does the customer want to receive Sensitive Producer or Farm Specific related emails? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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5. Producer is Customer of One or More of the Following Agencies. (Check Appropriate Agency(ies) below:)

FSA RD NRCS Not Participating

6. Is the Customer a Multi-County Producer? YES (If "YES," list States and/or Counties below:) NO

7. Reason for Request (Check appropriate box(es) below:)

New Producer Address Change Telephone Change Sale/Purchase Life Event

Other (Specify):

8. Enter the name of the customer requesting the record change(s). If documentation is received by Fax or from a trusted source (i.e., USPS), attach documentation to this form. Only Part A, Item 1A and Part B shall be completed. If the request was received by telephone, complete applicable blocks necessary to document the change(s) and enter the requestor's name in Item 8A. Requestor's signature is not required. **(The only time the customer is required to sign Item 8B is when they are physically at a Service Center and providing FSA with applicable information.)**

8A. Name of Customer Requesting Change	8B. Signature	8C. Date of Record Change (MM-DD-YYYY)
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PART B – SERVICE CENTER ACTION

9A. Agency Who Received Request: (Check one below) <input type="checkbox"/> FSA <input type="checkbox"/> NRCS <input type="checkbox"/> RD	9B. Initials of Employee Receiving Request (If Different than Item 12A)	9C. Date Service Center Employee Received the Request (MM-DD-YYYY)
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10. How the Request for Change was Received:
 Office Visit Telephone FAX USPS Other (Specify):

11. Remarks if Applicable:

12A. Signature of Employee Updating SCIMS if not initialed in Item 9B.	12B. Date Service Center Employee Updating SCIMS (MM-DD-YYYY)
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FOR DISTRICT DIRECTOR/AREA CONSERVATIONIST USE ONLY. (OPTIONAL)

13A. I concur/do not concur the above items have been properly updated. Concur Do Not Concur

13B. Name of District Director/Area Conservationist for Spot Check	13C. Signature of District Director/Area Conservationist for Spot Check
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13D. Title	13E. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)
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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR AD-2047
(FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY)**

PART A	Note: Items 1-6 are required only as applicable to requested change. Items not applicable to requested record change may be left blank.
1A	Enter customer's full legal name or business name.
1B	Enter customer or business mailing address including Zip Code.
1C	Enter customer's home telephone number including area code.
1D	Enter customer's business telephone number including area code.
1E	Enter customer's other telephone number including area code.
2	Enter customer's 9-Digit SSN or TIN as applicable.
3	Enter customer's e-mail address.
4A, 4B or 4C	Enter "YES or NO" to indicate whether or not the customer wishes to receive mail and/or e-mail. NOTE: Emails received under 4C contain sensitive data.
5	Check the appropriate boxes indicating the agency(ies) where the producer is customer.
6	Check "YES or NO" to indicate whether or not the customer is a multi-county producer. If "YES," specify states and county offices.
7	Check appropriate box(es) to indicate the reason for the requested record change(s). If "OTHER," specify.
8A	Enter the name of the Customer requesting the record change(s). Customer requesting change shall sign. Note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If documentation is received by Fax or from a trusted source (i.e., USPS), attach documentation to this form. Only Part A, Item 1A and Part B shall be completed. (Requestor's signature is not required.) - If the request was received by telephone, complete applicable blocks necessary to document the change(s) and enter the requestor's name in Item 8A. (Requestor's signature is not required.)
8B	The customer is only required to sign Item 8B when they are physically at a Service Center Site providing FSA with applicable information.
8C	Enter date (MM-DD-YYYY) the record change is requested.
PART B	Note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Items 9A - 12B must be completed. - Items 13A - 13C must be completed only if selected for spot-check.
9A	Check the appropriate box indicating agency who received the request.
9B	Enter initials of Service Center employee receiving the request.
9C	Enter date (MM-DD-YYYY) Service Center employee received the request.
10	Check the box to indicate method by which the Service Center received the request. If other, specify.
11	Enter remarks regarding the records change.
12A	Enter the signature of Service Center employee updating SCIMS.
12B	Enter the date (MM-DD-YYYY) the Service Center employee updated SCIMS.
	OPTIONAL FOR DISTRICT DIRECTOR/AREA CONSERVATIONIST USE DURING SPOT CHECKS.
13A	Check the box to indicate that the Agency Official did Concur or did not Concur.
13B	Enter the name of the District Director/Area Conservationist for Spot Check.
13C	Enter the signature of the District Director/Area Conservationist for Spot Check.
13D	Enter the Agency Official's Title.
13E	Enter the Date (MM-DD-YYYY).



