

## WE ARE

A tribal partner dedicated to supporting tribal goals and objectives to restore and protect the natural resources and cultural landscapes of Native American tribes and Alaskan Natives. We are multifaceted in our programs and as diverse as the 352 tribes we support.

## OUR EXPERTISE

Protecting and restoring tribal homelands by using:

- Safe and cost-effective fire management tools that complement tribal land management objectives.
- The best science available to create diverse ecological and cultural landscapes.
- Dedicated, hard-working firefighters to attack unwanted wildland fires.

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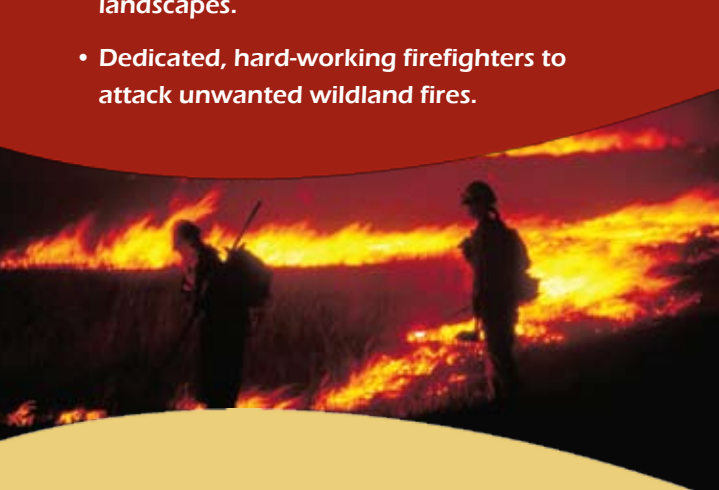
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## BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS



## BRANCH OF WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT



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## **OUR GOALS**

- Provide leadership, executive direction, technical assistance and guidance to regions, agencies and tribal fire management programs.
- Integrate fire management policy into tribal natural resource programs.
- Promote workforce excellence through experience-based leadership development.

## **WE SUPPORT**

- Employees located at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho; 11 Regional offices; more than 100 field offices; and 352 federally recognized Tribal populations located in Alaska and throughout the lower 48 states.
- Over 7,000 call-when-needed seasonal firefighters working on helitack, engine, camp, and handcrews.
- 7 Interagency Hotshot Crews.
- An aviation program comprised of 22 fixed and rotor wing aircraft.
- A standardized fleet of 200 engines designed, maintained and operated by specialized technicians.
- 41 Fire Prevention Programs.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- **Indian Country** is a legal term used to designate the reservations, informal reservations, dependent Indian communities, allotments and special lands held in federal trust for a tribe or tribal member.
- The Branch of Wildland Fire Management supports programs responsible for fire management on 66 million acres across 34 states.
- Within the Department of the Interior (DOI) land management agencies, BIA has the highest number of wildfires, annually averaging more than 6,000 fire starts.
- BIA and federally-funded Tribal fire programs successfully control 99 percent of all unwanted wildland fires upon initial attack.
- Human-caused wildfires are the leading cause of unwanted wildfires in Indian Country.
- Homes intermixed with natural areas cover 30 percent of the 66 million trust and non-trust acres.



**PROTECTING HUMAN LIFE**

**RESTORING CULTURAL LANDSCAPES**

**SUPPORTING INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION**