
Tribal Consultation on FEMA's National Disaster Recovery Framework Update *Framing Paper and Key Concepts*

Overarching Consultation Questions

How can the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) improve the National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF) to support Tribal Nations in their engagement, planning, and operations for disaster recovery?

What are the unique considerations facing Tribal Nations that FEMA should consider when developing disaster recovery guidance and policies?

How may FEMA effectively convey information within the NDRF to Tribal Nations?

What level of operational detail within the NDRF would best support Tribal Nations recovery operations and planning?

Background

The [National Disaster Recovery Framework](#) (NDRF) explains how the federal government supports impacted Tribal Nations and other communities as they recover from disasters. The NDRF also outlines additional federal and non-governmental disaster recovery resources that may be available. By providing an overview of recovery support functions and outlining high-level recovery roles and responsibilities at all levels, the NDRF supports Tribal Nations planning for and leading their own recovery operations. The NDRF considers the full spectrum of threats and hazards, including natural, technological/accidental, and adversarial/human-caused.

FEMA's Interagency Coordination Division (ICD) originally began the NDRF version 3 update in 2021 before strategically pausing at the end of 2022 to align with other ongoing recovery priorities. In February 2024, the effort began again, specifically focused on improving the following five issue areas that partners have identified as important areas for updating – recovery scope, roles & responsibilities, capacity & resources, planning, and data metrics. As part of this effort, ICD has continued engaging partners at all levels, including hosting working groups, focus groups, interviews, and academic engagements.

Specific to Tribal Nations, ICD hosted three Tribal Working Group sessions composed of Tribal Nations and FEMA Regional partners to improve the NDRF for Indian Country. Following the Tribal Working Group, ICD is now planning to host two virtual tribal consultations on the NDRF, scheduled for **July 15, 2024, from 3:00 – 5:00 pm EST** and **July 18, 2024, from 2:30 – 4:30 pm EST**. Please visit FEMA's [Tribal Consultations webpage](#) for more information and how you can register to participate.

Discussion Questions

FEMA's ICD seeks Tribal Nations feedback on the existing NDRF Version 2. Below are questions for your Tribal Nation's consideration. These questions are not in order of priority and are not meant to be an exhaustive list of discussion topics. ICD welcomes broader input on how we may better support disaster recovery in Indian Country.

1. What disaster recovery challenges are unique to Tribal Nations that we should include in Version 3 of the NDRF to make the document more useful to Tribal Nations?
2. Are there unique tribal cultural considerations or language we should include or avoid in version 3 of the NDRF to be respectful of Tribal Nations?
3. What processes, factors, criteria, or other aspects of the NDRF would Tribal Nations like to see changed in Version 3?
4. What aspects of the NDRF would Tribal Nations like to see continued in Version 3?
5. What barriers, if any, have Tribal Nations experienced that have precluded them from using the NDRF to help them with disaster recovery and/or planning?
6. What barriers do Tribal Nations experience when recovering from disasters or planning for disaster recovery?
7. What would Tribal Nations like to see in the future in terms of increasing their engagement with the federal government throughout disaster recovery?

All consultation materials may be found at: [Tribal Consultations | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/tribal-consultations). Tribal Nations can submit feedback or comments by **August 9, 2024**, via email to FEMA-Recovery-ICD-PDB@fema.dhs.gov with the subject line "Tribal Consultation Policy – Written Comments."