USDA Forest Service Update
Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest
WTCAC Meeting, St. Croix, August 4, 1014
Mary Rasmussen

Tribal Roundtable - Draft Ground Water Directive

Your Tribal Chair was recently sent a letter announcing a tribal roundtable forum on the new proposed directive for Groundwater Resources Management.

The event will occur at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland, Wis., Tuesday, August 19 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (*this event immediately precedes the Regional Forester Review listed below*).

The Forest Service Regional Hydrologist will give a presentation on the draft directive and be on hand to answer questions. This will be followed by an open discussion where tribal comments and input will be formally taken. The roundtable forum will span the lunch hour and food will be provided courtesy of GLIFWC.

We are seeking participation from tribal leaders, natural resource staff and tribal members knowledgeable about the cultural importance of water and groundwater. This will help establish policy for the protection of groundwater resources and improve the Forest Service's ability to manage and analyze potential uses on National Forest System land that could affect groundwater.

In order to help us prepare for lunch and informational materials please RSVP by August 15 to Mary Rasmussen, Forest Service Tribal Liaison, at 906-202-2762, mras mussen@fs.fed.us

Regional Forester Review of the Chequamegon-Nicolet

Your Tribal Chair was recently sent a letter announcing a review of the Chequamegon-Nicolet NF. The letter invites tribal leadership, natural resources staff and community members to participate.

The review team is made up of high ranking Forest Service leaders from the Eastern Region Office in Milwaukee, the Northern Research Station and State and Private Forestry. The purpose of the review is to assess the fundamental question of "How is the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest doing in support of the Forest Service Mission?" A key element of the Forest Service mission is the delivery of tribal relations programs including implementation of federal trust responsibilities.

Dates and locations for the Tribal listening portion of the review have been finalized .

- **Session 1:** Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 4:15 p.m. at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland.
- **Session 2:** Thursday, Aug. 21 at 1 p.m. at the Potawatomi Carter Casino and Hotel in Carter in the Kishesk Conference Room.

Enclosed are the sample questions the review team is looking for feedback on during the tribal engagement sessions. Based on feedback from tribes, partners and forest employees the team will prepare a final report that will be presented to the forest at the end of the review week.

It will provide feedback to the forest on what they are doing well and what areas they need to improve on.

Travel Analysis Update (aka Travel Management Rule, SubpartA)

In the near future your Tribal Chair will receive a letter formally inviting tribal engagement with the Chequamegon-Nicolet in regards to the road study that will soon begin under the Travel management Rule Subpart A. Tribal input is important to help us understand which roads within the forest are important to your community for hunting, fishing, ricing, gathering, ceremonial, recreational uses and access.

Subpart A will not result in a specific decision regarding which roads are needed for future use, however, roads identified as important to the tribes during this process will help inform future site-specific project decisions. One of the overall goals of Subpart A is addressing the manageability, maintenance and size of the Chequamegon-Nicolet road system. Future site-specific decisions will require formal tribal consultation.

The letter asks your Tribal Chair to identify the appropriate staff or department as a point of contact so that the forest can follow-up to schedule a meeting to explain Subpart A, gather input and answer any questions you may have.

Please contact Mary Rasmussen at 906-202-2762 or email mrasmussen@fs.fed.us with a tribal contact name and number so she can help facilitate meetings with the Forest.

New District Rangers

Michelle Davalos has been selected for the Washburn District Ranger position. Michelle is currently the Forest Planner on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest in Arizona. Michelle previously worked on the Ottawa National Forest. Michelle's report date is August 11.

Mike Martin has been selected for the Great Divide District Ranger position with a Glidden duty station. Mike is currently a District Ranger on the Saco RD of the White Mountain NF in New Hampshire. Mike's report date is July 28.

Tribal Grants and Agreements Guide

The Washington Office Tribal Relations staff created a user-friendly [Grants and Agreement Guide](#) for tribal governments based on information gleaned from nine focus groups with 39 agency employees and 44 tribal members representing 27 tribes, as well as discussions with various agency programs. The guide includes step-by-step instructions on applying for grants and partnering with the agency. The guide also includes a flow chart to help guide the user toward different opportunities, descriptions of available Forest Service programs with real examples, and information on confidentiality and Indian hiring preference.