



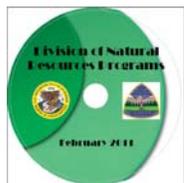
BIA Natural Resources May 2013

What's Hot!



ANNUAL ISSUANCE OF BIA PROGRAMS DISK & OTHER BIA INFO-SPOTS

In an effort to provide information to tribes and partners, our office has issued an annual publication of the



“BIA Programs Disk” (Disk). The Bureau of Indian Affairs recently has been improving its website and our Region has a webpage that has information regarding the Region’s Natural Resources Programs at:

<http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/RegionalOffices/Pacific/NaturalResources/index.htm>.

The website will require time to get the site to operate at its full potential. Therefore, please utilize this Disk as you would a well developed web site in the interim. The Disk, like the internet, contains a large quantity of information. **If you have trouble finding what you are looking for on the Disk, review the document “*Conducting a Search of the BIA Programs Disk*” which is located in the “**About this Disk**” folder.

Our Agencies are also beginning to update their webpages. **The Palm Springs Agency’s webpage is currently one of the best Agency webpages in the BIA.** You can access our Agency webpages at the following address:

<http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/RegionalOffices/Pacific/WeAre/Agencies/index.htm>

Congratulations to the Palm Springs Agency!

Our BIA Forestry & Wildland Fire Management facebook and twitter accounts are also very good source of information. <https://www.facebook.com/BIAFWFM> or https://twitter.com/BIA_DFWFM

THE 2013 BIA RESOURCE MANAGEMENT MEETING WAS A SUCCESS

The Pacific Regional Office, Natural Resources Division held a three day Resource Management Meeting on **April 9- April 11, 2013**. The meeting was well attended and we are grateful for the support and assistance that we received from Tribes, Tribal Organizations and BIA Agency Staff. The Community Wildfire Protection Plan which were identified as a need in the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (16 USC Chapter 84) and require coordination (16 USC Chapter 92 and 43 USC 1912(b)). A number of the PowerPoint presentations have been included on the BIA programs Disk. We appreciate the feedback that we received. The following are some of the comments that we received that we hope to include next year.



- Tribal and Inter-Tribal presentations were a hit, so we are hopeful that next year will include more presentations.
- Have meeting available on a web-meeting format to avoid travel costs.
- Include more hands on workshops.
- Combine Power-point presentations with demonstration on where and how to find these resources on the BIA Programs Disk.
- The Central California Agency’s Indian Self-Determination Act staff made a well-received presentation on “free and cheap” items available through Indian Self-Determination awards. We would like to have agency staff again next year.
- The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians provided an excellent presentation on the use of Indian Trust accounts as a self-determination tool.

If you have any further questions or recommendations, please contact Gerald Jones, Assistant Regional Forester, by phone at (916) 978-6076, or email gerald.jones@bia.gov.

COMMENTS TO U.S. FOREST SERVICE (USFS) PLANNING MANUAL AND HANDBOOKS



We appreciate the support that we received from Agencies, Tribes, and Tribal Organizations regarding the edits to the USFS manual and handbooks on such short notice. The collaboration requirement to protect and improve the Indian Trust is unique and has specific statutory requirements. Our intent was to illustrate that the BIA and the USFS must work together to meet these planning requirements while promoting the rights of Indian people and promoting Indian Self-Determination (Planning: 43 USC 1712(b), 25 USC Chpt 33 & 39). (Consultation and Indian Self-Determination: 25 USC 450 et. seq. & 25 USC § 3109)

BIA: <http://www.bia.gov/cs/groups/xregpacific/documents/document/idc1-021915.pdf>

Sample Tribal/Indian Response: <http://www.bia.gov/cs/groups/xregpacific/documents/document/idc1-021913.doc>

With enclosures: <http://www.bia.gov/cs/groups/xregpacific/documents/document/idc1-021912.pdf>

Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership Act

The Pacific Region's Range Management Specialist/Acting Regional Housing Officer provided a presentation on the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership (HEARTH) Act. The HEARTH Act provides a voluntary, alternative land leasing process available to tribes, by amending the Indian Long-Term Leasing Act of 1955, 25 U.S.C. § 415. The Act authorizes tribes to negotiate and enter into agricultural and business leases of tribal trust lands with a primary term of 25 years, and up to two renewal terms of 25 years each, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior. The Act also authorizes tribes to enter into leases for residential, recreational, religious or educational purposes for a primary term of up to 75 years without the approval of the Secretary. The Act requires participating tribes to develop tribal leasing regulations, including an environmental review process, and to obtain the Secretary's approval of those regulations prior to entering into leases. The Act requires the Secretary to approve tribal regulations if the Tribal regulations are consistent with the Department's leasing regulations at 25 CFR Part 162 and provide for an environmental review process that meets requirements set forth in the Act. No additional requirements for approval of tribal regulations may be imposed. If you have any further questions, please contact Travis Britton, Range Management Specialist, by phone at (916) 978-6167, or email travis.britton@bia.gov.



