



USET IMPACT WEEK MEETING
Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA
February 8-11, 2010

NATURAL RESOURCES AGENDA

Monday-Wednesday: Natural Resources Committee meet in **Salon 6**

Monday-Thursday: Board of Directors meet in **Salon 4**

USET Office open 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily in **Salon 5**

USET Name Badge must be visible at all times during USET Meeting and Capitol Hill Reception

MONDAY, February 8

Resolutions are due Wednesday by 4:00 p.m.

Committee Reports are due Wednesday by 5:00 p.m.

7:30 Registration - Arlington Foyer

7:30 USET Committee Chairperson's Meeting in Salon 2

9:00-9:30	Call to Order	Brian Patterson, USET President
	Presentation of Flags	Close-Up Foundation's Indian Youth Summit Participants
	Invocation	Famie Cheyenne Willis, 2009-2010 Choctaw Indian Princess
	National Anthem	Famie Cheyenne Willis, 2009-2010 Choctaw Indian Princess
	Roll Call	Robert McGhee, Secretary, USET
	Agenda Review	Wanda Janes, Interim Executive Director, USET

9:30-10:30 **Legislative Update**
Tribal Perspective
Gregory Smith, of Counsel
Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker LLP

Senate Perspective
Allison Binney, Majority Staff Director
Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

House Perspective
Marie Howard, Legislative Staff
Office of Indian Affairs
House Committee on Resources

Monday, February 8 (cont.)

- 10:30-10:45 **USET Carcieri Task Force Update**
Earl Barbry, Chairman, Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana
- 10:45-11:00 **Indian Gaming Issues**
George Skibine, Acting Chairman
National Indian Gaming Commission
- 11:00-11:15 **Indian Gaming Update**
Mark Van Norman, Executive Director
National Indian Gaming Association
- 11:15-11:40 **National Political Change and Its Affect on Indian Country**
Gregory Smith, of Counsel
Carol Barbero, Partner
Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker LLP
- 11:40-12:00 **Judicial Appointments**
Richard A. Guest, Staff Attorney
Native American Rights Fund
- 12:00 LUNCH
- 1:30-2:00 **Natural Resources Committee Convenes- Business Session**
Call to Order, Roll Call, Review/Approve Agenda, Review 2009 Annual Meeting
Minutes and Reports
Steve Crawford, USET Natural Resources Committee Chairperson
- 2:00-2:30 **Tribal Reports**
Written reports to be submitted to Committee Secretary
- 2:30:3:15 **Hypoxia Taskforce Tribal Opportunities**
Aaron Kornbluth
Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- 3:15-3:30 BREAK
- 3:30-4:15 **Indian Operator Certification Program for Wastewater**
Sheila Frace, Director
Municipal Support Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- 4:15-5:00 **Exchange Network Proposal Review**
Lisa Berrios, USET

MONDAY, February 8 (cont.)

5:00 RECESS

7:00 P.M. **USET Social & Cultural Night - Crystal Gateway Marriott**

TUESDAY, February 9

***Resolutions are due Wednesday by 4:00 p.m.
Committee Reports are due Wednesday by 5:00 p.m.***

- 9:00-9:45 **Legislative Updates**
Jose Aguto, Policy Advisor
Climate Change, Environment and Natural Resources
National Congress of American Indians
- 9:45-10:30 **Program Update**
Chris Hoff, Acting Director
American Indian Environmental Office
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- 10:30-10:45 BREAK
- 10:45-12:00 ***Committee joins Board***
- 12:00-1:30 LUNCH
- 1:30 **Natural Resources Committee Reconvenes**
1:30-2:15 **EPA Energy Star Program**
Maria Vargas, Director of Strategic Partnerships for the Climate Protection Partnerships Division
Office of Air and Radiation
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- 2:15-3:00 **Updates on the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society**
Fred Matt, Executive Director
Native American Fish and Wildlife Society
- 3:00-3:15 BREAK
- 3:15-4:00 **Landscape Conservation Cooperative**
Pat Durham, Native American Liaison
Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
- 4:00-5:00 **Roundtable**
- 5:00 RECESS

TUESDAY, February 9 (cont.)

5:30-7:00 **Capitol Hill Reception – Room 628, Dirksen Senate Office Building**

WEDNESDAY, February 10 ***Resolutions are due today by 4:00 p.m.***
Committee Reports due today by 5:00 p.m.

9:00-9:30 **Renewable Energy and Leveraging Natural Assets**
Jannine Salo, Founding Partner & Client Relationship Manager
Bill Thibodeau, Founding Partner & Energy Expert
Avi Shoenfeld, Founding Partner & Natural Gas Expert
Indian Country Energy Services

9:30-10:00 **Tribal Opportunities in the DOE Weatherization Program**

Department of Energy

10:00-10:45 **Tribal EPA Roundtable**
Michelle DePass, Assistant Administrator
Office of International Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

10:45-11:00 BREAK

11:00-11:30 **IHS Nashville Area Update**
Scott Helgeson, SFC Chief
Office of Environmental Health and Engineering
Indian Health Service/Nashville Area Office
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

11:30-1:00 LUNCH

1:00-2:45 **Committee Roundtable**
Finalize Resolutions and Committee Report, 2010 USET Semi-Annual Meeting Planning

2:45-5:00 **Field Trip- SIDWELL FRIENDS SCHOOL**
3825 Wisconsin Ave, NW
Washington, DC
Transportation Provided

5:00 RECESS

THURSDAY, February 11

- 10:00-1:00 USET BUSINESS SESSION
- Committee Reports
 - Resolutions
 - Minutes of USET 2009 Annual Meeting
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Other
 - Retiring of Colors
 - Closing Prayer – Donald Rodgers, Chief, Catawba Nation

1:00 ADJOURN