



RTOC Tribal Caucus Budget Recommendations

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Background

- ▶ Region 9 includes 148 Federally Recognized Tribes
- ▶ Variation in Environmental Needs and Capacities of Tribes in Region 9
- ▶ Federal Government has a Trust Responsibility to Tribes
- ▶ Tribes have the primary role of providing protection of the environment and human health in Indian Country



Key Messages

- ▶ Successful environmental results in Indian Country requires both adequate funding and flexibility to enable tribes to use environmental program funding effectively.
- ▶ There is a Need to Continue to Fund Programs That Support Tribal Environmental Protection Efforts, and, in particular, Tribal Allocations and Set-asides of STAG Programs.
- ▶ Maintain and Strengthen Inter-Agency Efforts To Maximize Efficiency in the Use of Limited Resources from Multiple Agencies to Address Environmental Needs.