

Monday, October 9, 2017

Located in Event Center (8:30 AM - 12:00 PM), Locust/Maple (12:00 PM - 4:00 PM)

Resolutions are due Wednesday by 1:00 PM

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8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	<b>Rekindling of the USET Fire</b>
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>General Assembly</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to Order - Chief Kirk Francis, USET President</li> <li>• Opening Prayer - Beloved Man Jerry Wolfe</li> <li>• Posting of Colors - American Legion Steve Youngdeer Post 143 Color Honor Guard</li> <li>• Flag Song - Soldier Creek</li> <li>• Welcome - Principal Chief Richard Sneed</li> <li>• Welcome - Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley</li> <li>• Welcome - United States Congressman Mark Meadows - North Carolina</li> <li>• Special Recognition Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of Georgia Swarm</li> <li>• Musical Presentation - Cherokee Central Schools Chamber Singers</li> <li>• Presentation by Warriors of Anikituah</li> <li>• Welcome Video - United States Congressman Markwayne Mullins</li> <li>• Roll Call - Chief Lynn Malerba, USET Secretary</li> <li>• Board of Directors Approval of Agenda</li> <li>• Moment of Silence</li> <li>• Potential Seating of New Member (Pamunkey Indian Nation)</li> </ul>
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	<b>Veterans Honoring by USET Veterans Affairs Committee</b> Howard E. Tommie, Seminole Tribe of Florida
10:15 AM - 10:45 AM	<b>Department of Interior Upholding Trust Responsibilities</b> Ryan Zinke, Interior Secretary, Department of Interior (Invited) James Cason, Special Assistant, Office of the Secretary, Department of Interior (Invited) Michael Black, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs (Invited) John Tahsuda III, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Interior (Invited)
10:45 AM - 11:15 AM	<b>Setting Priorities with the White House Council on Native American Affairs</b> Ben Keel, Executive Director, White House Council on Native American Affairs (Invited) William Kirkland, Deputy Director, White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (Invited)
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Litigation Updates</b> Gregory A. Smith, General Counsel, United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund (USET SPF) Dan Lewerenz, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund (NARF)
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	<b>Board Business Session (Closed to Board of Directors and Invited Guests)</b>  <b>United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET)</b> Presentation by Michell Hicks regarding University of North Carolina Asheville Collaboration FY17 Financials Close Review FY17 Short Term Strategic Plan Year End Dashboard Report FY18 Draft Proposed Budget  <b>United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund (USET SPF)</b> FY18 Draft Proposed Budget  <b>United South and Eastern Tribes Community Development Fund Inc. (USET CDFI)</b> FY18 Draft Proposed Budget Presentation by USET CDFI Chair Owen Herne and USET Economic Development Director Rebecca Naragon
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<b>Sovereign Immunity Discussion (Closed Executive Session)</b>
4:00 PM	<b>Recess</b>

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8:30 AM - 11:00 AM	<b>Policy and Legislation Updates</b> Liz Malerba, Policy and Legislative Director, United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund (USET SPF) Gregory A. Smith, General Counsel, United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund (USET SPF) Jody Cummings, Partner, Steptoe & Johnson, LLP, Former Deputy Solicitor for Indian Affairs
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	<b>Tribal Priorities for the 2018 Reauthorization of the Farm Bill</b> Colby Duren, Policy Director and Staff Attorney, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative, University of Arkansas School of Law Janie Hipp, Director (Invited), Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative, University of Arkansas School of Law Abi Fain, Associate, Pipestem Law (Invited) Jerry Pardilla, Director, Office of Environmental Resource Management, United South and Eastern Tribes (USET)
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	<b>A Discussion on Building Strong and Vibrant Economies</b> On a long list of important issues facing Tribal Nations throughout Indian Country, a particularly multifaceted challenge is economic development and the development of robust economies both on and off trust lands. Join USET in the first of a series of roundtable discussions on how USET Tribal Nations and industry partners can shape strong and vibrant economies throughout the eastern region. Dante Desiderio, Executive Director, Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA) Gavin Clarkson, Department of Interior, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development LaTanya Channel, TN District Director, Small Business Administration (Invited) Lynn L. Douthett, NC District Director, Small Business Administration (Invited) Pamela Hysong, Area State Director, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Harriet Cannon, TN Acting State Director, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Josiah Griffin, Lead Outreach Coordinator, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Tanya Fiddler, Executive Director, Native American Community Development Fund (CDFI) Owen Herne, Chair of Board of Directors, USET Community Development Fund (USETCDFI) Rebecca Naragon, Director, Economic Development, United South and Eastern Tribes (USET)
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	<b>Taxation and Its Impact on Tribal Economies Roundtable Discussion</b> Through inequities in the tax code as well as state dual taxation, revenue generated within Indian Country continues to be taken outside its borders or otherwise falls victim to a lack of parity. Moreover, Tribal governments continue to lack many of the same benefits and flexibility offered to other units of government under the tax code. A look at efforts to achieve equity in the treatment of Tribal Nations as governments under the federal tax code and a discussion surrounding strategies for confirming that Tribal Nations have exclusive and certain jurisdiction in taxing authority within their borders. Moderators: Lynn Malerba, Chief, Mohegan Indian Tribe Todd Gates, President, Seneca Nation of Indians Dante Desiderio, Executive Director, Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA) Derrick Watchman, Board Chairman, National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development Gavin Clarkson, Department of Interior, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development (Invited) F. Michael Willis, Partner, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP
5:00 PM	<i>Recess</i>