Forest Pests Application a Great Opportunity to Partner with USFS & BIA to Protect Forest Health



Please, contact U.S. Forest Service Forest Health Division's specialists & your local BIA forestry service provider soon, if you are interested in receiving forest pest's funds for next fiscal year. A new phone directory is on the updated BIA Programs Disk. Forest Health Protection, USDA Forest Service, has expertise in forest entomology, forest pathology, invasive plants, pesticide use, survey & monitoring, suppression & control, technology development & other forest health-related services. Their mission is to protect & improve the health of America's rural, wildland, & urban forests. The Forest Service values &

works through a partnership with the BIA to prevent, suppress & slow-the-spread of native & nonnative forest insects, pathogens, & invasive plants across all lands including urban, rural, & wildland forests on Indian Trust & Indian Restricted lands. The Forest Service also works closely with land managers & resource staff with federal agencies, and with Indian beneficiaries. Projects in California have been funded through Indian Self Determination and through Indian Trust Fund transfers in partnership with the BIA, these projects are supported by a biological evaluation conducted by a U.S. Forest Service, Forest Health specialist.



The Agencies to this Agreement may jointly conduct cooperative projects, within their authority and as authorized by law, to maintain or improve their fire management services and activities. **These projects may involve such activities as prescribed fire/fuels management, pre-suppression, fire analysis/planning, rehabilitation, training, prevention, investigation, community wildfire protection plans, public affairs, and other beneficial efforts.** Such projects will be **documented in local operating plans, or other documents**, referencing the appropriate authority. Documentation will include the objectives, role of each agency, and each agency's share of costs. These funds can be deposited into Tribal project accounts (25 USC § 3109) promoting substantive consultation, sovereignty, equal partnerships and Indian Self-Determination (EO 13175/25 USC 450 et. seq., and The Governor's EO B-10-11). These Tribal Accounts provide security, equal partnerships, and valuable Indian Trust investments.

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Supplemental Project Plan (BIA Agreement #A13AC00001)

SUPPLEMENTAL NUMBER _____ TO MASTER COOPERATIVE WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

For wildland fire cost share process, see Exhibit C, Cost Share Guide.

PROJECT AND FINANCIAL PLAN

I. INTRODUCTION

Brief description, where located, status of environment analysis, status compliance if applicable, design/specifications status.

List the authorizing law (Examples: Reciprocal Fire Protection Act, 42 U.S.C. 1856 or Cooperative Funds and Deposits Act,

PL 94-148).

II. SCOPE AND DURATION

The description of this project is to _____. It is anticipated that this project will begin _____ and will end _____.

III. PRINCIPAL CONTACTS

Principal contacts for each Agency for the administration of the project are:

Name Address Telephone FAX

IV. DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Specific duties and tasks to be performed. Identify desired end results.

B. Identify tools and equipment needed and who will supply them.

C. Identify size of crew and who will be providing transportation

D. Other

V. SUPERVISION AND TECHNICAL OVERSIGHT

VII. REIMBURSEMENT

Describe any relevant reimbursement and billing procedures, including to whom to send payment and the billing address.

VII. FINANCIAL PLAN

List which Agency is reimbursing the other and detail items to be reimbursed. Reimbursement shall be made only for actual expenses incurred, not to exceed the estimated total reimbursement. Itemized documentation in support of all expenses is required. If this is for a wildland fire cost share agreement, see Exhibit C, Cost Share Agreement Template.

VIII. SIGNATURES

Unit (BIA) Administrator (Superintendent or Regional Director) Date

Agency (Southern, Palm Springs, Central, Northern or Pacific Regional Office) **NO ADMIN. FOR PASS THROUGH**

Unit Administrator Date

Agency





2013 California Fire Assistance Agreement Rates and Reimbursement Workshop

To make certain that local fire agencies correctly calculate their average actual hourly rates, actual administrative rate and understand the terms and conditions of the agreement, Cal EMA along with all other signatories to the California Fire Assistance Agreement should ensure that all agencies understand the process, rates, formulas and methodologies on how to arrive at the correct rates required for reimbursement from the State or Federal Government. It is also equally important to understand and apply all changes that have occurred within the agreement for the year 2013.

