Disaster Response & Recovery Timeline for Disaster Assistance
Tribal Emergency Management

• Many tribes do not have a dedicated emergency manager
• Most tribes do not get/benefit from the Emergency Management Program Grant (EMPG) funding through the states
• Not all tribes are eligible for the DHS Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP)
Tribal Emergency Management

- Training opportunities for tribal emergency managers and leaders is available
  - FEMA Emergency Management Institute
  - DHS Center for Domestic Preparedness
- Tribal Emergency Management organizations are also available to assist
  - National Tribal Emergency Management Association (iTEMA)
- FEMA Technical Assistance Program
Tribal Emergency Management

- Tribal Assistance Coordination Group
- BIA Emergency Management
- FEMA Region V Tribal Liaison
- IHS TransAm program
  - [www.ihs.gov/transam](http://www.ihs.gov/transam)
  - Emergency Management equipment is available at little to no cost
Incident Occurs

12 Hours:
- Prepared community members

24 Hours:
- Tribal Responders with local partners

48 Hours:
- Notifications to other response partners

72 Hours:
- Dept. of Defense immediate response authority**

One Week:
- Potential Federal assistance Other than FEMA & Tribal Assistance Coordination Group

Two Weeks:
- Volunteer Organization Active in Disasters (VOADs) **

30 Days:
- Preliminary Damage Assessments
- FEMA Public Assistance and/or Individual Assistance*
Incident Occurs

- Prepared community members
- Tribal Responders with local partners
- Notifications to other response partners
Prepared Community Members 24-72 Hours

- Ready.gov/Indian-Country
- American Red Cross
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Support for community resilience from Tribal Government
- Special Needs population
- Team Rubicon
  - Recently provided sandbag filling assistance on the Wind River Reservation prior to spring flooding
Tribal Responders w/Local Support 24-72 hours

- Fire/EMS/Clinic
- Law Enforcement
- Designated Emergency Manager
- Emergency Management Program
- Public Works
- Roads Program
- Housing Program
- Trained Community Members (CERT)
Notification to Other Partners

- State/County
- BIA Agency/Region
- BIA Emergency Management/Tribal Assistance Coordination Group (TAC-G)
- IHS (almost every disaster has a public health component)
- Army Corps of Engineers
- US EPA
- USDA
- HUD
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- FEMA
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Tribal Responders with local partners
• Limited assistance can be requested from full time military bases (NOT National Guard bases or armory) by Tribal Leadership to the base commander.

• Should be a capability based request, not for individual resources/personnel.

• Ask for help fixing 300 yards of road that is the only ingress/egress for the community. Not a grader, front end loader, etc.
Incident Occurs

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- Tribal Responders with local partners
- Notifications to other response partners
- Dept. of Defense immediate response authority

Potential Federal assistance Other than FEMA & Tribal Assistance Coordination Group
- Volunteer Organization Active in Disasters (VOADs)
Other Potential Federal Assistance

• BIA Agency/Region
• BIA Emergency Management/Tribal Assistance Coordination Group (TAC-G)
• Federal Partners located adjacent of close to tribal lands (National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife, US Forest Service, etc.)
• IHS (almost every disaster has a public health component)
• Army Corps of Engineers
• US EPA
• USDA
• HUD
• Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters

• American Red Cross
• Salvation Army
• National/Southern Baptists Convention
• Partnership with Native Americans
• Mennonite Disaster Service
• Know your local regional VOAD representatives
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Potential Federal assistance Other than FEMA & Tribal Assistance Coordination Group

Volunteer Organization Active in Disasters (VOADs) **

Preliminary Damage Assessments

FEMA Public Assistance and/or Individual Assistance*

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Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA)

• Conducted in coordination with FEMA and if desired the state
  • Assessments are conducted for either program or both
    • Public Assistance (PA) – Emergency Services Support and Infrastructure
    • Individual Assistance (IA) – Private Homes and Personal Property
FEMA Recovery Programs

- Public Assistance (PA)
- Individual Assistance (IA)
  - Provides Housing Assistance to Homeowners and Renters.
  - Other Needs
Tribal Declaration Process

Incident Occurs

Tribal State of Emergency Declared

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments Conducted

Options for Tribal Requests for Assistance

Request for Inclusion in State Submission

Direct Submission by Tribal Executive Leader

Submission to FEMA Regional Administrator

Declaration Decision by US President
Three Takeaways

• Meet and know your partners before the disaster
• Have clear information on infrastructure
  • Roads and housing ownership
  • Involve all appropriate programs in emergency management
• Document, document, document
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