



Tips and Guidance for Successful Project Implementation on Tribal Lands.

- **Bureau of Indian Affairs – Office of Trust Services**
- **Division of Environmental and Cultural Resources Management**

What we hear from the field

- The most common issues are:
 - Right-of-Way Application process
 - Little to no consultation with Regions/Agency offices.
 - Regions and Agencies are extremely short staffed.
 - Not all supporting documents are present in the review package.
 - Federal Agencies are not communicating with the BIA.
 - Land Status for the project locations.
 - Projects that require re-route for projects

How to apply for a Right-of-Way

- All applicants must complete the BIA ROW application and submit the required supporting documents to the local BIA office with jurisdiction over the land the ROW project crosses.
- When a ROW application package is submitted to the BIA, the BIA will acknowledge receipt of the application and will review the package.
- An inventory of the ROW application package will take place to determine any missing or incomplete documents. Incomplete packages will be returned with an explanation as to why the package is incomplete.
- Please resubmit your ROW application once all edits are made to include any supporting documents that may have been missing.

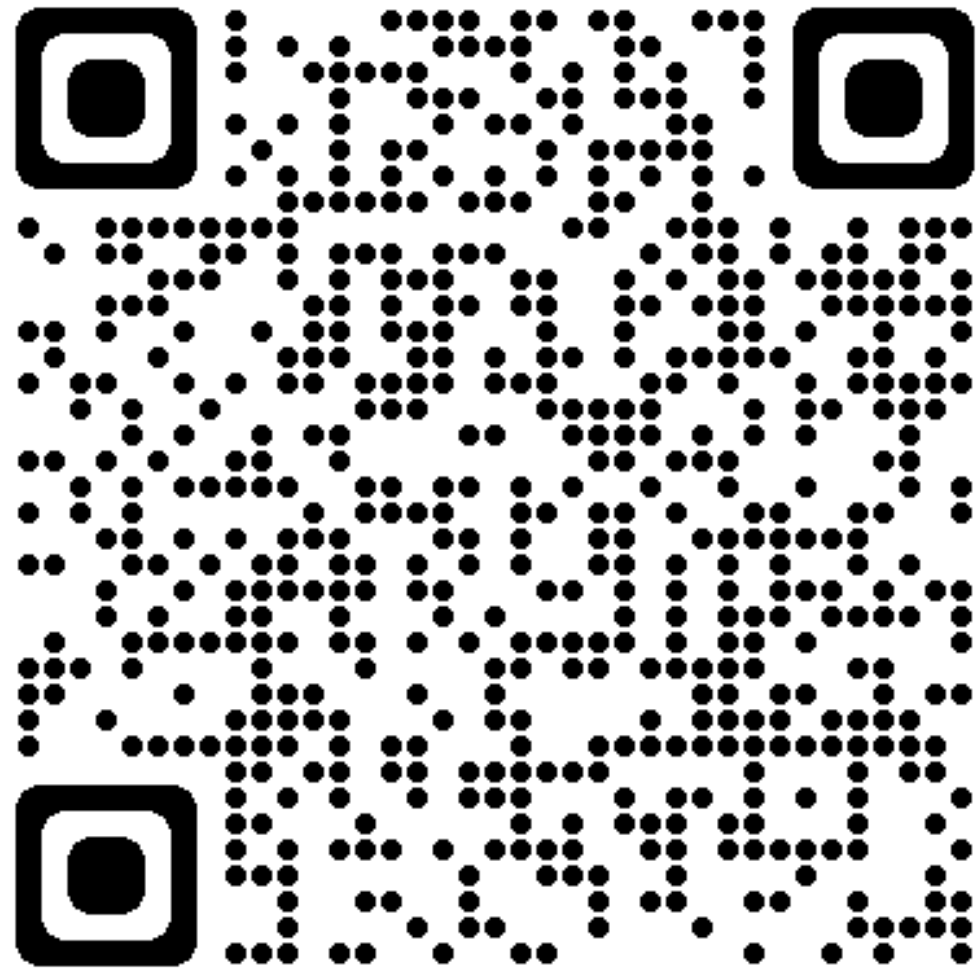
What we are doing to improve.

- Currently we are meeting with Federal Agencies, improving the collaboration and coordination for permitting projects.
- Assisting tribes with information on the permitting process.
- We are addressing the staffing concerns.
- Working on updating the policies to speed up the process to include expedited processing.
- Planning more in-person NEPA training for Tribal and BIA NEPA Staff in 2025.

Who are we coordinating and collaborating with

- NTIA - National Telecommunications and Information Administration
- FPISC - Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council (Permitting Council)
- NTTA - National Tribal Telecommunications Association
- BLM – Bureau of Land Management
- USFW – United States Fish and Wildlife
- BOR – Bureau of Reclamation
- FHWA – Federal Highway Administration
- USDA – United States Department of Agriculture
- NPS – National Park Service

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We would like to meet with you

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We are here to help!

If you have any
questions, you can
always contact one of us
and we will be happy to
help you.



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