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Photo by: Gib Myers - Courtesy of the American Prairie Reserve

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*-Michael King II, Council Member
Fort Belknap Indian Community*

In Face of Tribal Opposition, Montana Land Board Stalls Proposed Grazing Changes

BY: BRETT FRENCH, BILLINGS GAZETTE

Citing concerns about how changes to leasing state lands for grazing may affect tribal nations, the Montana Land Board agreed to delay action on a proposal that would favor production livestock.

“The intention of this policy was not to foreclose any group from the opportunity to lease trust land,” Parker Osterloh, Land Management section supervisor for the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, told the board. “It’s simply to provide a preference for individuals who are involved in production livestock.”

In other words, if two applicants to lease a state parcel were equal in all other respects, a bidder engaged in production livestock operations would be favored over a bidder who was not. For the purposes of the change, production livestock operations are defined as those raising and marketing livestock with “the intent to profit.”

During the 30-day comment period on the DNRC proposal, 473 people weighed in. According to an analysis of the comments provided to the Land Board, 85% (405) of those who commented opposed the new policy. The majority of the comments, 76%, came from state residents.

Proposed in February

The change to state grazing leases was proposed by James Brown, commissioner of Securities and Insurance and state auditor, at the Land Board’s February meeting.

The Land Board is composed of the top five elected officials, including the secretary of state, superintendent of public instruction, attorney general, insurance commissioner and governor.

In February, Brown directed the DNRC to halt any new decisions on bison grazing leases while the agency developed a policy favoring production livestock operations. At the time, Brown said he was responding to “bold assertions and demands” made by the conservation group American Prairie.

State Republicans have adopted a Trump administration definition of production livestock, which the Bureau of Land Management manufactured to order the conservation group American Prairie to remove its bison from federal grazing leases, some of which it has utilized since 2005. American Prairie has appealed the decision.

American Prairie was successful in its lawsuit seeking a preliminary injunction that halted the Land Board from issuing a bison grazing moratorium on state lands. The group also successfully sued to compel the DNRC to conduct an environmental analysis regarding American Prairie’s 2019 request to graze bison on state lands. The state has appealed the decision.

Tribal opposition

Michael King, a councilman for the Fort Belknap Indian Community, asked the board during public comment to adopt a policy that “does not unintentionally disadvantage tribal nations.” King said the new policy creates uncertainty regarding tribal buffalo restoration programs.

“If this policy is adopted today, will tribal buffalo restoration programs continue to be eligible to lease and graze on Montana state trust lands under the same standards as production livestock operations?” King questioned. “If that is the board’s intent, why doesn’t the policy expressly say so?”

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King noted that for Native Americans, raising bison is about more than livestock production or profit. "It is about restoring our culture, restoring native prairie, restoring wildlife habitat, strengthening food sovereignty, educating our youth, and fulfilling our responsibility to future generations," King said. "Fort Belknap has spent more than 50 years restoring buffalo."

Currently, the Fort Belknap Indian Community manages a 22,000-acre buffalo pasture that includes bison transferred from Yellowstone National Park.

"If the policy is interpreted narrowly in future leasing decisions, tribal governments could be disadvantaged," he said. "That is why the policy should be clarified before adoption. When we restore the buffalo, we are not simply restoring an animal; we are restoring a part of ourselves," he added.

Tylee Wellman, a Blackfeet Nation citizen who works with the World Wildlife Fund Native Nations team, also spoke in opposition to the policy citing concerns about it being used to exclude tribal bison used mainly for food sovereignty programs from state lands.

AG Suggests Delay

King's comments struck a chord with Attorney General Austin Knudsen. Noting that his mother is an enrolled tribal member, and that hunting bison on the Fort Peck Reservation with his grandfather is a cherished memory, Knudsen proposed to delay a vote on the DNRC policy change.

Susan Hedalen, superintendent of Public Instruction, agreed that the new policy needed to "somehow protect the tribes."

Lt. Gov. Kristen Juras, who was sitting in for Gov. Greg Gianforte as Land Board chairman, said the policy clearly stated the board's duty is to fulfill its fiduciary obligations. Money raised from state land leases go to public schools.

Commissioner Brown then moved to defer a decision pointing to the current litigation that's already enveloped the board regarding its proposal to favor production-oriented livestock. The motion was unanimously approved.

Stockgrowers Support Change

Raylee Honeycutt, speaking as a representative of the Montana Association of State Grazing Districts, supported the DNRC changes.

"One thing that I thought was important to note is the additional language with the intent to profit," she said. "From our perspective, obviously, we are in the business of running businesses, and the intent to profit is an important component of that. I think it also just speaks to the ability of the lessee to, with that intent, invest in infrastructure, invest in the land, and manage the resource responsibly."

Emma Quist, representing the Montana Stockgrowers Association, also spoke in favor of the change. "MSGA supports this proposal as it recognizes the value production livestock producers bring to the state's economy," she said. "Thank you for your proactive approach to protecting Montana's ranching industry." The Montana Stockgrowers have also formally opposed American Prairie's federal bison grazing leases.

Beckie Williams, director of Land Acquisitions for American Prairie, told the board that changes to the DNRC proposal concerned the group, such as adding the phrase "intent to profit."

She also said that making the preference for production livestock mandatory and applying the policy to renewals contradicted Montana law regarding preference rights to lessees. Renewing the argument, which failed to sway the BLM, that American Prairie is a production livestock operator.

Williams said the group has provided more than 75,000 pounds of bison meat to families. Ten tribal nations have also benefited from American Prairie transfers of live bison for their herds, she said. "We currently hold 45 state grazing leases," Williams noted. "Two have long been approved for bison grazing. Three additional leases are currently going through the review process for cattle and/or bison grazing, and the remaining 40 state leases that American Prairie Foundation holds are used to support cattle production through our grazing program." Williams said the DNRC proposal leaves out any standards for how an applicant would qualify as a production livestock operator or how a bidder could comply with the new standards. She also said the change should be analyzed for how it may affect the state's leasing revenue.

Citing its own economic analysis, Williams said the change would have a "chilling effect" on state trust revenue "due to a decrease in bidder pool."

Rep. Tom France, D-Missoula, speaking on behalf of himself and seven other legislators, said the policy change "seems to be a solution in search of a problem" and puts a "thumb on the scale" that narrows competitive bidding for leases.

"I think that the proposal ignores the significant economic and social and stewardship benefits that individual lessees, corporate lessees, nonprofit lessees can bring to any state lease," France said. Noting that the state's "fiduciary duty is primary" when considering lessees in order to raise funds for schools, nonprofits like American Prairie are paying "the full market value for their leases in a competitive situation, and also providing numerous other benefits to both the state and its trust duties to these lands."

In closing, France asked the board to set aside consideration of the policy change since the program has been working "pretty well for many decades." –

Full Statement presented to the Board from Councilman King continued on Page 3.



Photo Courtesy: Billings Gazette

****The Board of Land Commissioners pictured above, also known as the Land Board, consists of the five highest elected officials in Montana. The Land Board provides strategic direction and oversight for all proposed activities on state trust lands. They work closely with the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation to execute policies.***

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Councilman King Presents to the State Land Board (Helena, MT) – Full Statement Below:

“Good morning, madam chair and State Land Board, thank you for the opportunity to speak. My name is Michael King I’m a tribal Councilman for the Fort Belknap Indian Community.

The Fort Belknap Indian Community respectfully opposes the Production Livestock Policy as currently drafted.

We recognize and respect the Board’s fiduciary responsibility to manage Montana’s state trust lands. We are not asking the Board to abandon its trust responsibilities. We are asking the Board to adopt a policy that does not unintentionally disadvantage Tribal governments.

Our concern is not with production agriculture. Our concern is the uncertainty created by this policy. The policy favors “production livestock operations,” but it does not explain where Tribal buffalo restoration programs fit.

Fort Belknap is not a private conservation organization. Our buffalo program is a governmental program of a sovereign Tribal Nation.

If this policy is adopted today, will Tribal buffalo restoration programs continue to be eligible to lease and graze on Montana’s state trust lands under the same standards as production livestock operations? If that is the Board’s intent, why doesn’t the policy expressly say so?

For the Aaniiih and Nakoda people, the buffalo are our relatives. They have been part of our lives since time immemorial. Long before Montana became a state, our people lived with the buffalo. Restoring buffalo is not simply about livestock production. It is about restoring our culture, restoring native prairie, restoring wildlife habitat, strengthening food sovereignty, educating our youth, and fulfilling our responsibility to future generations.

Fort Belknap has spent more than fifty years restoring buffalo. Today we manage the 22,000-acre Snake Butte Buffalo Pasture. Our Yellowstone conservation herd is nationally recognized. Our work demonstrates responsible stewardship of the land. Healthy buffalo require healthy grasslands. Healthy grasslands benefit wildlife, water, and all Montanans.

This policy may not be intended to affect Tribal buffalo restoration, but policies often have consequences beyond those anticipated when they are adopted.

If the policy is interpreted narrowly in future leasing decisions, Tribal governments could be disadvantaged. That is why the policy should be clarified before adoption. Oppose the policy as currently drafted or defer action. Consult with Montana’s Tribal Nations. Amend the policy to expressly recognize Tribal buffalo restoration as a legitimate and compatible governmental use of Montana’s state trust lands. Clarify that Tribal buffalo restoration programs will not be disadvantaged under the policy.

Our Elders have always taught us that when the buffalo are gone, humanity will soon follow. To us, that teaching means the buffalo remind us whether we are living in balance with the land. When the buffalo thrive, the prairie thrives. When the prairie thrives, our communities thrive.

The Fort Belknap Indian Community is not asking for special treatment. We are asking for clarity, for meaningful consultation, and for a policy that recognizes Tribal buffalo restoration as a legitimate and compatible use of Montana’s state trust lands. Because when we restore the buffalo, we are not simply restoring an animal—we are restoring a part of ourselves.

If the Board’s intent is not to disadvantage Tribal buffalo restoration, then I respectfully ask you to make that intent unmistakably clear in the policy before you adopt it. If that cannot be done today, then the responsible course is to defer the policy until that clarification can be made.” -

Revoking bison grazing permits for American Prairie in Montana centers on a final federal decision requiring the removal of bison from specific public allotments by September 30, 2026. This action follows years of conflict over whether conservation bison qualify as production livestock.

Key Timeline Events

2005 – 2019: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) initially authorizes bison grazing on select allotments in Phillips County, expanding the practice over time.

2022: Following a multi-year environmental review, the BLM officially approves bison grazing permits across seven public land allotments for American Prairie.

Late 2025: Following appeals and pressure from the state livestock industry and political leaders, the Secretary of the Interior directs a re-evaluation of the 2022 decision.

February 6, 2026: The BLM formally issues a proposal to cancel American Prairie’s bison grazing permits, triggering public protests and formal protests from the organization.

May 8, 2026: The BLM issues its BLM Revokes American Prairie Bison Grazing Permit Press Release, finalizing the revocation under a new policy restricting permits to “production-oriented” agricultural entities.

June 5 – 8, 2026: Conservation groups, including Defenders of Wildlife and the Western Watersheds Project, file legal appeals challenging the BLM decision.

September 30, 2026: The mandatory transition deadline set by the BLM for the complete removal of bison from the affected federal public land allotments

**The Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) decision to revoke American Prairie’s bison grazing permits directly impacts Native American Tribes by disrupting intertribal bison-sharing programs and setting a policy precedent that could limit future tribal grazing rights on federal public land.*



Snake Butte Buffalo – Photo by: Felix Von Der Osten

Fort Belknap Leadership Helps Secure Pause on Montana State Trust Land Grazing Policy

The Fort Belknap Indian Community is continuing government-to-government discussions with the State of Montana following Tribal concerns regarding a proposed Production Livestock Policy considered by the Montana Board of Land Commissioners.

At the July 20th Land Board meeting, Fort Belknap Tribal Councilman Mike King appeared on behalf of the Fort Belknap Indian Community and urged the Board to postpone adoption of the proposed policy until its potential effects on Tribal governments and Tribal buffalo restoration could be fully considered.

The proposed policy would establish a preference in certain competitive grazing lease decisions for operations that use state trust lands primarily and directly for raising and marketing livestock or livestock products. The policy does not specifically address how Tribal governmental buffalo programs—which may serve cultural, food sovereignty, conservation, ecological restoration, and other governmental purposes in addition to agricultural purposes—would be treated.

Councilman King emphasized that, for the Aaniiih and Nakoda people, buffalo are not simply livestock. ***“The buffalo are our relatives,”*** King said during his testimony. ***“Our responsibility to them has existed since time immemorial. Tribal buffalo restoration is about our culture, our land, our food sovereignty, and the responsibility we have to future generations.”***

King asked the Board to provide clarity and engage Montana’s Tribal Nations through meaningful government-to-government consultation before adopting the policy.

Following the discussion, the Land Board postponed action on the proposed policy to allow additional consideration and dialogue.

That dialogue is now continuing. The Governor’s Office has contacted Fort Belknap regarding a meeting scheduled for August 10th to discuss the Tribe’s concerns and the proposed policy.

Fort Belknap approaches those discussions as a governmental partner. The Community’s Land Department reports that Fort Belknap currently leases at least 20,000 acres of Montana state trust lands within the exterior

boundaries of the Reservation, giving the Community a direct interest in policies governing the leasing and stewardship of those lands.

Fort Belknap also has a longstanding buffalo restoration program. For the Aaniiih and Nakoda people, restoring buffalo is inseparable from cultural revitalization, ecological stewardship, food sovereignty, education, and Tribal self-determination.

The issue has also gained broader Tribal attention. At Fort Belknap’s request, the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council recently adopted a regional resolution supporting meaningful Tribal consultation and recognition of Tribal governmental buffalo restoration, land stewardship, and food sovereignty.

Fort Belknap’s position is not that the State should disregard its constitutional responsibilities for state trust lands. Rather, the Community seeks a policy that fulfills those responsibilities while recognizing the governmental interests and stewardship responsibilities of sovereign Tribal Nations.

Recent federal litigation concerning bison grazing on Bureau of Land Management lands in Montana further demonstrates the importance of clear grazing policies. Although that litigation concerns federal lands and a private conservation organization—not Fort Belknap or Montana state trust lands—it illustrates how uncertainty surrounding the treatment of bison under grazing policies can lead to significant disputes.

Fort Belknap believes collaboration before adoption is preferable to disagreement after the fact.

“We opened the door, and now we need to go through it and make sure Tribes have a voice,” President Werk said. ***“Our goal is not just a delay. Our goal is to work together and make a meaningful difference.”***

The Fort Belknap Indian Community will continue working with the Governor’s Office, the Montana Board of Land Commissioners, the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council, and other Tribal Nations to seek a solution that respects Tribal sovereignty, protects responsible stewardship, and ensures the buffalo continue to have a place on the landscape for generations to come.



