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- Mr. Tino Batt, Shoshone-Bannock Tribe, Fort Hall, Idaho
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<b>SUMMARY</b>
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On behalf of the 45 tribes of the Northwest Region, we are pleased for the opportunity to participate in the FY 2019 budget formulation process with Indian Affairs (IA) and Department of Interior (DOI) and to present testimony, which is reflective of our collective goals and objectives. Meaningful tribal input into this budget formulation process goes beyond just an annual national budget meeting. The direct involvement of tribal governments in the budget development process and the commitment and active participation of Bureau of Indian Affairs officials will result in an improved documented and stronger IA budget submission that more accurately address the socio-economic and cultural conditions and needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives. The tribes and IA must strive to work in partnership with DOI and Office of Management and Budget in order to achieve our overall goals of continued advancement of tribal sovereign rights, the empowerment of tribal governments and the enhancement of the quality of life in our Indian communities. Finally, the Bureau of Indian Affairs must remain committed to the support of these goals for Indian people.

<b>NORTHWEST TRIBAL BUDGET PRIORITIES</b>
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1. [Trust - Natural Resources Management:](#)
  - ❖ Fish, Wildlife & Parks
  - ❖ Water Resources Program
  - ❖ Water Management, Planning & Predevelopment
  - ❖ Forestry Program
  - ❖ Forestry Projects
    - Fire (National Interagency Fire Center - NIFC)
    - Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER)
    - Burned Area Rehabilitation (BAR)
  
2. [Trust – Real Estate Services:](#)
  - ❖ Litigation Support/Attorney Fees
  
3. [Public Safety & Justice:](#)
  - ❖ Criminal Investigations & Police Services
  - ❖ Tribal Courts
  
4. [Education:](#)
  - ❖ Scholarships & Adult Education
  - ❖ Johnson O’Malley
  - ❖ ISEP Formula Funds
  
5. [Human Services:](#)
  - ❖ Social Services (Elders, Women, Children EQUALLY)
  - ❖ Indian Child Welfare Act
  
6. [Community & Economic Development:](#)
  - ❖ Indian Loan Guarantee
  - ❖ Subsidies

<b>CONCLUSION</b>
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Indian tribes have always lived in the river valleys and plateaus throughout the Pacific Northwest. Tribal cultures remain centered today on fishing, hunting and gathering of natural resources for spiritual, subsistence and economic needs and to protect, restore and preserve our natural resources for current and future generations. Tribal public safety and justice measures must protect Tribal citizens from crime and abuse, provide a criminal justice system that holds offenders accountable and protects tribal members. And to provide programs and services that builds a strong and sustainable community.

**ATTACHED INFORMATION: Northwest Regional Tribal Formulation Contributors:**

1. Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
2. Klamath Indian Tribe
3. Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Reservation
4. Spokane Tribe
5. Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation
6. Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
7. Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
8. Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians
9. Point No Point
10. Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC)
11. Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
12. Columbia Basin Tribes Coalition (15 Tribes)