



# WHAT'S HOT

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## Pacific Region's Annual Natural Resource Management Meeting

- The Pacific Region's 2025 Annual Natural Resource meeting was held on March 4-5<sup>th</sup> to great success this year. We had high attendance both in-person and virtually alongside much welcomed audience participation throughout both days of the event. If you were unable to attend this year, but would like to review the presentations, then the following link can be used to access presentations that we have been given permission to distribute:
  - [bit.ly/25\\_PRO\\_NR\\_Presentations](https://bit.ly/25_PRO_NR_Presentations)



Additionally, we're always looking for feedback on ways to improve the meeting. If there is anything you would like to see in future meetings, please submit your feedback to [darin.jarnaghan@bia.gov](mailto:darin.jarnaghan@bia.gov).

## Recent Developments in Funding and Environmental Compliance

- To ensure that the Pacific Region is complying with recent Secretarial Orders and Executive Orders that outline the policy that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is to be taking moving forward, we request that proposals, statements of work, resolutions, and similar documents submitted do not contain references to climate change. We are unable to approve projects that involve climate change related actions at present.
- The Tribal Climate Resilience awards, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds, and Inflation Reduction Act funding sources are all currently on pause. We don't have a date for when these funds will be unfrozen, but an announcement will be sent out to Tribes that are affected by these pauses as soon as we learn more information.



## Recent/Upcoming Listings to Threatened and Endangered (T&E) Species

- The most recent additions to the Threatened/Endangered Species list that occur, or have the potential to occur, in California are as follows:
  - North American Wolverine – Federally Listed in 2023
  - Foothill Yellow Legged Frog – 4 Distinct Population Segments Listed in 2023

Our office has already been integrating avoidance and minimization measures for these species into relevant projects. Upcoming listings have been delayed across the board as a result of the administration change, though they are still expected to go through at some point. The following are anticipated upcoming listings:

- Foothill Yellow Legged Frog Critical Habitat – Proposed Designation
- NW/SW Pond Turtle – Proposed Threatened
- Western Spadefoot – Proposed Threatened
- CA Spotted Owl – Proposed Threatened
- Monarch Butterfly – Proposed Threatened



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## Recent/Upcoming Listings to Threatened and Endangered (T&E) Species Continued

- For more information regarding the T&E species, please reach out to Peter DeJongh, Regional Biologist by phone at 916-978-6044 or by email at [peter.dejongh@bia.gov](mailto:peter.dejongh@bia.gov)

## Sherman Indian High School Career Education Program – Sherman Fire Academy

- On March 28, 2025, the Sherman Indian High School (SIHS) hosted a Public Safety Career Day with the support of Christopher Lorenz from the Pacific Regional Office's Branch of Justice Services. With Lorenz's support SIHS was able to receive the assistance of over 30 local, state, and federal agencies. This event encouraged collaboration between the next generation of students, agencies, and the school's Fire Academy and Law programs which provide many Indian students the necessary skills to graduate from SIHS with all of the skills necessary to be immediately hired by these agencies.



## California Fire Assistance Agreement (CFAA) Committee Statewide Training

- The CFAA Committee will be hosting Statewide training sessions throughout the months of May and June across California. The training will be focused on the highly utilized terms and conditions within the CFAA. Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of the CFAA and will learn the best practices to ensure a more efficient, systematic response, and reimbursement process. Please see the enclosed flyer from the CFAA to learn about event times, locations, and to register for one of the event sessions.

California Fire Assistance Agreement Committee Who and why should you attend?

After several years, the California Fire Assistance Agreement Committee (CFAA) will be hosting an in-depth training session focused on the highly utilized terms and conditions of the CFAA. With the growing complexity of modern fire and emergency incidents, this session is crucial for Chief Officers and department officials who oversee their departments' out-of-county mutual aid responses related to the terms and conditions of the CFAA, and who ensures financial compliance with the CFAA. Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of the CFAA and best practices to ensure a more efficient, systematic response, and reimbursement process. This is an essential opportunity to enhance your department's ability to navigate the intricacies of the CFAA requirements effectively.



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## California Fire Assistance Agreement (CFAA) Committee Statewide Training Continued

- Dates for the training are as follows:
  - Wednesday, May 7, 2025, Mather, CA
  - Thursday May 8, 2025, Redding, CA
  - Friday, May 9, 2025, Santa Rosa, CA
  - Tuesday, May 20, 2025, Morgan Hill, CA
  - Wednesday, May 21, 2025, Fresno, CA
  - Thursday, May 22, 2025, Pismo Beach, CA
  - Tuesday, June 3, 2025, Arcadia, CA
  - Wednesday, June 4, 2025, San Diego, CA
  - Thursday, June 5, 2025, Riverside, CA

Please contact Cal OES Fire & Rescue at (916) 845-8711 with any questions

## Request for Contacts Updates

- We're requesting that tribes provide updated Emergency Management and Natural Resources contact information for our regional database. Please fill out the included Contact Directory Update Form and return it to [darin.jarnaghan@bia.gov](mailto:darin.jarnaghan@bia.gov) as soon as possible. Thank you!