

2026 Tribal Action Plan

Outline Format for Focus Areas & Objectives



1. Strengthen Relationships Between Indian Tribes and the USDA Forest Service

- a. Strengthen Consultation with Tribal Governments
- b. Enhance Coordination and Collaboration with Tribal Governments, Tribal Communities, and Tribal Organizations
- c. Improve Communication with Tribes
- d. Support Tribal Capacity Building
- e. Advance Public Information with Respect to Tribes

2. Fulfill Trust and Treaty Obligations

- a. Uphold Treaties
- b. Advance Protection of Reserved Rights and Similar Tribal Rights
- c. Improve Protection and Access to Sacred Sites
- d. Plan for Stewardship of Natural and Cultural Resources
- e. Expand Application of Indigenous Knowledge
- f. Uphold Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Governance

3. Enhance Tribal Co-Stewardship

- a. Support Co-Stewardship
- b. Improve Service Delivery to Tribes
- c. Advance Tribal Stewardship Through Land Conveyance

4. Advance Tribal Relations Within the USDA Forest Service

- a. Grow Agency Tribal Relations Competency Through Training and Collaboration
- b. Implement Reporting, Accountability, and Performance Measurements
- c. Improve Efficiency of Tribal Relations Program Delivery
- d. Monitor and Implement Legislation and Policy
- e. Engage Youth
- f. Increase Coordination with Other Agencies and Partner Organizations