



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2001:070

SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A USDA FOREST SERVICE, REGION 8 PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of twenty-four (24) federally recognized Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** Region 8 (Southeast) of the USDA, Forest Service has an outdated Programmatic Agreement governing implementation of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), which originally was negotiated and signed without tribal consultation or involvement; and
- WHEREAS,** Region 8 has expressed a desire to implement a new regional programmatic agreement governing implementation of Section 106 in consultation with the federally recognized Tribes with ancestral lands in the Region; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors commends Dr. Kent Schneider, Chief Archaeologist of Region 8, for his efforts toward the development of a new regional programmatic agreement; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors supports the development and implementation of a regional programmatic agreement for Region 8; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors requests that William E. Day, Chairman of the USET Culture and Heritage Committee; Kenneth H. Carlton, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; Patricia R. Wickman, Historic Preservation Officer for the Seminole Tribe of Florida; and James E. Bird, THPO for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; to meet with Dr. Schneider in Atlanta, GA, in August 2001, for the purpose of initiating consultation on this new regional programmatic agreement.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Marksville, LA, on Thursday, May 24, 2001.

Keller George, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Beverly Wright, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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