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SA C Tasked Agencies	
Primary Agencies	Oregon Emergency Management (OEM)
Supporting Agencies	
Adjunct Agencies	

1 Purpose

The Tribal Relations Support Annex describes the policies, responsibilities and concept of operations for effective coordination and interaction of State of Oregon incident management activities with those of tribal governments and communities during incidents requiring a coordinated State response. The processes and functions described in this annex help facilitate the coordination of incident management programs, sharing of resources, and support to tribal governments and individuals.

2 Scope

This annex applies to all State departments and agencies working under the State Emergency Operations Plan in response to incidents requiring State coordination with tribal entities.

This annex only addresses those factors in the relationship between State departments and agencies and federally recognized tribes.

The guidance provided in this annex does not contravene existing laws governing Federal and State relationships with federally recognized tribes.

3 Roles and Responsibilities

3.1 Primary Agencies

3.1.1 Oregon Emergency Management

- Assists in implementation of consistent tribal relations policies and procedures during potential or actual incidents requiring a coordinated State and/or Federal response.
- Coordinates data sharing, through the ECC, by other agencies and departments that have responsibilities for collecting and maintaining data relevant to incident management for incidents that involve tribes.
- Coordinates and designates staff to address Tribal Relations at the ECC. The Tribal Relations position may include representatives from other departments and agencies, as appropriate and as jurisdictions dictate.
- Coordinates and reports tribal emergency management activities to the Oregon State Legislatures Commission on Indian Services (CIS). CIS

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assists OEM by providing contact information for tribal leadership as well as updates on tribal government activities.

3.2 Supporting Agencies

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3.3 Federal Agencies

For information on the roles and responsibilities of federal agencies in support of tribal relations see the Tribal Relations Support Annex of the National Response Framework.

4 Concept of Operations

During and after emergencies, OEM encourages counties to coordinate with the Tribes within their areas to ensure that responses are coordinated and that any potential damage assessment information is captured. The Tribes often rely on pre-established relationships with local governments for assistance in emergency situations. Tribes being sovereign nations may directly request Federal disaster assistance to the appropriate Federal agency. Assistance for Tribes is requested as outlined in ORS 401. Federal assistance as a result is administered by the Federal agency directly to the Tribe and is not processed in the same manner as disaster assistance that is administered to the state and local governments.

OEM offers technical assistance in the areas of planning, training and exercise to Tribes throughout Oregon and encourages Tribes to participate where possible.

5 Supporting Documents

- National Response Framework, Tribal Relations Support Annex

6 Appendices

None at this time.