



# FY 2018 Budget Formulation Rocky Mountain Region Presentation March 22-23, 2016

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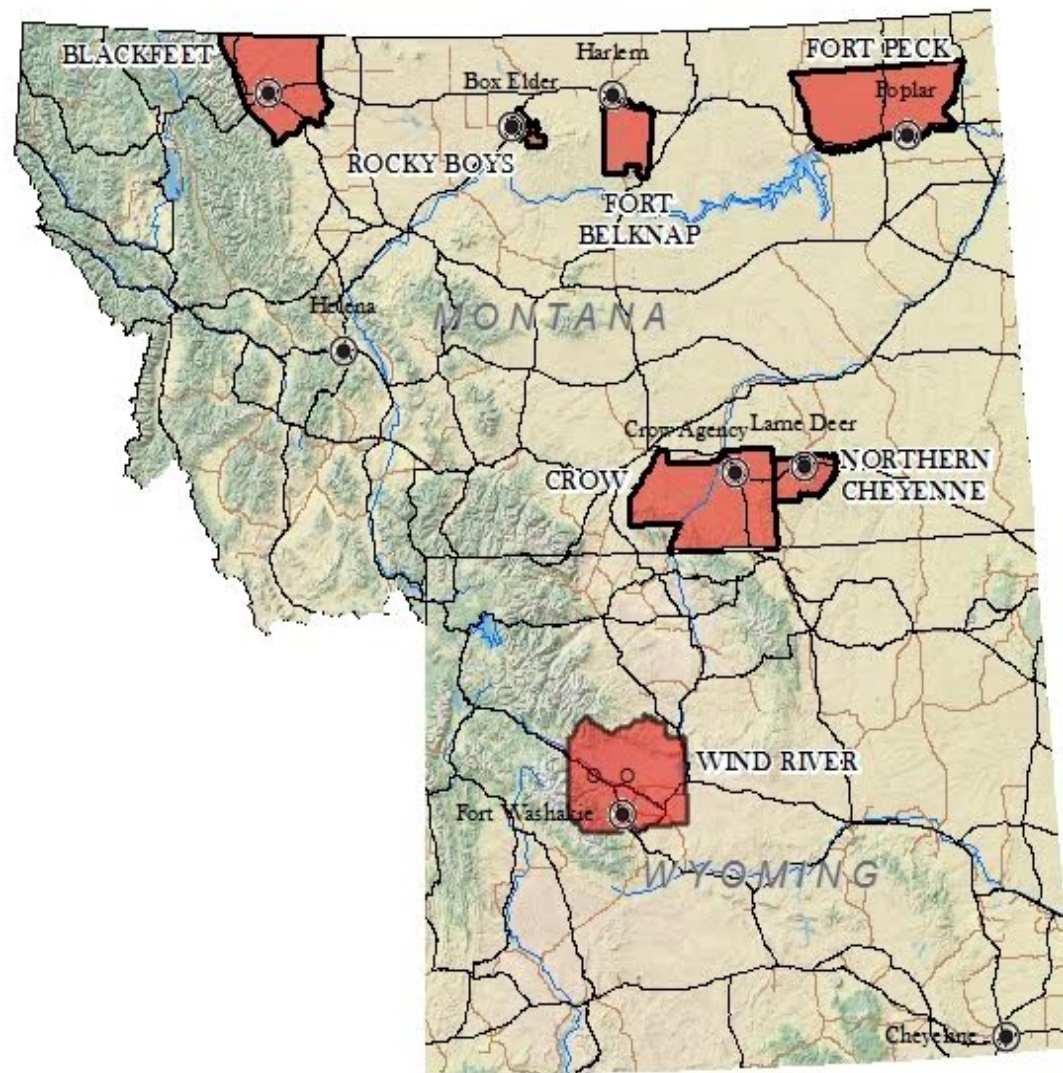
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# Rocky Mountain Region's Tribes

- Montana:
  - Blackfeet Tribe, Blackfeet Agency
  - Chippewa Cree Tribe, Rocky Boy Agency (Self Governance)
  - Fort Belknap Indian Community, Fort Belknap Agency
  - Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes, Fort Peck Agency
  - Crow Tribe, Crow Agency
  - Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Agency
- Wyoming:
  - Eastern Shoshone Tribe, Wind River Agency
  - Northern Arapaho Tribe, Wind River Agency



