



## Contact Us

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## Why the Timber Team...?

- A team of professional foresters with experience in all disciplines of timber sales preparation and inventory with an emphasis on GIS.
- The team helps tribes and agencies with smaller natural resource programs complete projects to meet allowable annual harvesting targets and reduce the backlog of timber stand improvement and reforestation needs.
- For the past two years the Timber Team has completed over 40 trips to assist tribes all over the lower 48 of the US as well as Alaska. Trips have included continuous forest inventories (CFI), stand exams, fire salvage preparation, thinning projects, permit sales, and larger scaled timber sale operations.



# BIA Timber Team

**Our professional foresters  
are available for  
assistance at no cost to  
your program!**



## How To Request Us

<https://www.bia.gov/service/timber-team/request-support>

- Download and complete the BIA Timber Team Project Request Form
- Submit the form to your Regional Director or Regional Forester
- Once projects are approved at the regional level, the BIA Timber Team Supervisory Forester will contact your agency to discuss project details, dates, expectations, and logistics.

## Expectations

- The local agency should provide georeferenced PDF maps and any available geographic information system (GIS) shapefiles prior to the team's arrival.
- Upon arrival, the team will meet with local agency staff to gather any paint, marking guidelines, silvicultural prescriptions, and other gear or supplies as needed.
- Local staff should work and assist the BIA Timber Team onsite throughout the duration of their trip, which is normally one to two weeks. The team works 10–12-hour shifts and are available on weekends.



## Who is the Timber Team?

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Timber Team was established on June 9, 2019, and is based in Billings, Montana. All current staff on the team are foresters with a wide array of educational backgrounds, and experience. The team contributes to timber sale preparation, contract administration, forest development, forest inventory, timber salvage, and geographic information system (GIS) support on Tribal lands.

Current Capabilities:

Timber Sale Preparation: Unit layout, boundary painting, GPS, internal marking, and timber cruising

Sale Types: Green sales, permits, trespasses, and fire salvage

Forest Inventory: Continuous Forest Inventory (CFI) and stand exams

GIS Assistance: Stand-based delineation and mapping using ArcGIS Pro