L to R: President Randall Werk, Sr., Councilman John A. Allen, Representative Troy Downing, and Councilman Blake Stiffarm. Courtesy Photo by: Downing Office

Tribal Leaders Meet with Congress and Legislation

TRIP REPORT

RANDALL WERK, SR., PRESIDENT-FBIC COUNCIL

On July 20-23, 2026, President Randall Werk, Council Members John A. Allen and Blake Stiffarm, Water Resources – Kristal Hawley-Fox, FBIC Attorney Terry Matt, Rollie Wilson - Concetta Tsosi de Harjo; Skenadore Wilson LLP; and Dan Gans Polaris Consulting LLC all attended meetings in Washington, D.C. to meet with Congress and Legislation.

The Aaniiih Nakoda Nation delegation traveled to Washington, D.C., for a concentrated series of meetings with members of Congress, congressional staff, the Department of the Interior, the Small Business Administration, and congressional committees. The itinerary was designed to strengthen federal relationships, advance the Nation's legislative and administrative priorities, and ensure that the Nation's interests were directly represented in current federal policy discussions.

The schedule included meetings with Montana's congressional delegation and other congressional offices with influence over Indian affairs, natural resources, appropriations, water, and federal program administration. Two agenda items identified specific policy matters: the Small Business Administration's proposed rule affecting the 8(a) Business Development Program and a Native Children's Commission briefing. The final day also included meetings with Assistant Secretary-Indian affairs, natural resources, and water staff. (Congress: Harriet Hageman, Tom Cole, Troy Downing, Mike Simpson, Ryan Zinke, and Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs; Senators: Tim Sheehy and Steve Daines.)

PURPOSE AND STRATEGIC VALUE

-Maintain direct government-to-government relationships with federal decision-makers and agency leadership, with documented

"Grateful for the opportunity to meet with leaders from the Fort Belknap Indian Community. These conversations help ensure their priorities are heard in Washington, and I look forward to continuing our work together." - Representative Troy Downing

follow-up on commitments.

-Advance the Nation's legislative, appropriations, water, self-governance, infrastructure, and economic-development priorities.

-Respond to federal policy proposals that may affect tribally owned businesses, federal contracting, and the 8(a) program.

-Elevate the needs of Aaniiih and Nakoda children and families in federal policy discussions.

SUBSTANTIVE THEMES

Government-to-government advocacy: The number and range of meetings demonstrate a deliberate effort to engage both elected officials and committee staff whose work affects Indian Country.

Indian affairs administration: The Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs meeting created a direct channel for issues involving BIA programs, federal responsibilities, contracting, self-governance, and administrative coordination.

Economic sovereignty and 8(a): The SBA meeting provided an opportunity to address how the proposed 8(a) rule could affect tribally owned enterprises, eligibility, control, contracting opportunities, and the federal government's trust and treaty responsibilities. *Continued on Page 6...*



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Water and natural resources: Meetings with House Natural Resources and water subcommittee staff positioned the Nation to advance water-security and natural-resource priorities and to maintain congressional attention on implementation needs.

Children and families: The Native Children's Commission briefing offered a venue to elevate the circumstances, needs, and strengths of Native children and families and to advocate for federal policy informed by tribal communities.

Bipartisan relationship-building: The itinerary included offices and staff across chambers, committees, and political leadership, helping establish a broader base of support for the Nation's priorities.

CONCLUSION

The Washington, D.C. trip placed the Aaniiih Nakoda Nation before a broad group of federal decision-makers during a concentrated four-day period. Its long-term value will depend on disciplined follow-up: documenting what was requested, confirming what federal officials agreed to do, supplying requested materials, and returning unresolved matters to the appropriate offices. Once the delegation's meeting notes are added, this report can serve as the official record and accountability tool for the trip. -

Full Statement to Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs

The Fort Belknap Indian Community (FBIC) Water Rights Settlement Act of 2025 is ready for passage by Congress. In the past few years, we worked closely with the Secretary's Indian Water Rights Office to negotiate final bill text. Our bill has the full support of the Montana Congressional Delegation, the Governor of Montana, past Administrations, the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council, the Milk River Joint Board of Control, the St. Mary Rehabilitation Working Group, farmers and ranchers, local counties, and conservation groups.

In the 118th Congress our bill passed the Senate twice and nearly passed the House. In the 119th Congress we are currently working with House leadership to secure passage of the bill and then expect the Senate to pass the bill again. In the 119 Congress our bill was introduced as a part of the Northern Montana Water Security Act of 2025 (S. 241 and H.R. 907). Title I of the Act is FBIC's water rights settlement and Title II of the Act is funding for water infrastructure for the Blackfeet Tribe. The funding for Blackfeet is not a part of FBIC's water rights damages claims negotiated with the U.S. and the State of Montana.

Our bill will ratify the 2001 Water Compact reached by FBIC, Montana, and the U.S. The Compact quantifies our reserved water rights, confirms tribal jurisdiction over those water rights, protects existing non-Indian water users, and provides certainty for water users in northcentral Montana. The bill also settles our damages claims against the U.S. for its failure to protect and manage our Indian water rights. A portion of FBIC's Indian water rights was first affirmed in the 1908 Supreme Court case *Winters v. U.S.*, which recognized that the establishment of Indian reservations included the water rights necessary to provide tribes with a permanent homeland.

Our damages claims will be settled through funding in the bill for critical water infrastructure projects on our Fort Belknap Reservation. The bill includes:

- Water for FBIC irrigation, livestock, domestic use, and to support fish and wildlife;
- \$415 million to rehabilitate, modernize, and expand BIA's Fort Belknap Indian Irrigation Project neglected over more than a century, and to restore and develop irrigation systems;
- \$119 million for Southern Tributary Irrigation Projects and Peoples Creek Irrigation Project;
- \$443 million to provide a clean and secure water supply infrastructure on the Reservation;
- \$300 million to restore the St. Mary Project with support from the agricultural economy of central Montana, and enlarge the Dodson Canal; and
- \$66 million to establish a trust fund for irrigation O&M on the Reservation.

The bill will also restore 38,462 acres of reservation homelands to FBIC through land exchanges with the State, BLM, and Forest Service.

FBIC is interested in entering a compact for self-governance under the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act (638 Compact) and requests technical assistance. With 15 vacancies in our BIA Agency Office, 9 that are directly related to leasing, our Agency and Regional Office are not able to process agricultural leases in a timely manner. This results in FBIC and our members losing income from leases. Under these circumstances, and with BIA failing to meet its statutory and trust responsibilities, we have no choice but to take over leasing as soon as possible. We request assistance to identify pathways to compacting that avoid the requirement for three years of audit records showing no uncorrected significant and material audit exceptions. -

COMMENTS ON SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROPOSED RULE REGARDING REFORMS TO REMOVE SBA'S 8(A) PROGRAM'S REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION OF SOCIAL DISADVANTAGE FOR INDIVIDUALLY OWNED FIRMS DOCKET NO. SBA-2026-0133; RIN 3245-AI75

INTRODUCTION: The Fort Belknap Indian Community (FBIC) strongly opposes the Small Business Administration's (SBA) proposed rule issued on June 11, 2026 entitled "Reforms to Remove SBA's 8(a) Program's Rebuttable Presumption of Social Disadvantage for Individually Owned Firms Only; Reforms Do Not Impact Entity-Owned Firms," Docket No. SBA-2026-0133; RIN 3245-AI75 (Proposed Rule). FBIC urges SBA to withdrawal the Proposed Rule and immediately initiate formal Tribal Consultation. The Rule impacts the interests of FBIC, as well as every other Indian tribe and the ability of our members to utilize the 8(a) Program.

The Federal government has a Treaty and Trust obligation to FBIC and other Indian tribes that is based on our government-to-government relationship. This relationship was forged in solemn Treaties and Agreements between our nations and was fundamental to the establishment of the United States. As set out in Article VI, Clause 2 of the U.S. Constitution, our Treaties are the Supreme Law of the Land. *-Continued on Page 7...*

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SBA fundamentally failed to fulfill its Treaty and Trust obligations by releasing the Proposed Rule without Tribal Consultation. SBA violated both its own internal tribal consultation policy and the federal trust doctrine. Because the Proposed Rule dismantles longstanding frameworks that directly affect FBIC and our individual Indian entrepreneurs, publishing the Proposed Rule without any tribal input is a severe procedural defect. SBA must withdraw the Proposed Rule and engage in the required Tribal Consultation before taking any further action.

SBA BYPASSED MANDATORY TRIBAL CONSULTATION

SBA's publication of the Proposed Rule without conducting any Tribal Consultation violates Executive Order No. 13175 Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments (November 6, 2000) and SBA's "Tribal Consultation Policy." SBA is required to consult with Tribes on actions impacting tribal interests prior to taking actions or issuing policies, not after. The Executive Order requires that SBA ensure that tribes can provide "meaningful and timely input" on matters that have tribal implications. Consultation after SBA has already published the Proposed Rule is not meaningful and not timely.

Flowing from this overarching Executive Order, SBA is also bound by its internal regulatory policies, particularly those governing tribal consultation. Section III of SBA's Tribal Consultation Policy explicitly states, "SBA's policy is to ensure Native American stakeholders are given an opportunity to provide their input into the planning and development of policies that have tribal implications." Section VI(A) also mandates that the agency's duty to consult is triggered not only by rules with substantial tribal implications, but also by broader policies affecting individual Indian entrepreneurs:

"The SBA may also consult with Tribes and ANCs on significant regulatory or policy actions that do not have substantial Tribal implications but will impact the broader small business community, including small business concerns owned by Native American Tribes, as well as small businesses individually owned by Native American individuals." U.S. Small Business Admin., Tribal Consultation Policy, § VI(A).

The policy details a strict procedural timeline meant to guarantee that this dialogue occurs before agency decisions are firm. Furthermore, Section VI(A)(1) states that when a proposed policy impacts Native American stakeholders, the agency must notify the appropriate representatives to arrange for a government-to-government consultation, explicitly stating that, "This notification must occur early in the planning stage of the decision-making process to allow for pre-draft consultation, if practicable." *Id.* at § VI(A)(1).

The SBA fundamentally violated its own Tribal Consultation Policy in developing the Proposed Rule. By fundamentally reshaping the qualification criteria for the broader Native American small business community, SBA undeniably triggered its own mandatory consultation policy. Despite this clear threshold, the administrative record reveals that the Proposed Rule was rushed through executive review with no tribal input:

- Prior to May 22, 2026, SBA did not contact any Indian tribe or Alaska Native Corporation about the Proposed Rule.
- On May 22, 2026, the rule was formally received by the Office of Management and Budget's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA).
- The review period consisted of a truncated 19-day review process.
- During those 19 days, neither SBA nor OIRA failed to host a single meeting with outside parties or tribal stakeholders prior to the publication of the Proposed Rule in the Federal Register.

By failing to discuss the Proposed Rule with Indian tribes and rushing the Proposed Rule through OIRA, SBA ignored requirements to

conduct Tribal Consultation under Executive Order No. 13175 and its own Tribal Consultation Policy. SBA completely failed to satisfy the "early planning stage" directive of its Tribal Consultation Policy, shutting out tribal governments from a meaningful, government-to-government dialogue. In failing to comply with the Executive Order and SBA's policy, SBA is violating its Treaty and Trust obligations.

SBA SHOULD REVISE THE PROPOSED RULE

After withdrawing the Proposed Rule and engaging in Tribal Consultation, SBA should revise the Proposed Rule to ensure that individual Native Americans are able to utilize the SBA 8(a) program the same as Indian tribes. Simply lumping members of Indian tribes in with racial minorities or other disadvantaged groups is not correct and violates the fundamental laws on which the United States was founded.

The Proposed Rule would remove the list of all "designated groups" presumed to be "socially disadvantaged." This includes individual Tribal members, who would then be required to prove that they are socially disadvantaged by submitting verifiable, fact-based evidence. Indian tribes would still be eligible to participate in 8(a) contracting under different sections of the rules. Individual members of Indian tribes should not be treated differently as SBA owes the same Treaty and Trust obligation to these individuals.

The United States Supreme Court firmly affirmed the foundational principle governing the distinct political status of Indian tribes and individual tribal citizens in *Morton v. Mancari*, 417 U.S. 535 (1974). In *Mancari*, the Court held that federal benefits, preferences, and protections provided to Indians do not constitute an impermissible racial classification. Instead, they are political classifications rooted in the unique legal status of Indian tribes and the federal government's trust obligations.

SBA could correct this error by including individual members of Indian tribes in the sections related to the eligibility of those entities. Specifically, 13 C.F.R. § 124.09 should be revised to include Tribal members. In this section, Indian tribes are still required to establish eligibility to utilize the SBA 8(a) program, but the criteria for eligibility reflect the government-to-government relationship between these entities and the United States. Our Tribal members have the same relationship. SBA should fix the Proposed Rule to comply with Executive Order No. 13175, its own Tribal Consultation Policy, and the government-to-government relationship between the United States and Indian tribes forged in Treaties and Agreements and reflected in the U.S. Constitution. By forcing individual Indian contractors into a race-neutral material harm framework, the proposed rule ignores the empirical data demonstrating that individual Indian business owners already capture the lowest share of federal procurement revenue among all minority demographics. This oversight is stark when contrasted with comprehensive federal procurement data. According to a multi-decade study tracked by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis's Center for Indian Country Development, individually owned Indian firms capture a microscopic sliver, frequently hovering between a mere 0.1% and 0.2% of total federal prime contracting. By failing to provide a tailored, political status-based exception for individual Indian members in the Proposed Rule, SBA effectively exacerbates the exact economic isolation the Indian tribes and their members experience.

CONCLUSION

FBIC urges SBA to immediately withdraw and correct the Proposed Rule. The Proposed Rule was published without any Tribal Consultation and conflicts with Executive Order No. 13175 Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments (November 6, 2000) and SBA's "Tribal Consultation Policy." After withdrawing the Proposed Rule and holding Tribal Consultation, SBA should correct the Proposed Rule to provide Indian tribes and our Tribal members with the same opportunity to participate in the SBA 8(a) program. -

Self-Governance Consultation Meeting

TRIP REPORT: RANDALL WERK, SR., PRESIDENT

On July 29, 2026, President Randall Werk, Sr., Councilman Cody Shambo, CFO Robert Bearcub, Secretary-Treasurer Audena Wing, Assistant CAO Sunni Werk, and Planning Director Delina Cuts The Rope attended the Bureau of Indian Affairs/Office of Self-Governance Meeting in Billings, MT.

