

# Indian Affairs Department Presentation to Interim Indian Affairs Committee



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Inn of the Mountain Gods - Mescalero, New Mexico  
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# Overview

- Work Done Pursuant to State Tribal Collaboration Act
  - Annual Summit
  - Annual Reports
- 2019 Priorities of the Indian Affairs Department
  - Missing and/or Murdered Indigenous Women
  - 2020 U.S. Census
  - Energy Transition Act
  - Capital Outlay and Tribal Infrastructure Act
  - IAD's Collaboration on Other Initiatives

**State Tribal Collaboration Act**  
**§11-18-1 to §11-18-5 NMSA 1978**

- Section 11-8-4 Annual Summit
  - 2019 Summit held at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center—May 15-16, 2019
  - Summit Focused on Three Issue Areas:
    - Education
    - Healthy Communities
    - Water & Cultural Sites Protection
  - Final Report Issued—Follow Up

# State Tribal Collaboration Act

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- Section 11-8-4 Annual Reports
  - To date 3 departments have submitted annual reports (EMNRD, HED and Game & Fish)
    - Opportunities
    - Challenges
  - July 31 Deadline for departments to submit annual reports; IAD will compile reports and report to Governor and Legislature.

# Missing and/or Murdered Indigenous Women

- All recommendations for the MMIW Taskforce have been sent to the Governor's office for appointment.
- IAD is seeking a project assistant that will work closely with the taskforce and will ultimately draft the final report with support from IAD and the taskforce.
  - IAD is reaching out to the UNM Health Sciences Center and the NABPI for recommendations.
  - IAD has funding to pay this assistant for their travel and work.
- IAD is identifying taskforce advisors who will play a key role in strategic planning, proposing agenda items and identifying the subcommittees that will be created.
- A work plan is drafted with a proposal of all the convenings from August 2019-June 2021.
- IAD continues to seek support from stakeholders who are familiar with the MMIW crisis.

# 2020 U.S. Census

- IAD is a member of the New Mexico Complete Count Commission that was established by Governor Lujan Grisham by Executive Order 2019-007.
- The role of the IAD is to work with NM CCC to:
  - Promote and advertise the 2020 Census in tribal communities;
  - Focus resources on tribal areas and populations;
  - Ensure that tribal participation is at the highest rate possible;
  - Support and coordinate tribal complete count committees; and
  - Help guide the disbursement of resources to support tribal communities in the 2020 census.
- IAD is working with other tribal partners in order to coordinate efforts, develop clear and achievable goals, leverage funding and eliminate obstacles in order to ensure that NM tribal communities are accurately and completely counted.
- The stakes are high! Of the 227,000 Native people in NM there is a potential for a 4.9% undercount which translates into approximately \$33 million in lost revenue annually or over \$330 million over the next 10 years.

# Energy Transition Act

- IAD has been working in partnership with Workforce Solutions Department and Economic Development Department to implement ETA.
- Under the Act, IAD is responsible for facilitating equitable outreach and engagement of the 29 Navajo Nation chapters impacted by the ETA to solicit feedback on how IAD will administer funds under the ETA.
- IAD has begun its work and has developed a comprehensive field outreach strategy and timeline. IAD is in the process of setting up meetings with the affected Navajo Nation chapters as well as confirming the appointment of a convener.
- The first of the 3 required meetings will occur October 2019. The other two meetings will be held in the spring and fall of 2020.
- IAD's goal is to ensure impacted Navajo communities lead the transition.

# Capital Outlay and TIF

- Administering capital outlay and tribal infrastructure funds in a timely and fiscally responsible manner.
- Ensuring that the IAD conducts its work with transparency, clarity and consistency.
- Improving communication, providing technical assistance and building capacity of tribal grantees.
- Reviewing IAD's internal processes to make improvements.



# IAD's Collaboration on Other Initiatives

- Education
  - Working with PED on Impact Aid, implementing Yazzie/Martinez and improving the education of Native American students in public schools.
- Broadband
  - Working with the Governor's Office, DOIT, EDD and DOT to address broadband access.
- Children's Cabinet
  - Eliminating childhood hunger and improving the wellbeing of NM's children.
- Behavioral Health Initiatives—Behavioral Health Collaborative
  - Working to address behavioral health issues impacting tribal communities such as suicide and access to resources.
- Environmental Initiatives
  - Participating on Climate Change Taskforce and Chaco Workgroup.

# Thank You

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