

RIGHTS OF WAY OVER INDIAN LANDS

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Overview

Rights of Way Over Indian Lands

- Right of Way Acquisition Challenges
- Best Practices – Positive Experiences
- Working Together



Tribal R/W Acquisition Challenges

- Different processes for acquisition on tribal lands
- Effective communications

Best Practices

- Monthly conference call
- Early communication
- Utilizing a Traditional R/W Plat
- Involve the Regional Tribal Liaison
- Attend Sensitivity and Cultural Training
- Effective Meeting Options



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BEST PRACTICES

EFFECTIVE MEETING OPTIONS

- **Project Blitz Meeting**
 - Method of acquiring many non-complex parcels at one meeting with property owners
- **Pre - Acquisition Meetings**
 - Allows for effective property owner and agency communication throughout the acquisition process



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Positive Experiences

- Strong sense of community
- Tribal community in general sees the need for upgrades in transportation safety
- Positive effects from updates to federal code (25 CFR 169)



Working Together

- Guidelines/process for acquiring on Tribal land.
- Working with tribal experts
- Sensitivity and Cultural Training



Questions?

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