Bureau of Indian Affairs / Office of Self-Governance were also in attendance:

- Jodi Camrud, Acting Rocky Mountain Regional Director
- Mark Azure, Superintendent, Fort Belknap Agency
- Jo Ellen Cree
- Gordon Smith

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Aaniiih Nakoda Nation's interest in participating in the Tribal Self-Governance Program under Title IV of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA). The meeting focused on statutory eligibility, the planning phase, operational differences between Title I (638 Contracting) and Title IV Self-Governance, and the practical steps necessary for the Nation to submit a Request to Participate.

Summary of Discussion

Eligibility: OSG explained that eligibility standards have evolved. The principal statutory requirement is three consecutive annual Single Audits with no uncorrected significant or material audit exceptions. Corrected findings do not necessarily restart the three-year qualification period. Participation also requires a Tribal Resolution and completion of the planning phase.

Planning Phase: The planning phase includes legal research, budgetary research, internal governmental planning, organizational planning, and staff training to prepare the Nation for governance under a compact.

Title I vs. Title IV: Unlike Title I contracts, which generally require quarterly reports, budget modifications, and significant administrative oversight, Self-Governance provides greater flexibility. Routine quarterly reports and budget modifications are generally eliminated, allowing the Nation to manage programs under a broader governance framework while remaining accountable through the annual audit.

Compact: The compact is the foundational, legally binding government-to-government document applicable across DOI bureaus. Individual funding agreements implement the compact and may be expanded over time.

Funding: Funding is generally provided at the beginning of the federal fiscal year through ASAP as a lump sum. Program funding generally remains stable. Tribes retain the ability to pursue supplemental and one-time funding requests. If recurring supplemental funding continues over multiple years, there may be opportunities for it to become part of the funding base.

Program Flexibility: Programs do not need to be compacted all at once. Existing Title I programs may be incorporated in phases,

allowing the Nation to determine the most appropriate order for transition. Tribes have broad discretion to deliver services in the manner that best meets community needs while remaining compliant with applicable law.

Administrative Capacity: Administrative capacity is demonstrated through sound financial management, organizational readiness, planning, internal controls, and governance systems rather than simply through program reviews.

Trust Responsibility: Federal officials emphasized that the United States' trust responsibility remains regardless of whether programs are administered through direct service, Title I contracts, or Title IV Self-Governance.

Additional Topics: Discussion included continued eligibility for 105(l) leases, hiring opportunities involving former BIA employees, separate application processes for DOT Self-Governance, and the availability of technical assistance throughout implementation.

Key Takeaways

- Self-Governance represents a shift from a compliance-based contracting model to a governance model centered on tribal decision-making and financial accountability.
- The annual Single Audit becomes the primary accountability mechanism rather than multiple program-specific reporting requirements.
- The Nation should focus on completing the planning phase, maintaining clean audits, adopting a Tribal Resolution, and identifying an initial group of programs for transition.
- There is no requirement to compact every eligible program immediately; implementation can occur in phases.
- No examples were cited of tribes returning to Title I contracting after successfully entering Self-Governance.

Recommended Next Steps

1. Conduct a formal Self-Governance Readiness Assessment.
2. Complete the statutory planning phase.
3. Prepare and adopt a Tribal Resolution requesting participation.
4. Inventory current Direct Service and Title I programs and identify candidates for initial compacting.
5. Continue maintaining strong financial management and clean annual audits.
6. Prepare and submit the Request to Participate in accordance with OSG timelines.
7. Develop a phased implementation roadmap with milestones and responsibilities.

Overall Assessment

The meeting marked a significant milestone in the Aaniiih Nakoda Nation's pursuit of Tribal Self-Governance. The discussion clarified that Self-Governance is not simply a different contracting mechanism but a different model of governance. While funding levels may remain largely unchanged, the Nation gains substantially greater flexibility in administering programs, allocating resources, and responding to community priorities. The consultation also confirmed that Fort Belknap is positioned to begin the formal planning process and should pursue a deliberate, phased transition into Self-Governance. -



Meeting with Hudson Cove – Strengthening Tribal Sovereign Finance

Trip Report: Randall Werk, Sr.

On July 13-15, 2026, President Randall Werk, Sr., IMDG CEO, and two IMDG Board Members met with Hudson Cove Capital in New York City. (Paid for by IMDG)

The meeting with Hudson Cove Capital focused on the outstanding IMDG debt. Restructuring options were discussed and presented to the Fort Belknap Indian Community's evolving strategic approach to sovereign finance and long-term economic development. Discussions centered on the outstanding debt and the opportunity to restructure the lending relationship. The FBIC delegation presented a broader vision focused on strengthening tribal sovereign finance by reducing reliance on outside investors and positioning the Tribe to eventually capitalize its own lending and investment activities. The delegation proposed that Hudson Cove consider reducing the interest rate and forgiving a portion of the remaining indebtedness. Rather than framing the request solely as debt relief, the discussion emphasized that a healthier capital structure would improve the long-term viability of the enterprise and create a stronger institutional borrower.

Key Discussion Points

- Presented FBIC's long-term vision of strengthening a sovereign lending model through greater tribal ownership of capital.
- Discussed the possibility of reducing interest costs and negotiating a partial reduction of outstanding debt.
- Explained that FBIC's efforts to resolve class action litigation created value by reducing uncertainty and limiting continued exposure for all parties.
- Discussed how contractual default remedies following the IMDG leadership transition became part of the litigation record and affected the perception of tribal control during sovereign immunity litigation.
- Expressed the Tribe's interest in developing long-term institutional relationships with sophisticated capital partners rather than viewing the discussion as a one-time debt workout.

Observations

Initial reactions from Hudson Cove suggested that the Tribe's strategic posture differed from what they may have expected. The conversation extended beyond repayment of existing debt into governance, institutional finance, and the future of tribal capital formation. While no commitments were made during the meeting, the discussion appeared substantive and future-oriented.

Potential Next Steps

- Continue discussions regarding a mutually beneficial restructuring proposal.
- Develop quantitative models comparing the value of a negotiated settlement versus continued collection and litigation risk.
- Explore opportunities for future collaboration, while keeping any future investment-management discussions separate from the current debt negotiations.
- Continue strengthening IMDG governance and documenting long-term financial strategy.



Photo Submitted by: Joan Johnson

Fort Belknap Tribal Council Leaders Advance Tribal Health, Sovereignty, and Regional Collaboration at Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council Meetings

Great Falls, Mont. - July 30, 2026 — Fort Belknap Indian Community (FBIC) Tribal Council leaders played a prominent role this week during the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council (RMTLC) Health Subcommittee Meeting on July 28 and the RMTLC Quarterly Board Meeting on July 29–30 at the Little Shell Ceremonial Center in Great Falls, Montana. The meetings brought together Tribal leaders from throughout the Rocky Mountain Region, federal agencies, state officials, and Tribal health professionals to address issues affecting Tribal health systems, Tribal sovereignty, environmental health, buffalo restoration, and government-to-government consultation.

Fort Belknap Councilwoman Tina Bierle, Chair of the RMTLC Health Subcommittee, led the Health Subcommittee meeting and presented its report and recommendations to the RMTLC Board of Directors. The Health Subcommittee agenda included updates from the Indian Health Service, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, the Community Health Aide Program (CHAP), Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP), Medicaid, environmental health, and national Tribal health policy initiatives.

Fort Belknap was also represented by RMTLC Secretary Donald “Duck” Horn, and Tribal Council members Michael King, Josh Horn, and Joan Johnson, all of whom participated in discussions focused on strengthening Tribal health systems and protecting Tribal sovereignty through regional collaboration.

The Quarterly Board Meeting featured presentations from the Indian Health Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Rural Health Transformation Program, Yellowstone Buffalo Project, Tribal buffalo restoration efforts, environmental health experts, and Tribal court leaders addressing child welfare and family court jurisdiction.

A significant portion of the meetings focused on Montana’s Rural Health Transformation Program and the continued expansion of the Community Health Aide Program. Presentations highlighted ongoing efforts to establish the Billings Area Certification Board, expand Tribal clinical training programs, strengthen the Tribal health workforce, improve access to care in rural and Tribal communities, and position Tribal Nations for long-term program sustainability. Meeting participants also discussed upcoming federal Tribal consultation opportunities and emphasized the importance of meaningful government-to-government consultation throughout implementation of state and federal initiatives.

Councilwoman Tina Bierle, Chair of the RMTLC Health Subcommittee, emphasized the importance of Tribal leadership in shaping health policy. *“Our Tribal Nations understand the needs of our communities better than anyone else. Through collaboration, meaningful consultation, and strong Tribal leadership, we can continue building health systems that reflect our values, improve health outcomes, and protect Tribal sovereignty.”*

Donald “Duck” Horn, Secretary of the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council, said the meetings demonstrated the value of regional cooperation among Tribal governments. *“The strength of the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council is that Tribal governments come together to address issues that no one Tribe can solve alone. Whether it is health care, buffalo restoration, child welfare, or federal consultation, our collective voice carries greater weight. We remain committed to ensuring that Tribal Nations are heard and respected in every decision that affects our people.”*

FBIC Councilman Josh Horn stressed the importance of protecting Tribal sovereignty through meaningful consultation. *“The discussions over the past several days reinforced that Tribal consultation must be meaningful and government-to-government. Tribal Nations understand the needs of our communities better than anyone else, and our voices must be part of shaping policies before decisions are made—not after.”*

Councilman Michael King highlighted the connection between health, culture, and natural resources. *“Health, environmental stewardship, and buffalo restoration are all connected to the long-term well-being of our people. These meetings demonstrated the importance of investing in Tribal workforce development, expanding access to care, and protecting the resources and cultural traditions that sustain future generations.”*

Councilwoman Joan Johnson emphasized the value of Tribal collaboration. *“It was encouraging to hear Tribal leaders sharing innovative ideas and successful programs from across the region. By working together and learning from one another, we can strengthen services for our Tribal members while protecting the sovereignty and traditions of each Tribal Nation.”*

The Fort Belknap delegation reaffirmed its commitment to working collaboratively with Tribal Nations across the Rocky Mountain Region, as well as federal and state partners, to improve Tribal health systems, strengthen Tribal workforce development, expand access to quality health care, support buffalo restoration and environmental stewardship, and ensure that Tribal governments remain at the center of decisions affecting their communities. -

Rockfall Scaling in Mission Canyon

Hays, MT – Rockfall has occurred more frequently in Mission Canyon since the summer of 2025. The Fort Belknap Transportation Director, Bill Main collaborated with Access Limited Construction (ALC) to improve safety along the roadway corridor by manually scaling unstable rock from the existing slopes. This project was completed over a 10-day period by ALC on (July 20-24, 2026 & July 27-31, 2026).

Access Limited (or Access Limited Construction) is a specialized geohazard mitigation firm in the United States. They focus on engineering solutions for steep slopes, rockfall mitigation, and difficult-access environments. They frequently handle projects in remote corridors, constrained rights-of-way, and environmentally sensitive areas where standard machinery cannot operate. Services include: Emergency landslide and rockslide repairs, rockfall mitigation and attenuator systems, difficult-access drilling and slope stabilization, and specialized excavations.

ALC executes these high-risk, specialized projects primarily to safeguard critical infrastructure, protect communities, and solve engineering challenges that are impossible for standard construction firms. The foremost reason for their work is to prevent catastrophic natural events from occurring.

Rockfall Scaling

This proposal outlined a systematic approach to scaling rockfall hazards for improved risk assessment and

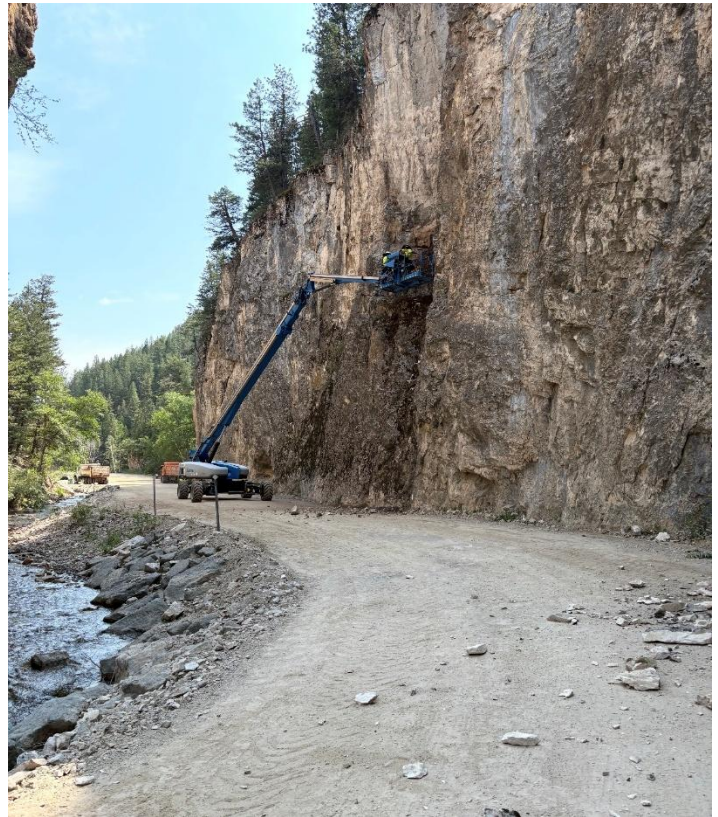


Photo by: Bill Main

mitigation planning. The objective is to develop a quantitative framework that accurately predicts rockfall size distribution and energy based on geological and topographical data.

Key elements include:

- Classification of rockfall sources by lithology, weathering state, and slope characteristics.
- Development of empirical scaling relationships correlating block volume, fall height, and impact energy.
- Integration of field measurements with remote sensing data to refine size estimates.
- Application of probabilistic models to account for variability in rockfall occurrences and magnitudes.
- Validation of the scaling model using historical rockfall events and monitoring data.

Implementing this approach enhances hazard mapping accuracy, engineering design, and supports decision-making for infrastructure protection in rockfall-prone areas.

Traffic Control

During this project, traffic control measures and road closures were implemented to ensure safety and to facilitate efficient work. These measures were necessary to complete the project safely and to stay on schedule.

We'd like to thank the community for their patience while these safety improvements were completed and ALC for their hard work and dedication to improve the Mission Canyon.



