

Arizona State Land Department Tribal Outreach and Activities Annual Report July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019



AGENCY OVERVIEW

The Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) manages the use and disposition of State Trust Land (STL) for 13 Public Beneficiaries in accordance with the Arizona Constitution, the Enabling Act of 1912, and Arizona Revised Statutes. ASLD serves as a fiduciary and agent for the more than 9 million acres of STL and its natural resources that were granted at statehood to fund the 13 Public Beneficiaries in perpetuity. With this mission, the ASLD is a unique State agency, without regulatory purview or the ability to place other interests in advance of its Constitutional mandate.

TRIBAL CONSULTATION POLICY

ASLD staff, in accordance with federal, state, and tribal laws, will coordinate their efforts with tribal representatives where appropriate, or when formally requested by Tribal officials. Consultation and coordination includes reasonable efforts by ASLD staff to ensure that tribal coordination and compliance is conducted within the normal pursuit of their work duties. The primary nexus for Tribal consultation involves ASLD responsibilities related to the management of cultural resources on STL.

ASLD-TRIBAL CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES		
Goal	Objective	Activity and Performance Measure
Correspondence with applicable tribal governments when appropriate for certain Department actions involving cultural resources	To foster trust and a working relationship with all Tribes in Arizona	Consultation with tribal governments when applicable under federal, state, or local statute
Work with Tribes on pending grazing lease renewals, and provide continued customer service to Tribes on existing leases	Facilitate respectful and productive assistance to active and prospective Tribal customers	Continued, respectful proprietary relationship between the Tribes and ASLD's Range Section

PRIMARY TRIBAL TRANSACTIONS WITH ASLD

ASLD coordinates and consults with Tribal offices throughout the State and with select non-resident Tribes that have cultural affiliations with areas in Arizona. Coordination and consultation primarily occur in relation the Department’s responsibilities involving the management of cultural resources that could be affected by applications to permit use of STL for grazing, minerals extraction, transportation or utilities rights of way, or other purposes. The State Historic Preservation Office’s Consultation Toolkit is used to identify the appropriate Tribes with which to consult depending on

Tribes	Consultation Letters Sent 10/1/18 – 6/30/19
Ak-Chin Indian Community	7
Chemehuevi Indian Tribe	34
Cocopah Indian Tribe	10
CRIT	59
Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation	253
Fort Mojave Indian Tribe	110
Fort Sill Apache Tribe	2
Fort Yuma-Quechan Tribe	20
Gila River Indian Community	48
Havasupai Tribe	9
Hopi Tribe	284
Hualapai Tribe	55
Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians	2
Mescalero Apache Tribe	1
Moapa Band of Paiute Indians	20
Navajo Nation	79
Pascua Yaqui Tribe	156
Pueblo of Acoma	2
Pueblo of Zuni	256
SRPMIC	100
San Carlos Apache Tribe	69
San Juan Southern Paiute	0
Tohono O'odham Nation	88
Tonto Apache Tribe	140
White Mountain Apache Tribe	186
Yavapai-Apache Tribe	202
Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe	91
Total	2,283

the location of the proposed permitted undertakings. Tribes are sent notification of all applications with the potential to affect cultural resources and ASLD requests Tribal input if the proposed permitted undertaking raises any concerns. Between October 1, 2018, when weekly tallies of Tribal consultation letters sent began to be recorded, and June 20, 2019, a total of 2,283 consultation letters were sent to 26 different Tribes (see table). ASLD transactions with Tribes also occur through real estate transactions for grazing and agriculture leases that Tribes have executed with the Department, including the Ak-Chin Indian Community, the Hopi Tribe, the Hualapai Tribe, the Navajo Nation, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, the Pueblo of Zuni, and the Tohono O'odham Nation.

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