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RE: Bi-State Tribal Natural Resources Committee (BTNRC) Report

**Current Activities:**

1. Outreaching for a BTNRC Chair from Tribes listed in the By-Laws.
2. Organizing the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) Summit, July 14-16, 2021. July 14-15 will be a virtual meeting and July 16<sup>th</sup> will include field visits near Mono Lake in California. Invitation for Deb Haaland is being drafted. Regional and Washington Office leadership has accepted invitations. Committee members are confirming speakers. Budget spreadsheet is being reviewed and revised. Preliminary site visits for field day are being planned to assess best locations for group gatherings and outside presentations.
3. Reviewing Agency Projects:
  - a. Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (HTNF): Forest-wide Prescribed Fire Categorical Exclusion is now being reviewed as an Environmental Assessment. Virtual meetings will be scheduled to share more info with Tribes. HTNF and the Nevada Shared Stewardship Strategy for Wildfire Mitigation is partnering with Cliff Banuelos of the Intertribal Council of Nevada on coordinating with Nevada Tribes.
  - b. NV BLM: Native Seed Strategy is providing opportunity for Native seeds to be utilized for projects on public land.
  - c. CA BLM: Prescribed burns and vegetation management planning is being conducted.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

1. TEK Summit Planning Committee, March 25, 2021, 1 -3 pm.
2. BNTRC Committee Meeting, April 13, 2021, 1 pm – 3 pm.

Respectfully,

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