Photo by: Bill Main

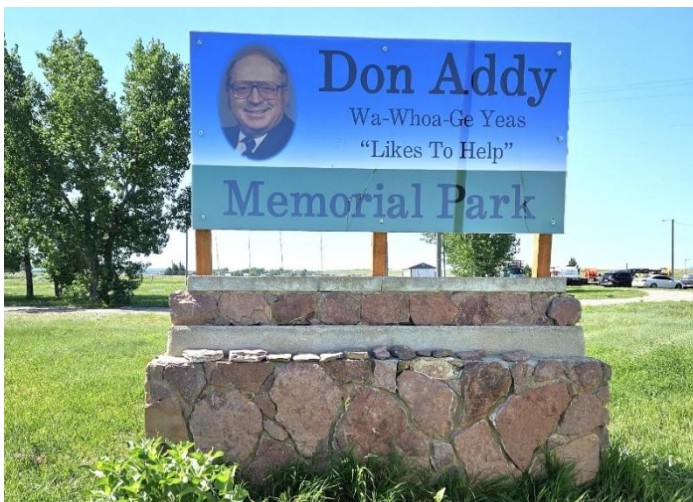


Photo by: Doreen Bell

Don Addy Memorial Park Sign Restored

BY: DOREEN BELL, PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Don Addy Memorial Park has a new sign installed. The Don Addy Memorial Park was dedicated to Donald Paul Addy, Jr. (Wa-Whoa-Ge-Yeas-“Likes To Help”) in 1998.

On May 19, 2008, at age 64, Wa-Whoa-Ge-Yeas passed away at his home in Fort Belknap, MT. He was a cherished, loving friend and was an inspiration to countless people, especially his family. He loved the Lord and boldly shared his faith with everybody he met.

Don, born June 22, 1943, in Syracuse, N.Y., was the oldest of six children. He grew up on a dairy farm in Genoa, N.Y., and attended Cornell University and later Trinity Bible College. After his first year at Cornell, Don joined Volunteers in Service to America and served for a year and a half on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation in Hays, Mont., where he met Patricia Dorothy Walker, his future wife. Don briefly returned to Cornell, then married Patty in Hays on Aug. 31, 1968. They started a family, moved back to New York, and Don completed his degree at Cornell in 1972. In 1974, he returned to Fort Belknap as an extension agent.

Don received numerous recognitions, honors, and awards over the course of his career, though he was a very modest and humble man, never seeking to be recognized for his numerous accomplishments. He received the Silver Buffalo Award in 1990 as the Outstanding Agent of the Year.

This is the highest award an extension agent can receive. He received the Extension Agent of the Year Award and numerous merit and appreciation awards from the tribes of the Fort Belknap Reservation. In 1992, he received the Region VIII U.S. Small Business Administration Advocate of the Year Award. Don worked with the Mid-Winter Fair Committee at Fort Belknap for more than 30 years, putting so much into every detail. He retired in March 2008, after 38 years of dedicated service to the Fort Belknap Extension Service.

His greatest honor ever received was in 1998, when he was adopted into the Assiniboiné Tribe, a very rare honor, and was given the name **Wa-Whoa-Ge-Yeas - "Likes to Help."** He was also affectionately known as "Chief Yellow Top" and "Chief Many Irons." Assiniboiné Elder, Wallace Chopwood did the honors of naming Don with a traditional name: “Wa-Whoa-Ge-Yeas” Don orchestrated close to 50 youth camps through the years, with each one being a huge success.

Mr. Altekruse, MT Department of Commerce’s Office of Indian Country Economic Development sponsored the Don Addy Memorial Park signage project. Fort Belknap Indian Community respectfully appreciated MT Department of Commerce’s sponsorship to this project.



Archives MSU News Service – November 2002 -Honorable Mention on Don Addy by Community Members-

"One of Don's strongest points is that he's been involved in strategic planning – planning that helps out youth with their future goals, what they want to go for, and planning for farmers and ranchers. Don's involved with everything – with helping youth start a ranch or helping with business plans for a nursery, for example. I don't know where he gets his energy. He's been a blessing to the community."

**– The Late Darrell Martin, Past Vice-President
Fort Belknap Indian Community Council**

"Without Don, there wouldn't be a Junior Livestock program. Don helped my parents get started in cattle at Fort Belknap. Then, when I was 12 or so, I went through Don to get a Junior Livestock loan. When I was 18 he helped me get a Rural Assistance loan....There isn't a time I don't contact Don about anything in my livestock program. If I'm having a hard time with something, I know his door is always open."

– Toby Werk, Hays, MT

"Don't try to lead the community, let the community lead itself – they know what they want and how to go about getting it. I love helping people....every agent feels the same way, or they wouldn't be in Extension. Yes, you can get stretched pretty thin sometimes, but if you know you've helped make a difference, you feel good about yourself. We can make a difference if we do our part – our part of the puzzle – and just hope that everybody else does too."

-The Late Don Addy



Photo by: Doreen Bell

Tribal Planning Department is designated to maintain the beautification of the Don Addy Memorial Park and Central Administration is designated as handling park and RV scheduling and fees.

To uphold our responsibility Doreen Bell, Planning Grant writer has dedicated her professional writing skills to secure previous funds for park signage, fencing, and recently the new sign for the park.

In collaboration with the CAO and Spy Ego, the Tribes Broadband Connectivity Project Partner, the park was funded for upgrades this summer to the RV water spigots, electrical posts and sewer drains.

Today the park is a community asset for both community and visitors to enjoy which really aligns in many ways to the memory of Don Addy's dedication to the Fort Belknap Community.

Continued - Don Addy Memorial Park Restoration

**BY: DELINA CUTS THE ROPE,
PLANNING DIRECTOR**

The following are repairs completed by Fetter Construction, under contract #FBIC26035, on Don Addy Memorial RV Park and inspected by David Doney and Delina Cuts The Rope on 06.16.2026:

- ✓ The Don Addy RV Park has full-hookup sites with direct sewer connection for RV guests who had paid the rental and dumping usage fees in advance with Anita. Dumping is only daily dumping by reserved RV Park visitors and only be accessed if renting a RV site.
- ✓ Since there's No public sewer dump on the Don Addy RV site, Mass dumping from outside customers is not allowed, cannot dump sewage all at once in the small sewer drains, other non-renters are advised to access a dump station in Chinook or Havre, MT.
- ✓ Completed (2) 50-amp outlets on each side of the shed
- ✓ Completed (16) sewer drains
- ✓ Completed (16) water spigots (7 on West side and 8 on East side)
- ✓ Completed (7) 30-amp posts on West side
- ✓ Completed (8) 30-amp posts on East side
- ✓ RV rental payments are to be made with Anita Moore, Central Administration, Fort Belknap Tribal Administration. Phone # with Fee listing below.

Don Addy Park



Camping Rates

Overnight \$45 Dumping \$25
Daily Rate \$45 Dumping \$25

**Mass Sewer Dumping Unallowed. Please access
dump station in Chinook or Havre, MT.**

Thank You

Please Contact: Anita Moore
353-8316 : 945-4152

Buffalo to School Workshop

BY: YVONNE STANLEY, MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST

On July 10, 2026 the Fort Belknap Buffalo Program hosted a tour in coordination with the Buffalo to School Workshop held at the Hays/Lodgepole High School. In collaboration with ANC Buffalo Research Center and MSU Extension staff and numerous Food Sovereignty Partners, we toured the People's Creek Buffalo Pasture with a total of 25 participants taking the tour. Our program donated a buffalo that was fed to the participants of the workshop, which primarily discussed food sovereignty and getting buffalo into our local schools.

The group also toured Neewah's Garden in Hays and had a buffalo lunch with NATIFS (North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems). Discussions included Fort Belknap Food Sovereignty: One Acre Gardener's, Cooking Buffalo with Val Ricker and Empowering Youth for Future Food Sovereignty & Health Panel. -

**Food sovereignty emphasizes the importance of local control over food production, distribution, and consumption, prioritizing sustainable practices that respect cultural traditions and the environment. Unlike food security, which focuses mainly on access to food, food sovereignty advocates for empowering communities to produce healthy and culturally appropriate food. This concept supports indigenous communities and local economies by promoting agricultural biodiversity and protecting land rights. By reclaiming control over food systems, communities can enhance their resilience, preserve their heritage, and ensure fair access to resources for future generations.*



Photo by: Yvonne Stanley

The Fort Belknap Buffalo Program is conducting a survey to gather input from the community.

They recently completed a Five-Year Conservation Plan (October 01, 2026 - September 20, 2031), and would like to know more about your interests moving forward.

The information collected will be used to improve the program and strengthen its impact on the community.

ONLINE SURVEY LINK:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RYKX6VX>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Yvonne Stanley at (406) 353-8492.



National Bison Month is celebrated every July to recognize the significance of the American bison, also known as the buffalo. This month highlights the bison's importance to the history, culture, and ecology of North America. It honors the efforts made to preserve and protect this iconic species, which once roamed the continent in vast herds. National Bison Month encourages awareness about bison conservation, sustainable ranching, and the role bison play in maintaining healthy grassland ecosystems. It is also an opportunity to appreciate the cultural heritage of Native American tribes for whom the bison holds deep spiritual and practical value.

During this month, various events and educational programs are held across the country to promote the bison's story and support efforts to ensure its future. National Bison Month serves as a reminder of the progress made in restoring bison populations and the ongoing commitment required to protect this national symbol.



Photo by: Yvonne Stanley

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, OFFICE OF RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY, AWARDS \$1,499,999.95 TO FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY OF MONTANA FOR SOLID WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RECYCLING (SWIFR) GRANT

The Fort Belknap Indian Community has been awarded \$1,499,999.95 through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Program. The funding will support the Fort Belknap Sustainable Aggregates & Organics Diversion Program, an initiative that will strengthen recycling infrastructure while protecting the Tribe's natural resources.

The project will establish on-reservation capacity to recycle concrete and untreated wood waste collected from illegal dumping sites, ditches, and road rights-of-way. Recycled materials will be used to improve Tribal roads, support erosion control, reduce landfill waste, and create long-term environmental and economic benefits for the Fort Belknap Indian Community. All project activities will take place at the existing Prairie Mountain Utilities (PMU) stock yard with no new ground disturbance. By turning waste into reusable materials, the program will reduce landfill stress, improve environmental conditions, support Tribal infrastructure projects, and expand circular economy opportunities across the reservation.

Statement by President, Randall Werk, Sr., Fort Belknap Indian Community Council:

"The Fort Belknap Indian Community is excited to be awarded the SWIFR grant. This will allow us to crush and recycle discarded concrete waste and untreated wood waste. All aspects of infrastructure improvement will result in recycling waste and provide economic development opportunities. The results will be a cleaner and safer environment for the people of the Fort Belknap Indian Community and the environment. On behalf of the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council, we acknowledge Ina Nez Perce, CAO for assigning guidance to the Planning Department to work with Prairie Mountain Utilities and Grant Writer, Louise Doney for securing this award. Thank you to Kasey Ramone, PMU Director and staff, all vital for building a successful program and ensuring future funding success."

The project will be administered by Kasey Ramone Johnson, PMU Director. For more information, please feel free to contact the Fort Belknap Planning Department at 406-353-8380 and/or Fort Belknap PMU at 406-353-8313.



Mella Stiffarm-Flansburg



Tribal Health Staff Members Pictured w/Mella

Tobacco Prevention Program Awarded 30k Grant

In recent months, the Tobacco Prevention Program applied for a "Smoke-free Tribal Policy Initiative" through the American Nonsmokers Rights Foundation who (in 2021) co-founded 'Reclaim Sacred Tobacco' in coalition to support Tribal Communities.

The Tobacco Prevention program was awarded a \$30,000 grant. Mella Stiffarm-Flansburg, Tobacco Prevention Specialist traveled to Minneapolis, Minnesota in late June to meet the review board and gave a short impromptu speech on what the grant award will be used for.

In late July, Fort Belknap Tobacco Prevention held a Two-Day Policy training with the Reclaim Sacred Tobacco, consultant Clinton Isham. The \$30,000 grant award will be used primarily for the youth, youth prevention services, beautification activities, vape disposal boxes, signage and community/youth/elder knowledge and honorariums.

Mella Stiffarm-Flansburg also attended "Basic Tobacco Intervention Certification for Native Communities" training in Mid-July and will be a certified cessation coach.

Tobacco Prevention Program collaborated with KEYA Advertising on an Anti-Vape Commercial that featured Shaydyn Blount, an athlete from Hays/Lodgepole High School. Blount is enrolled in Ft. Peck and is a descendant of Fort Belknap. Video can be watched on youtube. Link: https://youtu.be/9WBlgFfuBE?si=69_OiUgsEiDVoldb

Mella is a dedicated employee who strives for the youth and our community. *"I enjoy my job and working with the youth, elders and for my community,"* said Mella. Congratulations to the Tobacco Prevention Program and thank you for your hard work and dedication!

Milk River Indian Days Parade: Remembering Our Warriors, Honoring our Veterans

The Milk River Indian Days Parade had a fantastic turnout this year! The theme, “Remembering Our Warriors, Honoring Our Veterans,” captured the highlight of the event. It was inspiring to see the community come together to pay tribute to those who have served and continue to serve. The parade showcased a deep respect for our history and the sacrifices made by our warriors and veterans. Thank you to all those who participated! From bicycle riders, ATVs, horseback riders, traditional and non-traditional floats, and all the Rez cars!

The Milk River Indian Days Parade is an annual event that celebrates the cultural heritage and traditions of the community. The parade kicks off in the afternoon before the first Grand Entry of the MRID Pow-Wow.

This event brings the community together to enjoy various floats. This parade not only showcases the pride and history of our Tribe, but also fosters a sense of unity and connection among attendees. Each year, participants and spectators look forward to this occasion as a time to honor the past and embrace the future with joy and respect.

Thank you to the 477 Program for organizing yet another successful parade. Your hard work and dedication are truly appreciated, and the event brought joy to everyone involved. It’s inspiring to see community spirit and commitment!



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Poster by: 477 Program



Photos by: Breanne Main



Milk River Indian Days: Elders Section

The Elders section was completed just in time for the Milk River Indian Days Pow-Wow! In addition, cooling fans and water coolers were available to keep elders comfortable and hydrated during the Pow-Wow.

Thank you to the Planning Department and Doreen Bell for writing and securing the grant, Tribal Construction-Jimmy Clark for building the seating area, and Delina Cuts The Rope for identifying grants to assist the elders.

