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FINAL AGENDA (updated 10/5)

State-Tribal Relations Committee (STRC)

October 7 and 8, 2021

Meeting locations are noted within each portion of the agenda

NOTE: Agenda item times are approximate. Some items may take more or less time than is allotted.

Thursday, October 7 – Great Falls

- 9:30 a.m. Meet at Little Shell Cultural Center to carpool, 1529 Stuckey Road, Great Falls
- 9:45 – 10:30 Tour Little Shell Tribal Health Clinic, 425 Smelter Ave NE, Great Falls
- 10:45 STRC Call to Order – Roll Call, 1529 Stuckey Road, Great Falls
- Opening prayer and welcome
- 11:00 Meet with the Little Shell Tribal Council
- 12:00 p.m. Recess; lunch for the STRC and the Little Shell Tribal Council (STRC provides)
- 12:45 STRC business meeting begins – Public comment on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the STRC
- 1:00 Governor's Office of Indian Affairs Update
- Misty Kuhl; Director of Indian Affairs, Office of Governor Gianforte
 - 2021 Tribal Relations Report
 - Other updates
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps
- 1:30 Introduction/updates from agency tribal liaisons in attendance
- Harlan Trombley; American Indian Liaison, Dept. of Corrections
 - Maria Valandra; Office of Indian Country Economic Development, Dept. of Commerce
 - Jen Buckley; Tribal Victim Liaison, Board of Crime Control
 - James Strait; Tribal and Cultural Resource Officer, DEQ
 - Lesa Evers; Tribal Relations Manager, DPHHS
 - Kqyn Kuka; Tribal Liaison and Diversity Coordinator, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps

- 2:30 Staff updates and committee work session
- Review final work plan – Pad McCracken, Committee Staff
 - Fee-to-trust conversion – Pad
 - Indian Country programs: one-time-only (OTO) funding and termination dates – Pad
 - IEFA litigation update – Jameson Walker, Staff Attorney
 - Redistricting update
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps
- 4:00 Recess

Friday, October 8, 2021 – Rocky Boy's Reservation

- 10:00 a.m. Meet with Chippewa Cree Tribal Business Committee, 96 Clinic Road, Box Elder (Committee chambers)
- 11:15 Introductions of agency tribal liaisons in attendance – Misty Kuhl; Director of Indian Affairs, Office of Governor Gianforte
- 11:30 Public comment on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the STRC
- 11:45 Adjournment followed by lunch for the STRC and the Chippewa Cree Tribal Business Committee
- 12:45 p.m. Tours of Stone Child College, Rocky Boy Health Center, and the new emergency services building

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