

Challenges and Opportunities in Tribal Consultation ODOT Cultural Resources Program

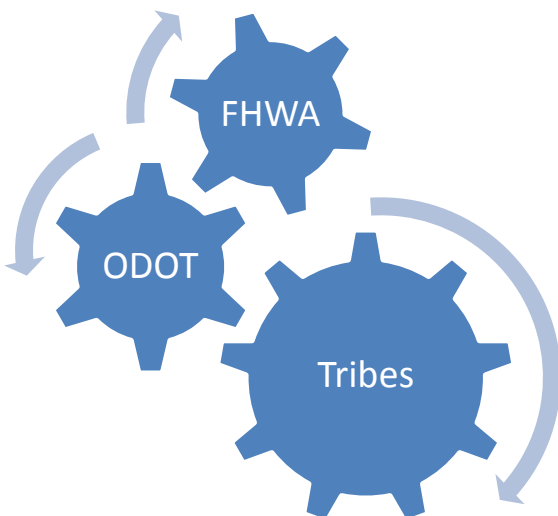
“The agency official shall ensure that consultation in the Section 106 process provides the Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization a reasonable opportunity to identify its concerns about historic properties, including those of **traditional religious and cultural importance**, articulate its views on the undertaking’s effects on such properties, and participate in the resolution of adverse effects.”

- Section 36 CFR 800.2(c)(2)(ii)(A)

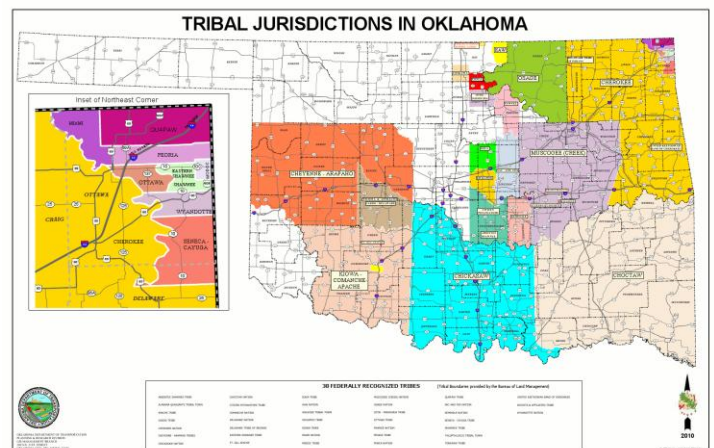
ODOT-CRP’s Tribal Consultation Process



Participants in Tribal Consultation



38 Federally recognized tribes in Oklahoma



- Tribes with prehistoric interests
- Tribes with historic interests
- Tribes with jurisdictional interests

Types of cultural resources



Places of religious/cultural importance

- Ceremonial use areas
- Dance grounds
- Sacred sites



Historic locations

- Council houses and tribal headquarters
- Mission churches
- Boarding schools



Other resources

- Plant use areas
- Cemeteries
- Archaeological sites

Expected outcomes

• Tribes are given an opportunity to articulate their concerns about a project's potential effect.

• Tribes are given an opportunity to participate in resolution of adverse effects.

• Increased tribal participation in the Section 106 process builds relationships with tribes.

• Better relationships lead to increased information sharing.

• Information sharing leads to better and more effective project planning.

• Better planning leads to more expedient project delivery.

Need more information?

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