**In April 2026, The MT Department of Commerce, Tribal Tourism Grant was awarded to Fort Belknap Indian Community in the amount of \$50,000.00. The project provided repairs, mobility improvements and upgrades to the Milk River Indian Days arbor. The project increased arbor amenities for elder handicapped accessibility, seating and shade and much needed electrical upgrades to encourage tourism and improve the local and visitor experience.*

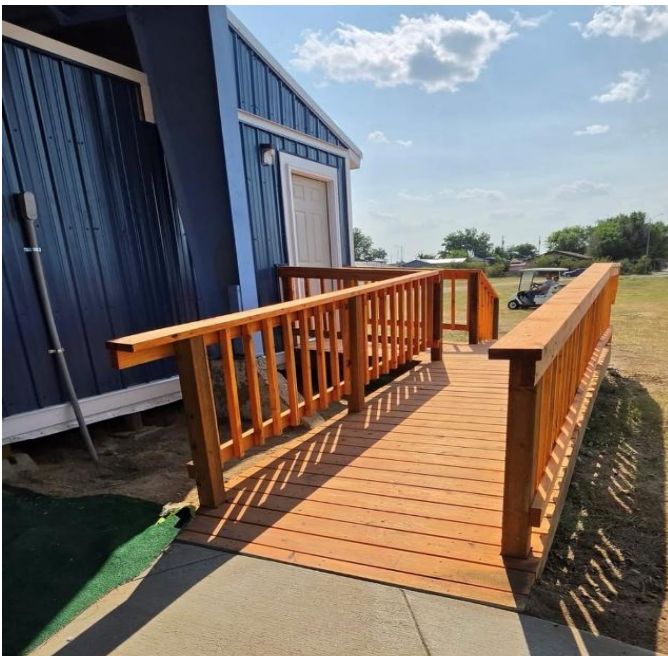


Photo by: Breanne Main

Statement from Doreen Bell:

"The Fort Belknap Indian Reservation is located 49.4 miles south of the Canadian border and covers 675,147 acres, stretching approximately 28 miles east to west and 35 miles north to south. Agriculture is the main industry, with numerous small cattle ranches throughout the reservation. Alfalfa hay is harvested to feed livestock, including buffalo, horses, and cows. Water sources include the Milk River, People's Creek, groundwater, and runoff streams from the Little Rocky Mountains. The Fort Belknap Law Enforcement Department maintained a strong safety presence during the Annual Milk River Indian Days pow-wow and parade on July 24-26, 2026, deploying additional patrols and implementing crowd management strategies to ensure the well-being of all participants and visitors. The department's 10 full-time officers are responsible for the safety of the Fort Belknap tribe's 3,857 members and regularly coordinate with neighboring agencies for emergency response, disaster preparedness, and community safety. Local community members and elders continue to express their appreciation for proactive tribal policing and the ongoing efforts to enhance public safety on the reservation. Thank you to Fort Belknap Law Enforcement."



Elder Section Completed - Photos by: Louise Doney

Results/Winners: 62nd Annual Milk River Indian Days Pow-Wow

Outgoing Dance Committee: Bill Main, Sharana Buck, Diane "Storm" Johnson, Chris Plumage, Terrance Gray, Miss Fort Belknap: Amara Speakthunder, Jr. Princess: Kelaya Skidmore

**~ 390 Registered Dancers ~ 47 Tribes Represented ~ 3 Canadian Provinces ~
~ 18 Drum Groups ~ 23 Royalty ~**

★Jr. Girls Traditional

3rd Kreelynn Standing Rock
2nd Synae Standing Rock
1st Aliesse Whitegrass

★Jr. Girls Jingle

3rd Clark Kenzley
2nd Kisiko Whitford
1st Madison Blackcrow

★Jr. Girls Fancy

3rd Millie Whitehorse
2nd Azlyn Weston
1st Kala Little Owl

★Jr. Boys Traditional

3rd Samuel Cochran
2nd Medicine Bear
1st Archie Carpenter

★Jr. Boys Grass

3rd Gary Joe Whiteman
2nd Timber Messerly
1st Lawrence Nepoose

★Jr. Boys Chicken

3rd Matiya Mendoza
2nd Brad Eaglespeaker
1st Kaven Not Afraid

★Jr. Boys Fancy

3rd Jackson Horn Weasel
2nd A.J. Buffalo
1st Kayen Haywahe

★Teen Girls Traditional

3rd Kiahna Slim
2nd Dinay Whitford
1st Willena Cleveland

★Teen Girls Jingle

3rd Liliana Longknife
2nd Ashlynn Miller
1st Laityn Allen

★Teen Girls Fancy

3rd Stephanie Brown
2nd Harmony Von Child
1st Ivy Bluebird Runsabove

★Teen Boys Traditional

2nd Mason Little Light
1st Easton Wolf

★Teen Boys Chicken

3rd Dain Begay
2nd Isaiah Weaselhead
1st Jeremiah Woi

★Teen Boys Grass

3rd P.J. Denny
2nd Kash Graves
1st Kolton Slim

★Teen Boys Fancy

2nd Ethan Lamb
1st Kenneth Brown, Jr.

★Womens Traditional

4th Hollie Eagle Speaker
3rd Cheneya Standing Rock
2nd Starry Knight
1st Shaudeen Buffalo

★Womens Jingle

4th Cedar Hunt
3rd Abbilee Runsabove
2nd Jonna Grace Brady
1st Prairie Rose Jack

★Womens Fancy

4th Jade Miner
3rd Taya Trottier
2nd Sheydon Standing Rock
1st Sky Harding

★Mens Traditional

4th S. Beasley
3rd Sam Slickpoo
2nd Hunter Blassingame
1st Malcolm Murphy

★Mens Chicken

4th Conan Cuts the Rope
3rd Kenneth Brown, Sr.
2nd Rooster Topsky
1st Cortez Osborne

★Mens Grass

4th D. Baker
3rd Kendrick Slim
2nd Kelsey Haywahe
1st Elias Her Many Horses

★Mens Fancy

3rd Apollo Johnson
2nd Alden Spoonhunter
1st Mitchell Baker

★Singing Contest

4th Bad Eagle 945
3rd Lil Mountain Cree 964
2nd Mandaree 1,015
1st Lazy Dogg 1,022

★Women Backup Singing

4th The Horses
3rd Lazy Dogg
2nd Lil Mountain Cree
1st Bad Eagle

Incoming Dance Committee: Wes Kill Eagle, Jr., Mardell Castillo, Candace Ironman, Susie Horseman, Winston Stewart, Mason Hoops, Miss Fort Belknap-Chaynell Fox, Jr. Miss Fort Belknap-Krista Johnson

44TH Annual Mosquito Run

The Annual Mosquito Run founded by the late Ignatius “Iggy” George Stiffarm, is a traditional Saturday morning event held during the Milk River Indian Days Pow-Wow in July at Fort Belknap, Montana.

The event honors local running advocates and memory keepers like “Iggy” who dedicated decades to promoting health and organizing youth runners in the community. His nephews, Brian and Diego Hammett have kept the tradition alive and host this event every year.



Treyton Mount
Photo by: Ty Mount



Diego & Brian pictured with Ashlyn Ford
Photo by: Randy Perez

Overall Winners (2026)

5K

Male – Ethan Walker

Female: Ashlyn Ford

7 Mile

Male – Treyton Mount

Female: Jaspen Camel



Diego & Brian pictured with Ethan Walker
Photo by: Shuree Zander



Jaspen Camel
Photo by: Jennifer Messerly

“RUN FOR THE HEALTH OF IT”



Wasay Wakpa Wachi Pow-Wow

The Wasay Wakpa Wachi Pow-Wow had their annual celebration in Lodge Pole, MT. This event is hosted during the third weekend in July and features local food vendors, arts and crafts, and is open to the public.

This gathering brought together tribal members, families, dancers, singers, and visitors to honor indigenous heritage and strengthen cultural connections.

Although this isn't a contest Pow-Wow, dancers of all ages enter the arena with pride wearing their regalia that reflects cultural traditions and family history. Specials included: Potato Dance, Team Dance, Kahomni, Hat & Boot, Iron Girl, Girls Grass, Street Dance, Hand Drum, Iron Boy, and Boys Fancy Shawl.

Thank you to Randi Wing-Fetter and Hannah Has Eagle for organizing this event, including the Youth Pow-Wow which children look forward to every year!





Top: Pat Ditmar, Spencer Cochran. Bottom: Nolan Werk, Dave Kirkaldie, Byard Kirkaldie
Nolan Werk
Photo by: Savage Images



Bottom Photos by: Dawn Bishop-Moore

Hays Community Celebrates Mountain River Indian Relay Team

Mountain River Indian Relay Team placed 6th overall at the Indian Relays held during the Calgary Stampede in Alberta Canada. This event showcased the skill and speed of riders and horses competing in a fast-paced and thrilling relay race.

Mountain River was the last American team to race. With 6 horses and their exceptional teamwork and horsemanship, they earned a well-deserved recognition and were automatically invited to next year's Calgary Stampede.

The Indian Relays at the Calgary Stampede continues to be a significant occasion for Indigenous athletes and fans drawing in thousands and celebrating tradition, culture, and competitive spirit.

Mountain River is a highly competitive, professional Indian Relay racing team based out of Hays/Lodge Pole, MT. The team frequently competes across the Pacific Northwest, Midwest, and Canada, showcasing elite Indigenous horsemanship. Nolan Werk is the primary rider for the team, consistently placing in major events like the Chiefs Race and Warriors Race.

To celebrate and honor Mountain River, community members gathered at the Hays Kills-At-Night Center to show their support and pride for the team's outstanding achievement. The event was a meaningful opportunity to recognize the dedication and skill of the athletes.

Congratulations to this exceptional team for their outstanding achievement! Your hard work and commitment have truly made a difference. Keep up the great work and continue to inspire those around you with your passion and perseverance.



Youth Cultural Camp

The cultural camp hosted by TIWAHE and 477 Employment & Training Program was a great experience that brought youth and mentors together to explore and celebrate traditions, arts, and histories. Participants engaged in various activities such as:

- Parfleche Purse/Wallet Making
- Female Protocols
- Native Games
- Feather Wrapping
- Pow-Wow Protocols
- Dry Meat Cutting Demo
- Archery
- Smores
- Painting Medicine Pouches
- Fan Making
- Integrated Behavioral Health
- TeePee Set-Up
- Story Telling
- Corn Hole

This gathering also provided an opportunity to build friendships, share personal stories, and learn new skills in a supportive and inspiring setting. The cultural camp encouraged open-mindedness and creativity, making it a memorable event for everyone involved.



Photo by: Ramona Horn



Photos Submitted by: Joan Johnson



Photos by: Jessica Horn

Cheer Camp Draws in Nearly 25 Participants

Fort Belknap's Cheer Camp brought in nearly 25 participants from our local communities. The Cheer Camp took place at Red Whip Gymnasium on July 10-11, 2026 and was hosted by Jessica Horn, Lilyian Turns Plenty and Harlem Cheerleaders.

The camp was designed for children in grades K-6. Participants focused on basic instruction, including cheer motions, 8-count routines, an introduction to tumbling, and an introduction to stunts. This foundational training aimed to build essential skills in a fun and supportive environment and to prepare for Latisha Demarais who will be putting on a Cheer Camp which will take place on August 21, 2026 at Red Whip Gymnasium.

Latisha is the owner of Montana Cheer Experts. She has served as the head cheerleading coach at Rocky Mountain College (RMC) in Billings, MT since 2019. Under her leadership, she expanded the RMC cheer program from an initial team of 12 athletes into two separate competitive programs. Laticia is a Montana Shrine Bowl Coach and a staff member for the Universal Cheerleaders Association.

Jessica Horn demonstrates dedication, compassion, and an ability to connect with the youth. *"I want to start by saying this group of Harlem Cheerleaders (girls and one boy-Maisen) are highly motivated! When sports camps start popping up in our area for the summer, they wanted to have a camp for cheer. These student athletes wanted to continue through the summer seasons & have open gym like all the other sports, so I was trying to match their energy! I was doing what I could to support them in their*

goals," said Jessica. The cheer team and coach's goals are to work with the youth in a positive environment where young people could develop confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills. *"The cheerleaders all enjoyed working with the younger kids and had an awesome time plus they got together and did some stunts of their own! My goal is to make Cheer just as equal as all the sports in our community! They all want the same opportunities as everyone else,"* said Jessica.

By engaging with the community, the team aimed to inspire and support youth through cheerleading activities, encouraging healthy lifestyles and building strong social connections. *"That's where Latisha comes in, she brings in all the cheer knowledge! She has been a huge asset for us! I want to bring more "cheer culture" to our communities & make camps more accessible to everyone in our area and Latisha is very understanding of that. I want to be able to provide space where our youth can learn, grow and strengthen their cheer skills,"* said Jessica. Her efforts have made a significant impact among the youth she mentors.

"I really want to provide them every cheer opportunity they dream of! They have hopes of attending Cheerfest and dreams of the community cheering them on, just like they cheered on everyone else!" Jessica's commitment to the youth is truly inspiring and sets a wonderful example for others to follow.

*TIWAHE, TERO, & 477 sponsored the equipment for cheer camp and will be used for future camps. Thank you to these programs for your support and contributions.



Photo by: Jessica Horn

Basketball Camps for Youth, held in all 3 Communities

Basketball camps were held in Dodson, Hays, and Fort Belknap Agency, inviting all youth in these communities to participate. The camp in Dodson was hosted by Yellow Rose Ministries & Company, while Brandon The Boy led the camp in Hays, and Ethan Bell led the camp at Fort Belknap Agency. These events provided an opportunity for young people to engage in basketball activities and community connection across the three locations.

Yellow Rose Ministries is a non-profit organization whose primary mission is to inspire hope to others.

Brandon The Boy is a basketball player and coach from Montana, known for leading the Box Elder Bears to two Class C State Titles and signed to play college basketball at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, MT. He later returned to coach the Box Elder Bears Basketball team.

Ethan Bell, a former basketball player for the Chinook Sugar Beeters continued at the collegiate level where he earned playing time at Miles City Community College in Miles City, MT before finishing his career at Crowley's Ridge College in Arkansas. Ethan is set to travel overseas in January 2027 to join the Lions Professional basketball team in Rome, Italy; he will face a mix of professional and semi-professional competition while working toward his Master's Degree in Sports Management from the Rome City Institute. -



Yellow Rose Ministries at Dodson - Photos by: Dodson Basketball Camp



Brandon The Boy (FB Photo)



Ethan Bell (FB Photo)

Brandon The Boy Hosts Hays Basketball Camp

BY: PATTI CARRYWATER, SOARING EAGLE JUVENILE JUSTICE

The Soaring Eagle Program/Tiwahe Program hosted a basketball camp at the Hays Lodgepole High School gym on July 8th and 9th. The Camp was free and open to all school aged youth from kindergarten to 12th grade. Transportation was also provided to the Lodgepole and Hays youth. Geno LaValdo, Director of Soaring Eagle did all the planning and organizing of the basketball camp. The Camp was instructed by Brandon The Boy, previous player for the Box Elder Bears High School, and 2014 & 2016 State Champion. Brandon also played for Rocky Mountain College, Great Falls Electric. The focus of the camp was to teach guard skills, shooting, healthy habits/outlets and team playing. The camp started both mornings at 9:00a and ended at 12:00p for the K- 6th graders and there was a total of 28 for the morning session. The afternoon session started at 1:00p and ended at 4:00p for the 7th - 12th grades for both days. There was a total of 48 youth in attendance. It was a great turnout! It was a huge success and the parents were very grateful to the Soaring Eagle Program/Tiwahe Program for putting on the basketball camp. A huge thank you to Hays Lodgepole High school for letting us use the gym and the janitors for accommodating the kids and the coaches. -



Photos by: Patti Carrywater

Council Honors Dr. Jennifer Show

The Fort Belknap Tribal Council honored Dr. Jennifer Show during the Health Committee Meeting. Her last day as an employee for FBIC was on July 17, 2026. She held key roles including Diabetes Coordinator, Chief Health Officer, and THIP Medical Director. We sincerely thank Dr. Show for her tremendous contributions to the health field and 12+ years of service for the Tribe.

