

**BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS**

**PACIFIC REGION  
FY 2018 NATIONAL BUDGET  
MEETING**

**WASHINGTON D.C.  
MARCH 22-23,2016**

**TIBC REPRESENTATIVES:**



**Robert Smith, Chairman  
Pala Band of Mission Indians**



**Russell Attebery, Tribal Chairman  
Karuk Tribe**



**Amy Dutschke, Regional Director  
Pacific Region**

**Representing 104 tribes of the Pacific Region.**

## Agencies & Tribes:

- 104 tribes
  - ◊ 16 Self-Governance Tribes
  
- 4 Agencies
  - Central California
  - Southern California
  - Palm Springs
  - Northern California

## Formulation Process:

- **6 Budget Sessions held**
  - **Five local meetings held at:**
    - **Redding, CA**
    - **Oroville, CA**
    - **Santa Rosa, CA**
    - **Bishop, CA**
    - **Valley Center**



## Formulation Process:

### State-wide Regional Meeting held at the Rincon Reservation

53 Tribal officials/staff in attendance



*A state-wide meeting was held at the Rincon Reservation in early February 2016 where issues were discussed and priorities were set for the 2018 Budget submission.*

**FIVE TOP PRIORITIES:**

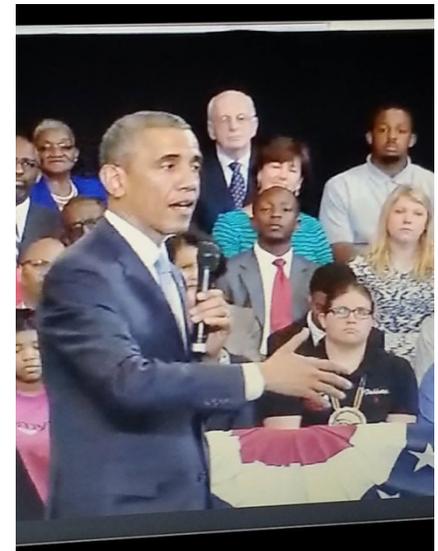
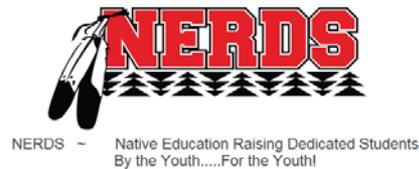
- **Tribal Government: Aid to Tribal Government**
- **Human Services: Indian Child Welfare Act**
- **Education: Scholarship/Adult Education**
- **Tribal Government: Road Maintenance**
- **Education: Johnson O'Malley**

## SUCCESS STORY: EDUCATION



### Dakota Kicking Bear Brown

- The youngest White House Advisor ever from California
- Member of the Wilton Rancheria
- Appointed to the National Advisory Council on Indian Education
- Working to improve education opportunities for students in California since he was in 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- NERDS – Native Education Raising Dedicated Students established in 2011.



## SUCCESS STORY: 2015 FIRE SEASON



The 2015 Fire Season within the Pacific Region was without question trying. From February to October, California had fires burning continually.

Two of the fires that we would like to focus on were the Butte and Valley Fires. These two fires were burning in the State at the same time and Tribes played a major role in providing mutual aid to the communities while also working to make sure that tribal residents in surrounding areas were taken care of.

**“Valley, Butte fires among costliest ever at \$2 billion in damages”- Sacramento Bee**

## SUCCESS STORY: 2015 FIRE SEASON

### BUTTE FIRE

On September 9, 2015, the Butte Fire began on the border between Amador and Calaveras County in the Sierra foothills of California. Within a matter of hours the fire moved through the foothills causing thousands of people to evacuate their homes.

Although Jackson Rancheria had not been impacted by the Fire (but was within a few miles of the Rancheria) the Tribe actively became involved and became a mutual aid provider, working with the Red Cross and setting up a shelter on the Rancheria.

The tribe provided food, lodging and support to evacuees during this most troubling time. The Tribe continued this support to the greater community assisting with support through hay donations for animals, providing drop off locations for community members to donate food, clothing and other needs and continually assuring evacuees that they would be there as long as help was needed.



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## SUCCESS STORY: 2015 FIRE SEASON



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### VALLEY FIRE

At the same time the Valley Fire burnt fast and went through timber, grass and chaparral, burning over 20,000 acres within a 24 hour period. Like the Butte fire, the Middletown Rancheria became a center point to the fire.

The Rancheria was safe due to fuels work that had been completed on the Rancheria and fire safe zones within the housing community. This fire burnt through the town of Middletown and devastated that community.

Chairman Simon from Middletown, like Chairman Dalton from Jackson, supported the greater community through the use of their community center as an evacuation center.

Chairman Simon always supports the greater Lake County community and had concerns not only for his members but also for employees of the Twin Pines Casino and the Middletown community.



**Jose Moke Simon**  
Middletown Rancheria Tribal Leader

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## SUCCESS STORY: 2015 FIRE SEASON

The success in this tragedy was the coordination and support we received from throughout the State.

We scheduled daily calls with our partners including the California Governor's Office, California Office of Emergency Services, Indian Health Services, FEMA, BIA Emergency Management, various Tribes within the state who were interested in assisting including the Inter Tribal Long Term Recovery Foundation (Foundation).

The Foundation was developed as a result of the devastating fires in Southern California in 2007. The Foundation was valuable in assisting with recovery on the Butte and Valley Fires.



## INITIATIVE: CLIMATE KIDS

A Joint effort between Tribal Governments, California Landscape Conservation Cooperative, University of California – Riverside and the Bureau of Indian Affairs is the Climate Kids initiative.

Climate Kids is a series of community level collaborative projects to support youth engagement on climate change through action based science activities, storytelling and art.

Each climate kid's projects bring together artists, scientists, and storytelling into a unified partnership to inspire and educate children in K-6<sup>th</sup> grade.

The Pacific Region is currently working in cooperation with the Climate Science Alliance, the Pala Band of Mission Indians and the University of California – Riverside to expand the Climate Kid projects to Tribal communities in Southern California.