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Wednesday, October 11, 2017

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8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	<b>Bureau of Indian Affairs Eastern Region Office Updates</b> Bruce Maytubby, Regional Director
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	<b>Indian Health Service Nashville Area Office Updates</b> Martha Ketcher, Nashville Area Director
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>Deb Haaland for Congress</b>
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	<b>Addressing Housing Shortages and Deficiencies in the USET Region</b> Stephanie Holderfield, Advisor, U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) (Invited) Heidi Freschette, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) (Invited) Tony Walters, Executive Director, National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) (Invited)
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Opioid and Substance Abuse Roundtable to Discuss Developing Actions to Reverse the Epidemic</b> Substance abuse and misuse is a growing epidemic within Tribal communities. As a follow-up to the Substance Abuse and Opioid Abuse Roundtable session that was conducted during USET's 2017 Semi-Annual Meeting, USET member Tribal Nations will continue the discussion and commit to developing an official Action Plan to address the substance abuse epidemic devastating our communities.  Jeffrey Gill, Tribal Councilor, Seneca Nation of Indians John Barsa, Homeland Security Assistant Secretary (Invited) David Munro, Director, Tribal Government Affairs, Department of Homeland Security (Invited) Mirtha Beadle, Director, Office of Tribal Affairs and Policy, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Dr. Steven Lloyd, Internal Medicine (Invited) Denise Desiderio, Policy Director, National Congress of American Indians (Invited) Chris Fletcher, Special Agent, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (Invited) Martha Ketcher, Nashville Area Office Director, Indian Health Service (IHS) Charles Addington, Deputy Associate Director, Office of Justice Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs Jason O'Neal, Deputy Associate Director for Field Operations, Office of Justice Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs Thomas C. Rodgers, President and Founder, Carlyle Consulting
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	<b>Viewing of "Wind River" at EBCI Theater — Lunch to be provided (RSVP required)</b> Released in August 2017, "Wind River" follows the fictional murder of a young woman on the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming. While a fictional story, the issues dealt with in the movie are real issues that challenge our Tribal communities. Following the viewing, two discussions will be held: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A conversation about the film's core issues of domestic violence and jurisdiction (in Locust/Maple)</li> <li>• A discussion led by the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana to discuss their economic development portfolio diversification into media production (in 4th Floor A - Event Center)</li> </ul>
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	<b>Post Viewing Roundtable Discussion of Domestic Violence and Jurisdictional Challenges in Indian Country</b>
5:00 PM	<b>Recess</b>

Thursday, February 9, 2017  
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**USET SPF Business Session**

- Committee Updates
- Resolutions
- Minutes of USET SPF 2017 Impact Week Meeting

**501(c)(3) Business Session**

- Minutes of USET 2017 Semi-Annual Meeting
  
- Other
- Retiring of Colors - American Legion Steve Youngdeer Post 143 Color Honor Guard
- Closing Prayer - Beloved Man Jerry Wolfe

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1:00 PM

***Adjourn***

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