We wish Dr. Show all the best in her future endeavors and continued success!



Photo by: Joan Johnson



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Enrollment Staff Completes Tribal Enrollment Certification Program

Congratulations to Enrollment Staff, Journi Johnson and Elleonna Azure for successfully completing the Tribal Enrollment Certification Program with Falmouth Institute.

Your dedication and hard work in achieving this certification are truly commendable. Thank you for being committed and continually striving to enhance your skills and knowledge in serving our community.

Werk - 2nd Place Team Finish

Congratulations to Jarvis Werk, representing the Assiniboine Tribe. Jarvis played baseball in the World Series in Sioux Falls with a 2nd place team finish!

Jarvis attends Lockwood High School in Billings, MT and will be a Senior this fall.

His parents are Monique Denny and Jess Werk. Grandparents are Bruce & Wanda Denny and Grandma Maggie Werk.



Photos Submitted by: Shelby Denny



Photo by: Erica Johnson

Nursing Station: MRID Pow-Wow

A nursing station was available for breastfeeding moms to escape the heat and was located on the west side of the arbor at MRID Pow-Wow. It was equipped with comfortable chairs and had a changing table inside for convenience and privacy. Thank you to Erica Johnson, WIC Director, for thinking of our babies and moms!

**WIC: Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children. It is a federal assistance program run by the USDA that provides free healthy food, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and healthcare referrals to low-income pregnant women, new mothers, infants, and children under age five.*

FBIC RESOLUTION LIST

149-2026 Supporting Nomination of Councilwoman Tina Bierle CHAP Board Representative

150-2026 Confirm Adoption of July 25 Cannabis Code

151-2026 Approving & Authorizing of submission of Application to US DOJ office on Violence Against Women (OVW) FY26 Legal assistance for Victims

152-2026 Approving & Authorizing submission of application to US BOR Smart Water Drought response program

153-2026 Approving & Authorizing of submission of application to US DOJ OVC FY 26 Tribal visiting service set aside formula program (TVSSA)

154-2026 New Enrollees (7) Black Crow-Santos-Brown

155-2026 Adopting the Revised form to request FBIC tribal ID

156-2026 Directing the FBIC enrollment policy to address federal ID's

157-2026 Approving & Authorizing the submission of application to US DOJ community-oriented policy services FY 26 COPS hiring program (CHP)

158-2026 Wilson Bronc Speakthunder 10-year lease allotment NO T-295-A-singer, T2056 Lot 15 sec 33, T32N-R23 E31, TO-3014

159-2026 Approving confidential terms sheet regarding settlement agreement

160-2026 Head Start request for Nonfederal share waiver

161-2026 IT/Land approving and authorizing a tower lease (Location8) FBIC tribal broadband infrastructure on FBIC Lands

162-2026 Finance Ratifying June 26 finance committee budgets FY26

163-2026 Finance Ratifying July 26 finance committee budgets FY26 & FY27

164-2026 Transportation Long Range Plan FY 25 - FY 28

165-2026 Land IMDG (3) Modular Homes in LP Leggins

166-2026 FBIC/RMTLC (STAC) Nomination of Councilwoman Joan Johnson



ATTENTION VETERANS:

If you are experiencing homelessness or living in an unstable situation, please reach out for assistance. There are resources and individuals ready to help! Please do not hesitate to contact support services below.

Corey Morgan (406) 301-3630

Mike Weasel (406) 353-9128

Anna Hoops (406) 647-7675

ATTENTION ENROLLED MEMBERS ACTIVELY SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Fort Belknap Tribal Enrolled Members who are actively serving in the Armed Forces are encouraged to provide their name, rank, branch, and duty station. For assistance or to share this information, please contact one of the following representatives.

Corey Morgan at 406-301-3630

Mike Weasel at 406-353-9128

Anna Hoops at 406-647-7675

VETERAN SURVEY:

We are conducting a survey to better understand the needs and challenges faced by Veterans. Your feedback is invaluable in helping develop services and support programs that truly address your priorities. Veterans, please take a few minutes to share your experiences and needs. Your personal information will remain confidential and all responses will only be used to improve Veteran services.

SURVEY LINK:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G8CPJN6>

If you know someone who is a Veteran, please share.

PSA: Prairie Mountain Utilities

Residents of the Hays area, please do not set the large trash canisters on fire that are located at the dumps. This new can was purchased earlier this year with a cost of \$12,300. Burning these canisters cause significant damage and reduces the number that can be kept at the transfer site. Please respect tribal property and help keep our transfer sites (dumps) in good working order. If you have any information about who is setting fires to these expensive garbage cans, please call (406) 399-2301 or (406) 353-8313.

PSA: Prairie Mountain Utilities

We are asking the Agency community to please conserve water. No overwatering lawns or filling swimming pools. PMU is having a hard time keeping up with the high demand of water. If you have questions or concerns, or want to pay on your utility bill, feel free to reach out to the Water Plant Manager, Gene Talks Different at (406) 399-1644.

PSA: Prairie Mountain Utilities

We have received multiple complaints from the community about receiving free bottled drinking water. This is a reminder to the public that the water is safe and drinkable. Therefore, there is no bottled water available to the public. Water testing is done per Region-8 EPA guidelines. Thank you for reading this notice.

PSA: Safety & Sobriety Checkpoint – Hays Pow-Wow

The Hays Pow-Wow will be held on August 6-9, 2026 at Mission Canyon. Please remember that this event is strictly alcohol and drug free. Any substance abuse on the premises will not be tolerated during this time.

Fort Belknap Law Enforcement will be out conducting saturation stops and there will be a safety and sobriety checkpoint to ensure a secure and respectful environment for all attendees. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Central Administration Office during business hours at (406) 353-8305.



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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

FORT BELKNAP AWARDED CLIMATE RESILIENCE FUNDING!

The Fort Belknap Land Department is proud to announce that it has been awarded funding through the Climate Smart Communities Initiative (CSCI) during the 2026 grant cycle.

Out of more than 270 applications submitted nationwide, the Fort Belknap proposal was selected through a highly competitive review process and was among only a limited number of projects chosen for funding. This achievement recognizes the Tribe's continued commitment to strengthening climate resilience, protecting natural resources, and preparing the community for future environmental challenges.

The Fort Belknap Land Department is especially honored to share that this is the first time a community in the State of Montana has received funding through this initiative, marking a historic milestone for both the Tribe and the State of Montana. This accomplishment highlights Fort Belknap's leadership and commitment to innovative, community-driven climate resilience efforts.

The project will be administered by the Fort Belknap Land Department in collaboration with Lark Environmental, L.L.C. Together, the partners will work to advance climate adaptation and resilience planning efforts for the Fort Belknap Indian Community while building local capacity and strengthening long-term sustainability.

The Fort Belknap Land Department would like to thank all project partners and staff who contributed to the development of this successful application. Their dedication and hard work continue to position Fort Belknap as a leader in climate resilience and sustainable resource management.

Together, we are building a stronger, more resilient future for generations to come.

For additional information regarding this project, please contact the Fort Belknap Land Department at (406)353-8333.



FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY
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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT GRASSHOPPER SURVEY UPDATE

The Fort Belknap Land Department would like to provide an update to our producers and community regarding ongoing grasshopper monitoring efforts in partnership with USDA-APHIS.

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Recent survey results conducted across Fort Belknap indicate that current grasshopper populations remain below levels that would warrant a federal treatment program at this time. Current surveys show an overall average of approximately 4 grasshoppers per square yard, which is significantly below the federal treatment threshold.

Recent rainfall and favorable growing conditions have contributed to improved forage conditions across much of the reservation. While grasshopper populations continue to be monitored, current densities do not justify implementing a federal treatment program.

USDA-APHIS crews will continue conducting surveys throughout the reservation over the coming weeks to monitor grasshopper activity and identify any areas that may require additional evaluation. APHIS has indicated that if populations remain low, treatment may not be necessary this year.

The Fort Belknap Land Department appreciates the continued cooperation and support of our producers in reporting grasshopper activity and assisting with survey efforts.

Thank you to USDA-APHIS for their continued partnership and assistance in protecting our rangeland resources.

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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR THE LEGGINS FLAT SUBDIVISION

A final environmental review (ER) for the approval of a permit for the use of tribal trust lands for the construction and operation of the Leggings Flat Subdivision in Blaine County, Montana was developed for review and approval by Fort Belknap Indian Community (FBIC) Tribal Council (attached). The ER was prepared to fulfill the environmental review requirements established under the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Home Ownership (HEARTH) Act of 2012 (25 United States Code [U.S.C.] § 415(h)) and the Fort Belknap Indian Community Residential Leasing Act. Under the HEARTH Act, FBIC exercises its inherent authority to approve residential leases and permits on tribal trust lands pursuant to tribal law that has been approved by the United States (U.S.) Department of the Interior.

I have determined that implementation of the Proposed Action, in which the FBIC Tribal Council would approve the permit for the approximately 9-acre portion of tribal trust land in the northeast quarter (NE ¼) NE ¼ of Section 5, Township 26 North (T26N), Range 25 East (R25E), and the S ½ SE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 32, T27N, R25E, Montana Principal Meridian, Blaine County, Montana, will have no Significant Effect on the Environment. In accordance with Section 3.04a (2) of the Fort Belknap Indian Community Residential Leasing Act, an environmental review which identifies and evaluates any Significant Effect on the Environment will not be required. Under the Proposed Action, approval of the permit will allow FBIC and Island Mountain Development Group to use the land for the construction and operation of the Leggings Flat Subdivision.

Finding of No Significant Impact:

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts resulting from the construction and operation of the Leggins Flat Subdivision, the proposed project will not result in any Significant Effects on the Environment.

This Finding of No Significant Impact is based on the following factors:

1. Protective and prudent measures identified in the ER will be followed after approval of the permit to minimize impacts to soils, groundwater, vegetation, and cultural resources. The remaining potential for impacts was disclosed for both the Proposed Action and No Action Alternative.
2. Applicable wildlife protection requirements, including the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.), the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668-668d, 54 Stat. 250), Executive Order 13186 "Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect **Migratory Birds,**" and the **Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) have been considered in the ER.**
3. **The Proposed Action will avoid adverse effects to historic, archaeological, cultural, and traditional properties, sites, and practices.**
4. **Planned effects to the environment are either mitigated or minimal.**
5. **No regulatory requirements have been waived or require compensatory mitigation measures.**
6. **The proposed project will improve the socio-economic condition of the FBIC.**

Approved By: Jaime Dambull
Jaime Dambull, Director
Tribal Land
Fort Belknap Indian Community

Date: 07/23/2026

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IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATION FOR BACK TO
SCHOOL EXPENSES

YOU MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A LOAN:

- **NO DELINQUENT LOANS OR LATE PAYMENTS** *(INCLUDES REVOLVING CREDIT, SMALL BUSINESS, HOME BUYERS PROGRAMS and NACA).*
- **BE EMPLOYED FOR AT LEAST 120 DAYS AT CURRENT JOB.**
- **AN ENROLLED MEMBER OF FORT BELKNAP.**
- **Loan Limit is \$850** *(loan amounts are based on the availability of funds).*

Loan Applications will be reviewed and if approved will be processed on
Tuesdays and Fridays.

Applications will be accepted until Thursday August 20, 2026.

If you have questions contact our office at 406-353-8409.



DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

2026 HAYS COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

MOURNERS FEED: TUE, AUG 4TH
YOUTH POWWOW: THU, AUG 6TH
PARADE: SAT, AUG 8TH

GRAND ENTRIES:
FRI: 7:00PM
SAT: 1:00PM & 7:00PM
SUN: 12:00PM

MISSION CANYON, HAYS, MT
AUGUST 7-9, 2026

DANCE CATEGORIES:

ADULTS (18-54)

MEN: TRADITIONAL, GRASS, FANCY
WOMEN: TRADITIONAL, JINGLE, FANCY

TEENS (13-17)

BOYS: TRADITIONAL, GRASS, FANCY
GIRLS: TRADITIONAL, JINGLE, FANCY

JUNIORS (6-12)

BOYS: TRADITIONAL, GRASS, FANCY
GIRLS: TRADITIONAL, JINGLE, FANCY

GOLDEN AGE & TINY TOTS
PAID DAILY

HEAD STAFF:

MC: TUFFY HELGESON & DON RACINE
AD: TIM EASHAPPIE
HOST DRUM: ROTATE LOCAL DRUMS

DANCE REGISTRATION:

OPENS FRIDAY DANCERS MUST
REGISTER BY 1PM SATURDAY
CONTACT: VAL WERK (406)353-9167

VENDORS:

\$300 FEE
+\$150 DEPOSIT
CONTACT: ANTHONY MAIN
(406)301-4082

SOUND: POWWOW NETWORK

Tiny Tot Princess: Hanawyanpa Ciago
Jr Princess: Bluebird Richey
Sr Princess: Zoey Walking Eagle

4th Annual "HOLE IN THE WALL SPRINT"

DURING HAYS POWWOW

In Honor of Our Local X Country Champions
of the Past and Motivation for the Future ones.

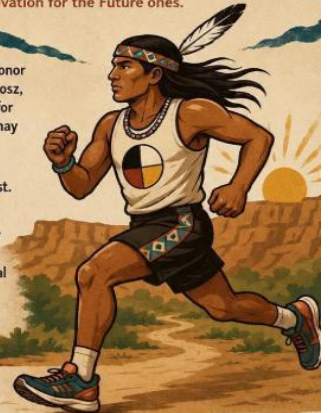
It is that time of year where I host a Run in honor
of our Past X-Country Champions, Brad Cichosz,
Isiah Runs above and Matt Ball. I am asking for
any contest prizes or funds your programs may
have available for the run.

