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Tribal Issues Front and Center During Two Days of Upcoming Legislative Hearings

*Tribal Infrastructure and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives to
be Considered by Legislators*

SANTA FE – New Mexico Indian Affairs Secretary Lynn Trujillo and staff of the Indian Affairs Department will update legislators on State and Tribal Collaboration, Tribal Infrastructure, and progress of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives (MMIWR) Task Force during two days of legislative meetings that will be held September 30 – October 1, 2021.

Though the pandemic exacerbated historical inequities and underinvestment in Tribal communities around the state, Governor Lujan Grisham's administration, with appropriations from the state legislature, has invested more in Indigenous communities and programs than any other administration in history.

During the most recent fiscal year, the state provided:

- Seventeen (17) Tribal infrastructure projects totaling \$26,630,794 through the Tribal Infrastructure Fund;
- \$350,000 for special projects in Tribal communities, which varied in scope from veteran services to broadband-related technical training;
- \$249,300 from the Tobacco Settlement Fund to promote commercial tobacco cessation and prevention efforts in Tribal communities;
- \$49,039,582 supporting 148 capital outlay infrastructure projects;
- \$6,748,358 in 20 water projects reauthorized from the New Mexico Environment Department.

Secretary Trujillo and IAD staff will highlight some of those investments and accomplishments during a presentation to legislators on September 30.

On October 1, the Indian Affairs Department will update legislators on the progress of the MMIWR Task Force, which was expanded this year thanks to additional legislative appropriations and an executive order from Governor Lujan Grisham that extended the duration of the task force and set out new objectives. The state's MMIWR Task Force is one of several state-based task forces in the country, bringing survivors, law enforcement and policymakers together to remove barriers to justice for Native Women and Relatives.

A copy of the two-day agenda is available online at [https://nmlegis.gov/Committee/Interim Committee?CommitteeCode=IAC](https://nmlegis.gov/Committee/Interim_Committee?CommitteeCode=IAC).

September 30, 2021

Indian Affairs Legislative Committee Meeting

Location: Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, 2401 12th St NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104

10:00 am: Committee called to order

12:15 pm: Presentation from IAD Sec. Lynn Trujillo and Indian Affairs Department staff on State and Tribal Collaboration and Tribal Infrastructure

October 1, 2021

Joint meeting of the **Indian Affairs and Health & Human Services Legislative**

Location: Isleta Resort & Casino, Ballroom C, Grand Ballroom C 11000 Broadway Boulevard SE, Isleta Pueblo

10:00 am: Committee called to order

2:15 pm: Presentation from IAD Sec. Lynn Trujillo and Indian Affairs Department staff on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives Task Force

Members of the public and press are invited and encouraged to participate. Indian Affairs Department staff are also available for interviews and comments with the media before and after the presentations by scheduling with IAD Public Relations Coordinator, Sherrie.Catanach2@state.nm.us.

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