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Native Nations Climate Adaptation Program
Center for Climate Adaptation Science and Solutions

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Purpose of Presentation

• WHCNAA Background

• Environment, Climate Change, Natural Resources Initiatives

• Highlight Opportunities
What is WHCNAAA?

- Established by Executive Order 13647 (June 26, 2013)
- Promotes development of prosperous & resilient tribal communities through inter-agency coordination
What is WHCNA?A?

- **Subject-Matter Subgroups**
  - Economic Development & Infrastructure (USDA, SBA)
  - Education and Youth (ED & DOI)
  - Energy (DOE & DOI)
  - Environment, Climate Change, and Natural Resources (EPA & DOI)
  - Health (HHS)
  - Public Safety & Justice (DOJ & DOI)
Environment, Climate Change, Natural Resources Subgroup

- Support needs of tribal communities impacted by climate change
- Environmental impacts and well-being
- Protection and preservation of natural resources
Subgroup Projects

- Federal Tribal Climate Change Resource Guide (http://toolkit.climate.gov/tribal/)
Subgroup Projects

- Local Environmental Observer (LEO) Network (https://leonetwork.org/en/)
Subgroup Projects

- Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Resilience

https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/tribalsupplementalprogressreport_final0916.pdf

PROGRESS REPORT

Highlighting Federal Actions Addressing the Tribal Supplemental Recommendations of the State, Local, and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience
Subgroup Projects

- Interagency MOU on Tribal Treaty Rights - Natural Resources
  
  [link](https://www.doi.gov/blog/respecting-tribal-treaty-rights-helps-preserve-indian-country-progress)
Natural Resources Convening
2016 Tribal Nations Conference

- September 26-27, 2016
2016 Tribal Nations Conference

- Focus on maintaining progress into the next Administration
- Tribes engagement via WHCNAA subgroups
Opportunities

- Internships and jobs:
  - [https://www.usajobs.gov/studentsandgrads/](https://www.usajobs.gov/studentsandgrads/)
  - [https://sites.google.com/a/bia.gov/guide-to-youth-programs/](https://sites.google.com/a/bia.gov/guide-to-youth-programs/)
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Thank You

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