It will be on the Saturday Morning of the
Hays powwow Celebration, the 8th of August.

It will begin at the mouth of the canyon
and finish at the Powwow Grounds this year.

Any contribution you may provide will be
honored and used for this Community, Mental
health and healthy living event.

The Cash for places may be more depending
on Fund raising and donations.



PRIZE LIST

1st Place Men Adult	\$100
1st Place Woman Adult	\$100
1st Place Youth Boys	\$100
1st Place Youth Girl	\$100
Eldest Participant * Must complete race	\$50
Youngest Participant * Must Complete race	\$50
One Visitor of Choice *	\$50
Most Inspirational *	\$50

* Must complete race to qualify
for these categories.

**RUN WITH PURPOSE.
HONOR THE PAST.
INSPIRE THE FUTURE.**

ALL PROCEEDS AND DONATIONS WILL SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY,
MENTAL HEALTH, AND HEALTHY LIVING INITIATIVES.



Poster By: Shelby Penny

COMMITTEE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS, THEFTS, OR INJURIES

HAYS COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

MISSION CANYON, HAYS, MT
AUGUST 7-9, 2026

SPECIALS:

OLD STYLE FANCY - HONORING
DR. SHWANNE REDBEAR
SPONSORED BY BROCKIE FAMILY
1st \$1,500 2nd \$1,000 3rd \$500

MENS TRADITIONAL (18+) - HONORING CHARLES
SHORTMAN
1st \$3,000 2nd \$2,000 3rd \$1,000
3 Consolation of \$250 - Hoodies

IRON GIRLS JRS - IN MEMORY OF ROSE
"SUCIE" MAIN
1st \$500 2nd \$250 3rd \$150

OWL DANCE - HONORING AVIS AND DAN
SPENCER
SPONSORED BY JILENE JOSEPH

CHICKEN DANCE - IN MEMORY OF GUY FOX
SPONSORED BY GUY FOX FAMILY

JR GIRLS FANCY
SPONSORED BY JR PRINCESS BLUEBIRD RICHEY
PRIZES TBA

TEEN GIRLS FANCY
SPONSORED BY SR PRINCESS ZOEY
WALKING EAGLE
1st \$300 2nd \$200 3rd \$100

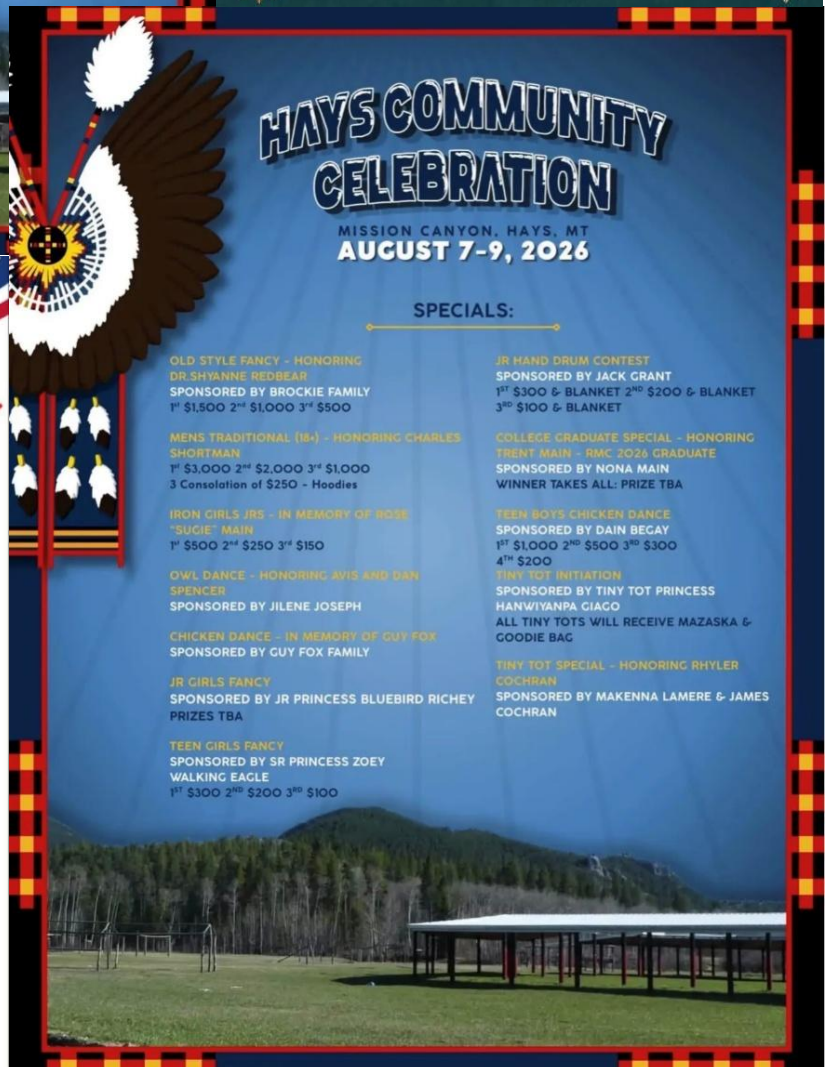
JR HAND DRUM CONTEST
SPONSORED BY JACK GRANT
1st \$300 & BLANKET 2nd \$200 & BLANKET
3rd \$100 & BLANKET

COLLEGE GRADUATE SPECIAL - HONORING
TRENT MAIN - RMC 2024 GRADUATE
SPONSORED BY NONA MAIN
WINNER TAKES ALL: PRIZE TBA

TEEN BOYS CHICKEN DANCE
SPONSORED BY DAIN BECAY
1st \$1,000 2nd \$500 3rd \$300
4th \$200

TINY TOT INITIATION
SPONSORED BY TINY TOT PRINCESS
HANWYANPA CIAGO
ALL TINY TOTS WILL RECEIVE MAZASKA &
GOODIE BAG

TINY TOT SPECIAL - HONORING RHYLER
COCHRAN
SPONSORED BY MAKENNA LAMERE & JAMES
COCHRAN



PROUD TO BE AN
American

2026 HAYS COMMUNITY POWWOW PARADE

WHEN: SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026

Registration at 10:00 a.m.

START @ 11:00 AM SHARP

**WHERE: REGISTRATION AT MISSION
SCHOOL, THEN PARADE DOWN TO THE JCC**

COLORS: RED, WHITE, AND BLUE

**CATEGORIES: YOUTH BIKE, YOUTH
HORSEBACK, TRADITIONAL, NON-
TRADITIONAL, AND REZ RIDE**

CONTACT: MISTI WEIGUM (406)-281-1889

Fort Belknap WIC & Public Health Nursing

Presents

**Strong Mothers,
Strong Nations**

Fri. August 7, 2026

Hays Community Garden

10:00 am 2:00 pm

This August, we're coming together to honor National Breastfeeding Month and Indigenous Milk Medicine Week with a community event that celebrates the strength, resilience, and cultural richness of breastfeeding mothers — especially Indigenous mothers who keep these traditions alive. Please join us to show our strong support to our local breastfeeding mothers & to educate & inform our community of the benefits of breastfeeding.

Activities include:

- ◊ Breastfeeding education & support
- ◊ Lactation consultant Q & A
- ◊ Breastfeeding journey panel feat. local moms
- ◊ hydration station, snacks & a meal
- ◊ Massages by Wa'Asniya Massage therapy
- ◊ Storytelling



*Transportation provided by Tiwahe

Please call 399-3420 or 390-0129

*For more info call 353-3157

EVERYONE WELCOME!
WALK IS RESCHEDULED TO SUNDAY
DUE TO PARADE ON SATURDAY

HAYS POW-WOW
WALK/RUN FOR SOBRIETY OF OUR PEOPLE
SUNDAY AUGUST 9TH
MISSION CANYON EAST END OF GROUNDS
10:00 AM

**FIRST 60 PARTICIPANTS WILL
RECEIVE A NICE T-SHIRT**

SPONSORED BY: THD-
PARTNERSHIP 4 SUCCESS

IN COLLABORATION WITH
FORT BELKNAP TRIBAL
PROGRAMS

YOU ARE INVITED TO

**BACK TO
SCHOOL
BASH!** **HEADSTART -
6TH GRADE**

Meal Provided - Wet /
Dry Bouncy Houses +
More Activities!

AUGUST
**WEDNESDAY | 12 | 11:00 AM -
4:00 PM**
**Don Addy Park
Fort Belknap**

(CHILDREN MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT!)

**Fort Belknap & Brandon The Boy
BASKETBALL CAMP**

Brandon The Boy-Previous player for
Box Elder HS, MT (2014 & 2016 State
Champion), Rocky Mountain College,
Great Falls Electric

AUG 17, 18, 19TH

New Harlem Elementary Gym, Harlem MT

Grades K-5th 9:00AM-11:00AM
Grades 6th-12th 11:00AM-1:00PM
Grades 9th-12th 2:00PM-4:00PM

S.E.J

FREE Contact : theboybrandon03@gmail.com
Geno LeValdo 406-399-2769

FORT BELKNAP INDIAN RESERVATION

**ALCOHOL PREVENTION
POSTER CONTEST**
AGES 14-21
CREATE. INSPIRE. LEAD.

**We
CHOOSE...**

LIFE
TRADITION
HEALTHY LIVING
MUSIC
FUTURE
SOBRIETY

THE CHOICE IS OURS.
BUILDING A STRONGER, HEALTHIER TOMORROW.

**START DATE
AUGUST 3RD**
**DEADLINE
AUGUST 26TH**
ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED
**WINNER
ANNOUNCED
AUGUST 31ST**
WINNING POSTER WILL
BE USED FOR T-SHIRTS
& POSSIBLE BILLBOARD!

1ST PLACE
LAPTOP

2ND PLACE
**APPLE AIRPODS
MAX 2 (USB-C)**

3RD PLACE
META GLASSES

SPONSORED BY:
TADPP
RMTLC
ANIBH/CDC
PREVENTION
STRONGER TOGETHER
HEALTHIER TOGETHER

For more information, please contact CDC Prevention: (406) 353-8459/353-8400

IMDG
Agency Community Meeting

Wednesday, August 19, 2026
 5:30PM - 7:30PM
 Fort Belknap Bingo Hall

Come and share a meal and hear updates on IMDG projects! IMDG Staff will be on site for a short question and answer session.

ISLAND MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Fort Belknap TERO is pleased to announce that basic school supplies for the 2026-27 school year, will once again be distributed for ALL STUDENTS in grades **K - 12 directly to the following schools:**

Dodson Public Schools
Harlem Elementary
Harlem Jr./Sr. High
Lodge Pole Elementary
Hays Jr./Sr. High
White Clay Immersion School

NAKODA HALL
FINANCIAL AID APPEAL HEARINGS

Need to appeal your Financial Aid Suspension?

The Financial Aid Office will be reviewing Financial Aid Appeals throughout the summer to help students prepare for the upcoming fall semester.

Appeal submission:

Please submit a signed and dated appeal letter that includes:

- The circumstances that affected your academic progress
- What has changed to help you succeed moving forward
- Any supporting documentation (if applicable)
- Contact information

Why submit your appeal early:

- Avoid delays in financial aid processing
- Ensure you are financially prepared for the semester

The last day to conduct Financial Aid Appeal Hearings
August 18, 2026.

Dont Wait!
 Submit your appeal this summer and be prepared for the upcoming semester.

Contact Morgan Johnson if you are unsure about your financial aid status and for more information!

☎ (406)353-3909 ✉ mejohnson@ancollege.edu

EMERGENCY ROOM CHANGES



Starting Monday July 27th

Fort Belknap Hospital will be changing our entrance!
All services will be accessed through the East entrance of the hospital.
(between IHS and Tribal offices)

Please be aware of signs and our alternate entrance for emergency services!

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

!!!SAVE THE DATE!!!

FT. BELKNAP VETERAN'S POW WOW

NOV. 13-15, 2026
LOCATION: TBD

SPECIALS

- VETERANS SPECIAL WOMENS/MENS (IN REGALIA OR UNIFORM)
- ALL MENS SPECIAL -AR 15 W/AMMO & MAGS + \$1,000- WINNER TAKE ALL
- OLD STYLE JINGE-PINK DRESS ALL AGES
- WAR MOM SPECIAL HONORING ALL WAR MOTHERS
- SWITCH DANCE 16+

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A CATEGORY OR HAVING A SPECIAL DURING THE VETERANS POW WOW PLEASE REACH OUT TO ANY OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: LESLIE HORN, SLY BLACKBIRD, CATCHER CUTSTHEROPE, DIANA BIGBY, AMY CUTSTHEROPE, CANDACE IRONMAN

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

An Update on the FORT BELKNAP TRIBAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

We want to keep our community informed about the current THD structure and how to connect with us.

Dr. Michelle Messerly
Acting Tribal Health Director

HIPAA/Privacy Officer
Medical Business Office Manager
Boys and Girls Club CEO

406-399-1759

michelle.messerly@ftbelknep.org

Dr. Regina S. Ertz, Ph.D.
Acting Clinical Director

Clinical Psychologist
BH Program Manager
CDC Supervisor
Assistant THIP Director

406-399-0121

regina.ertz@ftbelknep.org

Clinical Administrative
Oversite of ANIBH/CDC
Program Nutrition

Laurie Harvey,
PMHNP-BC, MSN, RN
Acting Chief Health Officer

THIP Medical Director
Psychiatric Mental Health
Nurse Practitioner

406-399-8453

laurie.harvey@ftbelknep.org

Clinical Administrative
Oversite of PHN and CHR

Any concerns or issues with our Programs can be directly addressed with any of us. This is especially important if there are any issues with connecting with the Programs and people aren't answering the phones.

The public can make direct referrals for assistance with outreach as well. If there is a close family/relative that you'd like our Programs to connect with, please reach out to any of us.

We are here to serve you. | FORT BELKNAP TRIBAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

PHN FOOT CLINIC

PHN Foot Clinic provides foot care and education to help prevent foot problems and support overall wellness. Services may include foot assessments, nail care, callus care, education, and referrals as needed.

Healthy
FEET,
Stronger
YOU

FOOT CLINIC SCHEDULE

HAYS AREA



2ND AND LAST
TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

LODGEPOLE AREA



2ND WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH

DODSON AREA



3RD WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH

AGENCY AREA



LAST TWO THURSDAYS
OF THE MONTH

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
AROUND HOLIDAY/ADMIN LEAVE DATES.