# Budget Increases FY2018

## TRIBAL PRIORITY ALLOCATION “T P A”

1

Social Services  
(TPA)

2

Indian  
Child  
Welfare  
Act (TPA)

3

Tribal Courts  
(TPA)

4

Scholarship &  
Adult Ed (TPA)

5

Water  
Resources  
(TPA)





## Next 5 Increases

6. Housing Improvement Program (TPA)
7. Criminal Investigations and Police Services
8. Aid to Tribal Government (TPA)
9. Job Placement & Training (TPA)
10. Agriculture (Natural Resources) (TPA)

# Lack of Funding at All Levels

- *“I want to give you my solemn guarantee that this is not the end of the process but the beginning of the process and that we are going to follow up. We are going to keep on working with you to make sure that the first Americans get the best possible chances in life.”*  
President Barack Obama, “One who Helps People Throughout the Land” – November 5, 2009 – Tribal Nations Conference.
- Historically the funding we normally receive is not adequate. We have over-worked and under-paid staff which leads to inadequate professional services provided to our people. This is unacceptable at all levels.
- With 100% funding of our TPA we would be able to hire more tribal professionals, provide training and jobs which leads to less unemployment and will increase tribal capacity in Indian country.

# SOCIAL SERVICES

- Protection of our children, disabled and elders  
- abuse and neglect
- Assist in continuation to provide services to abused victims. To conduct training and awareness to community and schools and be able to improve communication and coordination of cases between tribal, state and federal agencies.
- Higher rates of crime due to people moving in and through the communities (increased population)
- Services to assist children transitioning to adulthood – transitional living

More **FUNDING** to Social Services programs will help provide safe environment to our future generations





# INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT

- More funding would decrease client to staff ratio. Currently outrageous case-loads which then leads to high turnover in employees and no follow-through on cases
- Main goal/purpose is to maintain direct connection with our children's tribe, heritage, customs and families
- Our children are our future

# TRIBAL COURTS

- Increased Population = increased crimes = more individuals in the court system
- In critical need of additional qualified professional positions → key positions that our tribal people have the right to receive
- 2010 Indian Law And Order Act
- Amended Violence Against Woman Act

# SCHOLARSHIP & ADULT ED

- Cost of education has increased while funding has decreased or remains the same
- To provide educational opportunity to our adults to be successful is a solid investment
- To improve our communities through education changes the quality of life of our tribal members
- Capacity building of tribes is not possible without education of tribal members

***\*\*\*Healthy careers provides for healthy communities***



# WATER RESOURCES

Additional Funding will assist in the protection and management of tribal water resources

- Assist with objections to the State based claims which could affect tribal water rights
- Better documentation and management of existing water uses
- Collect valuable data: climate change, long term trends aiding in development of future systems/developments



# Hot Issues

- Land Buy Back
  - Scholarships
  - Response time needs improvement
  - Why other Regions receive extensions and Rocky Mountain does not
- OST Appraisals
- Social Services - not being notified of State removal – not following ICWA
- Meth
- Road Maintenance





# Other RMR Tribal Concerns

- Budget Formulation:
  - Revamp formulas for allocation of funding
- Budget Transparency:
  - Implement a website for tribes and budget formulation teams to include useful updated budget information
    - Provide expense reports and other fund status reports



## Other RMR Tribal Concerns, cont.

- Head count for JOM – Needs to be done more frequently

# Follow-up

- ILCA – Update Titles (had liens on them)
- DOJ – COPs grant to OJS

# RMR Tribes agreed on 8% increase Distribution Strategy as follows:

- ▶ Consolidated Tribe's submissions
- ▶ Selected increases based on the number of Tribe's interest in programs
- ▶ Distribute - 80% (of 8% increase) to top 5, 20% (of 8% increase) to next 5
  - 8% of \$83,997,000 (RMR's 2015 Budget) = \$6,720,000
  - 80% of \$6,720,000=\$5,376,000/top 5 increases = **\$1,075,200 spread across the higher 5 equally**
  - 20% of \$6,720,000=\$1,344,000/lower 5 increases = **\$268,800 spread across the lower 5 equally**
- Reason? More towards top 5 will make it more effective/meaningful.

In the Rocky Mountain Region All  
Programs are our **PRIORITIES!!!!**



**OR else you become hopeless!!!**