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# News from Region 10



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## 2022-2026 FEMA National Tribal Strategy



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## FEMA Releases First-Ever National Tribal Strategy

FEMA released a national tribal strategy -- the agency's first ever -- to better address its responsibilities to federally recognized tribal nations when responding to and preparing for disasters affecting tribal lands.

The "[2022-2026 FEMA National Tribal Strategy](#)" provides FEMA with a roadmap to refine and elaborate on major strategic goals and objectives we are working to achieve. It includes information requested and recommended by tribal nations through extensive outreach sessions led by FEMA National Tribal Affairs Advisor Denise "Bambi" Kraus. Key issue areas were added to address requests from tribal nation members to include tribal-specific technical assistance and tailored resources to support tribal emergency

management programs.

Through this new strategy, FEMA will initiate a national study on tribal emergency management capacity and capabilities, develop a comprehensive FEMA Guide of programs, develop tribal-specific technical assistance resources, regularly convene an annual meeting of national and regional tribal liaisons and expand training opportunities for tribal nations, and other related objectives.

*"On his first day in office, President Biden called on all federal agencies to advance racial equity and support underserved communities nationwide. The FEMA workforce remains committed to this critical mission by instilling equity as the foundation of emergency management and always putting people first,"*

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National Tribal Strategy (Cont'd)

said FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell.

*“FEMA’s first-ever National Tribal Strategy will be key to achieving this ambitious goal, which represents a significant milestone for the agency and reflects our deep commitment to better partner with and serve all 574 federally recognized tribal nations.”*

The “2022-2026 FEMA National Tribal Strategy” follows the structure of the “[2022-2026 FEMA Strategic Plan](#),” and better aligns FEMA capabilities to the needs of tribal governments as they lead their communities to a future that is more prepared for and resilient against disasters. Both documents position FEMA, and the emergency management community at large, toward a future where it must embrace its expanding role in a quickly changing landscape.

The strategy implementation is channeled through deliberate actions designed to foster stronger collaboration and information sharing between FEMA and tribal nations, including, among other initiatives:

- Initiate a national study on tribal emergency management capacity and capabilities.
- Develop a comprehensive guide of programs and assistance that FEMA offers.

**Ask the Help Desk**

The Region 10 Service Center is here to help local community officials and stakeholders with technical, training, mitigation, and mapping questions.

Email: [RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com](mailto:RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com).

- Create a new FEMA Tribal Affairs Work Group which will serve as an internal body tasked to ensure the agency’s approach during the engagement and service of tribes is elevated, coordinated, resourced, and matured across all FEMA mission areas.

- Review and revise FEMA training opportunities for tribal nations and develop and/or update resources to address the specific tribal training needs identified by tribal nations.

FEMA understands that sovereign tribal nations have unique needs, capabilities and roles in emergency management. Inherent to the aspirations of the new National Tribal Strategy is a focus on improved engagement, partnership and service between FEMA and the 574 federally recognized tribal nations it serves.

*For more information regarding the [2022-2026 FEMA National Tribal Strategy](#), please visit [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).*

**New: Climate Resilience in Action Webpage**

**FEMA Online Showcase**

FEMA recently released a new webpage, titled [Climate Resilience in Action](#). This online resource showcases resilience efforts happening nationally to strengthen our communities.

Every day, communities across the country are working to address the effects of climate change. Whether they are recovering from wildfires, floods, or preparing to withstand the next storm, these communities are finding ways to protect their legacies, build back stronger, and become climate resilient.

This webpage currently showcases mitigation projects and efforts in

**Newsletter Ideas?**

Want to spread the word about an upcoming event or recent success story? Let us know what you want to see in future issues! Articles can be up to 500 words and may include pictures.

Email: [RXNewsletter@starr-team.com](mailto:RXNewsletter@starr-team.com).

Princeville, North Carolina; Freeport, New York; Madison, Wisconsin; Santa Clara Pueblo, New Mexico; Galveston, Texas, and more. In addition, viewers can also watch a short video highlighting the importance of strengthening our resilience to natural hazards – [The Time is Now: Climate Resilience](#).

Together, we can build a climate resilient nation.

*To view the full content of this showcase, please visit the [Climate Resilience in Action webpage](#).*

**Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe Inaugurates Evacuation Tower to Provide Tsunami Safety for Community**

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This past month, the Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe commemorated the completion of the first free-standing tsunami evacuation tower in the nation. Located in Pacific County on the Washington coast, the tribe is at risk of earthquakes and tsunamis. The Auntie Lee Vertical Evacuation Tower, named after retired tribal emergency management director Lee Shipman, is an important step in protecting the community from the dangers of a tsunami.

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The Tribe received a \$2.8 million pre-disaster mitigation grant from FEMA and worked closely with FEMA, the Washington Emergency Management Division, and other partners to bring the project to fruition. In the event of a tsunami, the

tower can hold 400 people, enough for the local population, and is centrally located in Tokeland to serve both members of the tribe and residents of Tokeland. A truly community-driven, collaborative effort, this project can serve as a roadmap for other tribes and communities across the region and the entire country.

Watch this brief video to learn more about the tower and its impact: [Hazard Mitigation Spotlight – Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe Tsunami Evacuation Tower.](#)

*If you have questions, please contact FEMA Region 10 Tribal Affairs at: [FEMA-R10-Tribal@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R10-Tribal@fema.dhs.gov).*

**Online Training**

(All times Pacific)

**CRS: Annual CRS Requirements**

September 20, 10 am  
Online – 1 CEC

**CRS: FEMA’s Elevation Certificate**

September 21, 10 am  
Online – 1 CEC

**STARR: Preparing for a CAV/CAC**

September 29, 10 am  
Online – 1 CEC

**STARR: Introduction to Floodplain Regulations**

October 13, 10 am  
Online – 1 CEC

**CRS: CRS and Coastal Hazards**

October 19, 10 am  
Online – 1 CEC

**STARR: Permitting Floodplain Development**

October 27, 9 am  
Online – 1 CEC

**STARR: Floodplain Development Inspections**

October 27, 10:30 am  
Online – 1 CEC

To register for online courses, visit STARR’s training site: [j.mp/starronlinetraining](http://j.mp/starronlinetraining), or email [RXTraining@starr-team.com](mailto:RXTraining@starr-team.com).