Workshop Purpose:

- * Instruct local government fire agencies how to develop accurate rates
- * Provide an understanding of expectations on MOU/Contract Language
- * Provide a forum to discuss rates, formulas and methods
- * Support successful implementation of CFAA changes and or updates

Workshop Outline:

- * Overview of the changes to the 2013 exhibits
- * How to properly and accurately calculate rates
- * Detailed discussion about administrative rates, personnel rates and other items
- * Intent of the California Fire Assistance Agreement

Target Audience:

Local government fire agency finance personnel (rate preparers) and admin managers/chiefs

When:

June 03, 0900-1200 – San Diego
June 12, 0900-1200 – Cupertino
June 14, 0900-1200 – Sacramento
June 18, 0900-1200 – Riverside
June 20, 0900-1200 – Burbank

Where:

San Diego Fire – Rescue Training Facility
 4347 North Harbor Drive
 San Diego, CA 92101
 Building 608, Classroom #3

Creekside Park Building
 10455 Miller Avenue
 Cupertino, CA 95014

California Emergency Management Agency
 3650 Schriever Avenue
 Mather, CA 95655
 Multi Purpose Room

Ben Clark Public Safety Training Center
 3423 Davis Avenue
 Riverside, CA 92507
 Auditorium

Burbank Fire Department Training Ctr.
 1845 N. Ontario St.
 Burbank, CA 91505

Attendance: Those interested in attending a workshop should register at:

<http://fireandrescuetraining.gosignmeup.com>

Additional workshops will be conducted via webinars. The dates and targeted geographic areas for each webinar will be announced via flyer and posted to our website at www.calema.ca.gov.

[CONTINUED CONTACT INFORMATION]

You can also provide your contact information as follows

If your organization is NOT in the Directory and you would like to be included, you can also follow the above directions.

Our Pacific Regional Contact Coordinator is as follows:

- · **Fax** to (916) 978-6081
- · **E-mail** to vanessia.jordan@bia.gov
- · **US Mail** BIA, Pacific Regional Office 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento CA 95825 Attn: Branch of Forestry
- · **Call** us at (916) 978-6077 or (916) 978-6075

**** an excel version of the contact form can be found on the updated BIA programs disk of one may be sent to you via e-mail upon request.**

BIA Programs Disk\Contacts\ Individual Directory Contact Form

Or you can contact your local forestry service provider and they can update the BIA Indian Affairs Collaboration Tool-Contact list and the BIA will forward the information to the Intertribal Timber Council and the Intertribal Agriculture Council.

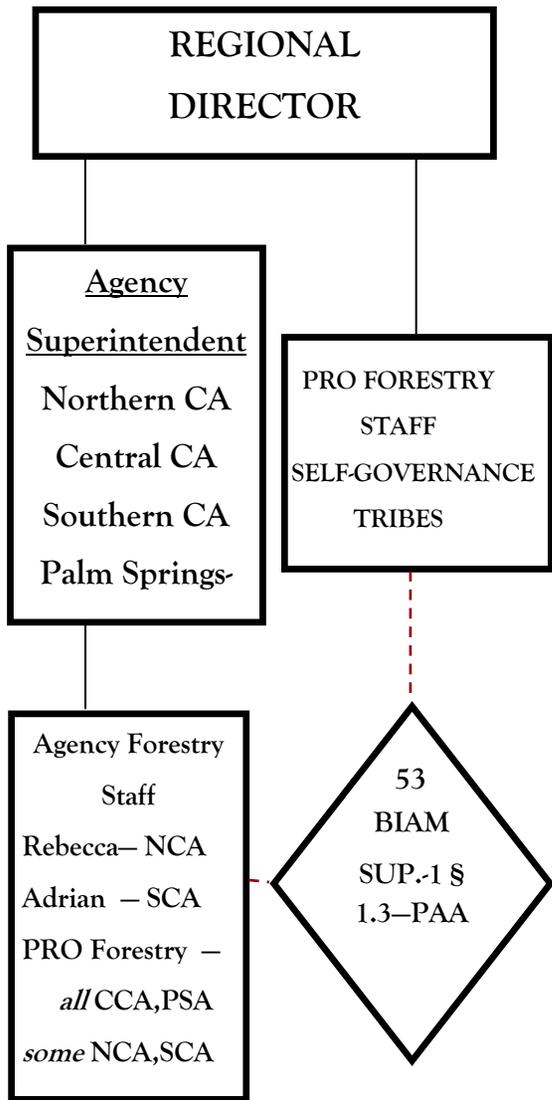
MOVING ON & MOVING FORWARD



Congratulations to Krysta Zunie, Forestry Office Assistant!