AGENCY AREA SCHEDULING:
Contact Diabetes Prevention
(SDPI) for scheduling
406-353-8537

HAYS/LP/DODSON AREA SCHEDULING:
Contact Colette Hawley
for scheduling
406-673-3384

We're here to support your health—one step at a time.

FORT BELKNAP
INDIAN COMMUNITY
Aaniiih Nakoda

FORT BELKNAP
TRIBAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Aaniiih Nakoda

Drive Sober. Protect Our Community.

Alcohol-impaired driving changes lives forever.

MONTANA ALCOHOL-IMPAIRED DRIVING FACTS

Alcohol-impaired driver
fatalities per 100 million
vehicle miles traveled

0.63

0.35

Montana

U.S. average

In Montana

43%

of traffic fatalities
involve drunk drivers.

Montana ranks
#1
nationwide
for fatal crashes per
100,000 residents and
licensed drivers.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Plan a sober
ride before you go

Use a
designated driver

Call a friend,
family member,
or ride service

Protect yourself,
your passengers,
and your community

Every impaired-driving decision can cost a life.

TAIDPP Public Safety Announcement

Figures are rounded for public awareness and based on recent Montana and national traffic safety data.

WHAT IS TAIDPP?

Tribal Alcohol Impaired Driving Prevention Program

Community-led prevention for
safer tribal roads and stronger communities.

WHO WE ARE

TAIDPP is a community-led tribal road safety initiative focused on preventing alcohol-impaired driving and protecting Native families and communities. Backed by federal public health partners, the program brings education, outreach, partnerships, and evidence-based prevention strategies to tribal communities.

OUR MISSION

To reduce health disparities by decreasing alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes, injuries, and fatalities among American Indians and Alaska Natives.

WHAT WE DO

Prevent Impaired Driving
Support sobriety checkpoints and public-awareness efforts to stop impaired driving before crashes happen.

Strengthen Tribal Safety Laws
Help support enforcement of 0.08% BAC laws and ignition interlock ordinances.

Educate Youth & Communities
Provide safe-driving workshops, prevention messages, and community media campaigns.

Build Safe Alternatives
Partner on sober-ride resources and community transportation planning.



WHO WE WORK WITH

TAIDPP works alongside tribal leaders, law enforcement, schools, health partners, and community programs to promote safe and sober driving.

Protecting lives. Preventing crashes. Strengthening tribal communities.



INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE
FORT BELKNAP

MAMMOGRAM PROGRAM

*Early Detection.
Stronger Tomorrows.*

Regular mammograms can find breast cancer early—when treatment works best and survival rates are highest.

THE FACTS



Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the U.S., but early detection saves lives.



Women 40 and older should have a mammogram every year.



When breast cancer is found early in the localized stage, the 5-year relative survival rate is 99%.



Mammograms are safe, quick, and can detect changes long before you can feel them.



Taking time for your health is one of the best gifts you can give yourself and your loved ones.



We're here for you.

APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE
OR JUST WALK IN!



MONDAY – FRIDAY
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM



Our caring team is here to make your experience comfortable, respectful, and confidential.



To schedule your mammogram or learn more, please contact
Indian Health Service – Fort Belknap

Strong Women. Strong Families. Strong Communities.

PREVENTIVE CARE TODAY FOR A HEALTHIER TOMORROW.

ISLAND MOUNTAIN
DEVELOPMENT GROUP

COFFEE WITH THE COUNCIL

On July 20, 2026, Island Mountain Development Group (IMDG) hosted another Coffee with the Council meeting, bringing together IMDG employees, department heads, and members of the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council for an open and productive dialogue.

The gathering provided a dedicated forum to discuss IMDG's ongoing progress, operational updates, and upcoming projects. Participants engaged in meaningful conversations focused on strengthening communication, aligning priorities, and supporting shared goals for the Fort Belknap community.

A meal was served to foster a welcoming environment and reinforce unity between IMDG and the Council.

This gesture underscored the organization's commitment to creating spaces where collaboration and transparency can thrive.

The continued success of Coffee with the Council reflects IMDG's dedication to building strong relationships, encouraging open communication, and ensuring that employees and leadership remain connected through regular, constructive engagement.

CONTACT US



406-673-3031



www.islandmtn.com

Upcoming Promotions!!



August 2026

August 1-31, 2026, Birthday Free-Play \$25/Tier 1-2 and \$5/Tier 3, 4, and 5. Participants who come in on their Birthday will receive a free play coupon depending on tier status. Participants must sign in on the Promotional Payout Log.

August 1, 2026, \$3,000 School Clothes Cash Giveaway! **Three (3) \$1,000 winners!** The giveaways are at 8pm, 9pm, and 10pm by electronic drawing! Must be a Player Reward Club Member. Must be present to win. Promotional winner must sign the Promotional Prize Payout Log.

August 2, 2026, Triple Point Sunday! All Patrons that use their player's club rewards card while gambling on this day will earn 3x points. Players must be using their players' club cards

August 4, 2026, Seniors Day. Participants must be at least 60 years of age. **Ten hotseat cash prize drawings for \$25 will be done every half hour from 12:30pm and 5:00pm.** \$10 Match Play, you pay the cashier \$10 and receive a \$20 Free play voucher. Promotion begins at 10am and goes on until 8pm. Seniors must sign off on the Promotional Prize Payout Log form.

August 7, 2026, Cornhole Cash Game!! Participants for play will be drawn by hotseat drawing via tabletrac at 6pm, 7pm, 8pm, 9pm, 10pm and 11pm. Each player gets **one** bean bag toss at the game and can win a cash prize valued from \$5 to \$150 (**center-hole throw made = \$150.00**). Participants must be present to win. Winners must sign off on the Promotional Prize Payout Log.

August 9, 2026, Triple Point Sunday! All Patrons that use their player's club rewards card while gambling on this day will earn 3x points. Players must be using their players' club cards

August 11, 2026, Seniors Day. Participants must be at least 60 years of age. **Ten hotseat cash prize drawings for \$25 will be done every half hour from 12:30pm and 5:00pm.** \$10 Match Play, you pay the cashier \$10 and receive a \$20 Free play voucher. Promotion begins at 10am and goes on until 8pm. Seniors must sign off on the Promotional Prize Payout Log form.

August 14, 2026, Hotseat Cash Drawings beginning from 8-11 pm. **\$100 at 8pm, \$150 at 9pm, \$250 at 10pm, and \$400 at 11pm for a total of \$900.** Must be a member of the casino Player Rewards Club. Players must be actively playing on gaming machine during the drawings. Must be present to win and must sign off on the Promotional Prize Payout Log form.

August 15, 2026, Hotseat Cash Drawings - Cash drawings from 6pm to 11pm. **\$50 at 6pm, \$100 at 7pm, \$125 at 8pm and \$150 at 9pm, \$175 at 10pm, and \$200 at 11pm for a total of \$800.** The participant must be a member of the Player Rewards Club. Must be present to win. The winner must sign off on the Promotional Prize Payout Log.

August 16, 2026, Triple Point Sunday! All Patrons that use their player's club rewards card while gambling on this day will earn 3x points. Players must be using their players' club cards

August 18, 2026, Seniors Day. Participants must be at least 60 years of age. **Ten hotseat cash prize drawings for \$25 will be done every half hour from 12:30pm and 5:00pm.** \$10 Match Play, you pay the cashier \$10 and receive a \$20 Free play voucher. Promotion begins at 10am and goes on until 8pm. Seniors must sign off on the Promotional Prize Payout Log form.

August 21, 2026, Hotseat cash Drawings beginning at 6pm -10pm for \$100 each drawing for a total of \$500. Must be a member of the casino Player Rewards Club. Players must be actively playing on gaming machine during the drawings. Must be present to win and must sign off on the Promotional Prize Payout Log form.

August 22, 2026, Hotseat Cash Drawings – Cash drawings from 6pm to 11pm. **\$50 at 6pm, \$100 at 7pm, \$125 at 8pm and \$150 at 9pm, \$175 at 10pm, and \$200 at 11pm for a total of \$800.** Participant must be a member of the Player Rewards Club. Must be present to win. Winner must sign off on the Promotional Prize Payout Log.

August 23, 2026, Triple Point Sunday! All Patrons that use their player's club rewards card while gambling on this day will earn 3x points. Players must be using their players' club cards

August 25, 2026, Seniors Day. Participants must be at least 60 years of age. **Ten hotseat cash prize drawings for \$25 will be done every half hour from 12:30pm and 5:00pm.** \$10 Match Play, you pay the cashier \$10 and receive a \$20 Free play voucher. Promotion begins at 10am and goes on until 8pm. Seniors must sign off on the Promotional Prize Payout Log form.

August 28, 2026, Hot Seat Cash Giveaways **\$100/\$125/\$150/\$175/\$200/\$250 cash Hot Seat Drawings at 6-11pm for a total of \$1,000.** Players must be actively playing on gaming machines during the drawings. Must be present to win and must sign off on the Promotional Prize Payout Log form.

August 29, 2026, Hotseat Cash Drawings beginning from 8-11 pm. **\$100 at 8pm, \$150 at 9pm, \$250 at 10pm, and \$400 at 11pm for a total of \$900.** Must be a member of the casino. Player Rewards Club. Players must be actively playing on gaming machine during the drawings. Must be present to win and must sign off on the Promotional Prize Payout Log form.

EAGLE VALLEY COMMUNITY MEETINGS CONCLUSION



On behalf of Island Mountain Realty Holdings (IMRH) and the Fort Belknap Tribal Housing Authority (FBTHA), we extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who attended our recent community meetings. Your participation and engagement are greatly appreciated as we continue working together to expand housing opportunities for our community.

The meetings provided important information regarding the Eagle Valley housing project, including the home selection process, eligibility requirements, project updates, compliance, and pricing. Community members also had the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the qualifications and next steps for prospective homeowners.

We would like to recognize D'Lynn Snell, Occupancy Department Manager for FBTHA, for facilitating the meetings and providing valuable guidance throughout the discussions. Steve Fox, Executive Director of FBTHA, attended to thank community members for their participation and continued support. Ashley Kennedy, Director of Real Estate Development for IMDG, shared updates on the progress of the Eagle Valley project, while Lisa Horn, Tribal Realty Coordinator for IMDG, was available to assist community members interested in learning more about the homes and to collect information from prospective applicants.

Thank you once again to everyone who took the time to attend and participate. Your involvement is important to the continued success of this project, and we look forward to working together as the Eagle Valley development progresses.

ISLAND MOUNTAIN REALTY HOLDINGS CREATING EVERLASTING HOUSING ON THE RESERVATION

FBTHA Homes:

A walk-through with the contractor for final "punch list" items on seven (7) homes has been completed. The contractor is expected to have those items rectified/resolved by the end of July 2026 and have those unit(s) turned over to the FBTHA as completed in August. Work is in progress on Ten (10) homes, with completion in September and turnover to FBTHA at that time.

The FBTHA Board of Directors agreed to add another home to the project, which brings the total to eighteen (18) homes in the subdivision. The foundation and walls have been framed up on this home, and we anticipate completing it in September as well.

The Project has experienced a short delay due to Northwestern Energy's (NWE) scheduling, which has prevented the plumbing contractor from performing pressure testing of the lines, etc. NWE also needs to relocate a couple of their transformer boxes on the north side of the subdivision before final grading/graveling can be completed.

The Tribal Transportation Department began grading the back streets, the remaining subdivision located on the south end. Once NWE relocates its transformers, the grading/graveling of streets on the north side will begin. Just a side note, paving of streets/sidewalks in the subdivision will occur in FY 2027.

The IMDG Real Estate Team assisted the FBTHA staff with their Eagle Valley Housing subdivision community meetings, held in all three districts, the final of which was held on July 8, 2026, at the Fort Belknap Agency business district, BINGO Hall.

Dynamic Homes:

Due to Northwestern Energy's scheduling, the Plumbing/Heating subcontractor has been unable to complete pressure testing on the homes.



For more information about
Island Mountain Realty Holdings,
please visit our website at
www.islandmntn.com



Creating a self-sustaining economy from within.



ISLAND MOUNTAIN
DEVELOPMENT GROUP

COMMUNITY MEETING

IMDG invites community members to join us for an upcoming Community Meeting on July 29th at the IMDG Headquarters Office in Hays, MT.

This gathering provides an opportunity to connect with members of the IMDG Board of Directors and Executive Staff, learn more about IMDG's programs and services, ask questions, and engage in meaningful conversation about the future of our communities.

A complimentary dinner will be served, and all community members are welcome to attend.

We encourage everyone to take part in this open forum to share ideas, build connections, and learn more about the work being done to support our region.



WEDNESDAY
July 29, 2026



Hays Headquarters
353 Old Hays Road
Hays, MT 59527



START AT
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

BACK-TO-SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION PSA

As a reminder, if you have already submitted all required documentation and have not been contacted by our office, your child's application has been approved, and no further action is needed. We will contact families only if an application is incomplete or additional information is required.

Mail Distribution

If you provided a self-addressed stamped envelope with your application, gift cards will be mailed from Billings, Montana, on Monday, August 17, 2026, or earlier. If you have not yet submitted a self-addressed envelope to the address listed online, please do so as soon as possible to receive your child's gift card by mail.

In-Person Pick Up

What: Gift Card Pick Up

Who: Families from Harlem, Havre, Hays, Lodge Pole, Dodson, Malta, Rocky Boy, and surrounding communities

Where: IMDG Hays Front Office/Conference Room

When: August 17-18, 2026

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day

Authorized Pick Up

If someone other than a parent or legal guardian listed on the custody documentation will be picking up your child's gift card, a **signed written permission slip is required.**

For the protection of families, gift cards will not be released to individuals not listed in custody or parental documentation on file without written authorization. Please plan accordingly.

Contact Us



Phone Number:
406-673-3031



Website:
www.islandmntn.com

AUGUST 2026

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2	3 Regular Council Meeting	4	5	6 Finance Committee Meeting	7 <i>FBIC HOLIDAY</i> 1p-5p Hays PowWow	8 Hays PowWow
9 Hays PowWow	10	11	12	13 2nd Annual Buffalo Day Health Committee Meeting	14	15
16	17	18 Land Committee Meeting	19 Tribal Partner's Meeting	20	21 Coffee w/Council @IMDG	22
23	24	25 Insurance Board Meeting	26 Director's Meeting	27	28	29 
30	31 Executive Committee Meeting					

Subject to change at anytime

August Commodity Issuance Calendar 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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30	31 CLOSED Reports & Inventory	FDPIR – Commodity Program Mailing address: 656 Agency Main St Physical Address: 260 New Town Dr Harlem, MT 59526 Phone Numbers: 406-353-8403 / 8407 / 8487 Fax Number: 406-353-2546				

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