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Sean Scott
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"The Red Guide to Recovery"

Dear Sean and Adam:

The following statement of support can be used in your next edition of the Guide:

Tribal Emergency managers are faced with an overwhelming task of protecting their tribal communities and people. Many times tribal communities are ill prepared for the devastating effects of a destructive incident and have little understanding of dealing with multiple federal, state, and local agencies. Too often, tribes haven't received the same level of funding, training, and resources provided to others entities by the federal and state governments. "The Red Guide to Recovery – Native American and Alaska Native Edition" is an excellent resource for tribal emergency managers, tribal leaders, and tribal citizens that includes specific recovery information unique to tribal people.

I am a career emergency manager with more than 30 years of service at the tribal, county, state, and federal levels. During my tenure as the FEMA National Tribal Liaison and as the first permanent Director of Tribal Affairs at the Department of Homeland Security, I witnessed dedicated tribal emergency managers working tirelessly to protect their citizens and nations from disasters, often times hampered by a lack of resources. The "Red Guide" is a tool useful to all tribal citizens and should be part of every tribal emergency management program.

As the Executive Director of the National Tribal Emergency Management Council (NTEMC), a national consortium of 350 member tribes from across the country, our council does not speak for tribes. Rather, we advocate on their behalf on critical issues directly affecting their emergency management programs by providing resources and experienced tribal emergency managers willing to assist tribes with their program activities.

The NTEMC encourages all tribal emergency managers to place "The Red Guide" in their toolkit and make copies available to tribal leaders, citizens, and responders within their tribal nations.

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