Krysta Zunie joined the Division of Natural Resources in 2009 as a summer worker, then again in 2010. She worked with the Forestry Branch, assisting coworkers with their daily needs. She attends Penn Foster Career School to pursue her educational goals. Krysta's last day with the Forestry Branch was May 23, 2013, working for the BIA's Branch of Forestry, Pacific Regional Office (53 BIAM Supp. 1 § 1.3-PAA). The Branch of Forestry was grateful to have Ms. Zunie's assistance in the Indian Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP - 5 CFR § 213.3202). We are hopeful that she will continue her academic goals and have a successful career and life. Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and Individual Indian beneficiaries all benefited from Ms. Zunie's hard work and her professionalism. The Indian student programs that the BIA manages are some of the most important as these Indian people are the leaders of tomorrow. With leaders, like Ms. Zunie our future looks bright. We

would like to express our deep appreciation for all Ms. Zunie has done for Indian Country and for herself. THANKS SO MUCH! You will be missed.....



Technical Forestry Service Providers

The Forestry Staff for the Pacific Region are responsible for providing coordination, management, planning, oversight, and monitoring for all activities related to development and protection of natural resources on over 500 thousand acres of Indian trust & restricted lands in California. The Forestry Branch exercise program oversight and provides planning and scheduling natural resources activities at the State & Agency level to ensure that regulatory and policy requirements are followed and that technical standards of sound natural resources management are upheld.



Direct Forestry Technical Assistance Provided (53 BIAM Sup. 1 § 1.3-PAA):

PRO Forestry: Self Gov. Tribes
 Central California Agency Supt./Tribes
 Palm Springs Agency Supt./Tribe
 Others shown: 53 BIAM Sup1 § 1.3-PAA
 Regional Director, Pacific Reg. Office

Rebecca Wasson:
 Northern CA Agency Supt./Most Tribes

Adrian Ackley:
 Southern CA Agency Supt./Most Tribes

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Assistant Regional Forester,

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Gerald has been with the Bureau of Indian Affairs since 1999. He coordinates the Forestry/Integrated Resources Management Programs for the Region. Prior to working for the BIA, Gerald worked 11 years for the Forest Service and 4 years for Simpson Forest Industries. Gerald has a Bachelors of Science Degree in Forest Production from Humboldt State University.

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Regional Timber Sales Officer,
Pacific Regional Office (Forestry)

John began his career with the BIA in 1994 as a Forester at the Central California Agency before moving to the Regional Office in 1996, taking the Assistant Regional FMO position. In 1998, John became the Regional FMO, and then in 2002 accepted his current position as the Regional Timber Sales Officer. Prior to working for the BIA, John was employed by the US Forest Service for 6 years. John has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Management from Humboldt State University.

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Vanessia joined the Division of Natural Resources in 2008. She works with the fire and Forestry Branch to help assist coworkers in their daily needs. She also is attending school at American River College to pursue her educational goals.



Rebecca Wasson, (530) 223-7973

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Natural Resources Officer, Northern Cal. Agency

Rebecca began her career with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) at the Red Lake Agency (Minnesota) in 1989, as the Forest Development Officer; managing the green house staff and three Forest Development/Fire Crews, overseeing reforestation project on the Red Lake Indian Reservation. She transferred to the Northern California Agency in 1993, to the position of Administrative Forester, and later the Natural Resources Officer, where she manages all Forestry, Natural Resources programs and the Safety of Dams program. Rebecca has also performed other duties as requested such as, the Freedom of Information Coordinator, Acting Administrative Officer, and Acting Tribal Operations Officer. Rebecca has previously worked for the US Forest Service on the Coconino National Forest, Kaibab National Forest and the Nez Perce Tribe in Lapwai, Idaho, and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Oregon. Rebecca has a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Forest Management from Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona.

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Agency Forester, Southern Cal. Agency
Adrian was hired on as the Agency Forester in Aug. '10. Adrian grew up in Central Wisconsin where he spent much of his time playing outdoors; camping, fishing, hunting and traveling. Adrian is an enrolled member of the Sokaogon Mole Lake Community of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. He earned a B.S. in Forest Management at the Univ. of Wisconsin Stevens Point. Adrian spent his summers away from college as a forestry intern on the Menominee nation, where he enjoyed doing ecology and forestry field work with other Tribal forestry personnel. Adrian is new to the area, having moved to Southern California with his wife and daughter in July of 2010. He is very excited at the prospect of working with Southern California Tribes on their unique natural resource and forestry issues.



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Overview of Programs Administered by the Pacific Region's Division of Natural Resources

The following programs are administered through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Natural Resources. The due dates listed below ensure that requests and reports are submitted to the National Office in a timely manner. Tribes should submit proposals and accomplishment reports prior to the dates listed below to allow the appropriate Bureau of Indian Affairs Office the opportunity to provide tribes technical assistance and allow for the tracking of tribal needs.

Proposals

Project proposals will be accepted throughout the year. The due dates shown below reflect the dates that proposals must be received by the Regional Office. Tribes that have forestry programs under the jurisdiction of the Northern and Southern California Agency offices must submit their proposals to the appropriate office by the due dates set by those offices.

<u>Proposals/Applications</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Maintenance of Tribal Fish Hatcheries	January 15
Housing Improvement Program	January 31
“Co-op” Natural Resources and Agriculture/Range Applications	February 15*
Integrated Resource Management Plans Proposals	February 15
Wildland Urban Interface Fuels Reduction Proposals	March 1
Hazardous Fuels Reduction Proposals	March 1
Forest Pest Management Proposals	August 1
Water Resources Program Proposals	August 30
Forest Management Inventory & Planning Proposals	September 15
Forest Development Action Plans & Proposals	September 15
Winter Operational Plans (ongoing timber harvest)	October 1
Endangered Species Compliance Act Proposals	November 1
Woodland Management Proposals	November 1
National Timber Harvest Initiative Proposals	November 15
Watershed Restoration Proposals	November 15
Noxious Weed Proposals	November 15
Agriculture/Rangeland Inventory & Planning Proposals	November 15
Cadastral Survey Requests (BLM <u>Service</u> Request)	December 15

*_Time approximate advertised on www.usajobs.gov



Accomplishments/Progress Reports/Producing Plans



The due dates shown below reflect when the accomplishments/progress reports are due to the Regional Office. Tribes that have forestry programs under the jurisdiction of the Northern and Southern California Agency offices must submit their accomplishments/progress reports and plans to the appropriate office by the due dates set by those offices.

Accomplishments/Progress Reports/Producing Plans	Due Date
<i>Wildland Urban Interface Fuels Reduction</i>	<i>the 25th of each month</i>
<i>Hazardous Fuels Reduction</i>	<i>the 25th of each month</i>
Report of Timber Cut *	the 25 th of month following harvest
Winter Operations Status Reports	current with winter operations
Forest Management Expenditure Plans	January 1 for Tribes with FY ending Dec. 31
Annual Check Scale Reports	January 15
Forest Management Deductions Actual Expenditure Plans	Jan. 28 for Tribes with FY ending Sept. 30
Integrated Resources Management Plans	March 15 (2nd Quarter Progress Report)
Housing Improvement Program	March 31
Forest Management Deductions Actual Expenditure Plans	April 30 for Tribes with FY ending Dec. 31
Wildland Fire Annual Operating/Mob Plans	May 15 (Hoopa/Tule River ID 24 hr. auto aid)
Integrated Resources Management Plans	June 15 (3 rd Quarter Progress Report)
Forest Pest Management Accomplishments	August 1
Updates to Catalog of Forest Acres	September 15
Integrated Resources Management Plans	September 15 (4 th Quarter Progress Report)
Forest Development Accomplishments	September 15
<i>Wildland Urban Interface Fuels Reduction</i>	<i>September 25 (Final Acres for Fiscal Year)</i>
<i>Hazardous Fuels Reduction</i>	<i>September 25 (Final Acres for Fiscal Year)</i>
Forest Management Expenditure Plans	Oct. 1 for Tribes with FY ending Sept. 30
Status of Forest Management	October 15
Forest Management Inventory & Planning	October 15
Noxious Weed Reports	October 15
Agriculture/Rangeland Inventory & Planning	October 15
Annual Report of Timber Cut	November 1
Woodland Management Accomplishments	November 1
Indian Forestry Status Report	November 15
Timber Harvest Initiative Accomplishments	November 15
Endangered Species Compliance Act Accomplishments	November 30
National Timber Harvest Initiative Accomplishments	December 15
Integrated Resources Management Plans	December 15 (1 st Quarter Progress Report)
Watershed Restoration Accomplishments	December 15

If you have any questions, please call Gerald Jones, Regional Assistant Forester, at (916) 978-6076.

* = Starting with the first month in which the timber is scaled