



JOHN S. McCAIN III

NATIONAL CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION

ABOUT US

The John S. McCain III National Center for Environmental Conflict Resolution (NCECR) is a program of the Udall Foundation, which is an independent, nonpartisan Federal agency of the Executive Branch. NCECR provides **collaboration, consensus-building, and conflict resolution services** on a range of environmental, natural and cultural resources, Tribal, and public lands issues involving the Federal Government.

OUR SERVICES

- Facilitation
- Mediation
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Tribal Consultation
- Training
- Project/Situation Assessment
- Convening
- Collaborative Process Design
- Science-based Decision Making Support

WE SPECIALIZE IN...

- Complex, multiparty environmental challenges at a national and regional level
- Issues that require substantive, technical, or process expertise (e.g., NEPA, transportation infrastructure projects, endangered species, cultural resources)
- Issues involving multiple levels of government (Federal, State, Local, Tribal) and the public
- Interagency and interdepartmental collaborations
- Collaborative efforts involving Tribes and Native people, including Government-to-Government Consultation between Tribes and Federal agencies

BENEFITS

-  **BETTER OUTCOMES**
More durable solutions
-  **EFFICIENCY**
Cost savings, timely process, minimizes litigation
-  **IMPROVED GOVERNANCE**
Increased capacity to serve citizens

CLIMATE

The 2018 National Climate Assessment from the U.S. Global Change Research Program warns that climate change presents systemic threats throughout our society. Among those areas mentioned in particular are public health and disease transmission, water quantity and quality, important ecosystems, agricultural productivity and the livelihoods of rural and Indigenous communities, coastal communities, infrastructure performance, outdoor recreation, our economy, and national security. Climate-related challenges are often multijurisdictional in nature; have far-reaching impacts across social, political, and environmental spectrums; and involve large numbers of stakeholders, thus creating opportunities for collaborative problem-solving. NCECR helps engage stakeholders, the public, and Native Nations in environmental decision-making processes and facilitates consensus-building dialogue on difficult issues. We can help address complex climate-related challenges by designing collaborative problem-solving processes and systems; providing facilitation and mediation; supporting productive communication and coordination; and providing trainings to build capacity for productive collaboration, conflict resolution, and public engagement.

SKY ISLANDS ALLIANCE SECTOR-RELATED CLIMATE CHANGE WORKSHOPS

ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION



BACKGROUND: The Sky Islands Alliance is a Tucson, Arizona-based NGO dedicated to the protection and restoration of the rich natural heritage of native species and habitats in the Sky Island region of the Southwestern United States and Northwestern Mexico.

OUTCOME: NCECR helped the Alliance design, facilitate, and document a series of sector-based dialogues related to climate change, with particular emphasis on the potential implications for public lands management. The dialogues engaged various sectors—land managers, NGO's, and scientists—in creating a regional climate change network as a resource for decision makers and adaptation activities.

DOE NATIONAL LISTENING SESSIONS ON TRIBAL ENERGY POLICY

ENERGY

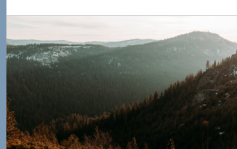


BACKGROUND: DOE asked NCECR to convene and facilitate national listening sessions to learn about Tribal energy policy, program priorities, and obstacles Tribal governments face in energy development and efficiency.

OUTCOME: DOE received information from more than 250 Tribal leaders and representatives and national and regional Tribal organizations to inform DOE's work on Tribal energy issues and Federal agency-Tribal energy coordination.

ELDORADO NATIONAL FOREST SOUTH FORK AMERICAN RIVER COHESIVE STRATEGY

WILDFIRE

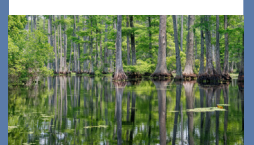


BACKGROUND: In 2014, the Eldorado National Forest initiated the South Fork American River Cohesive Strategy through a collaborative process that included participants from all levels of government, NGOs, and the public. The goals of the Strategy were to restore and maintain landscapes and reduce the threat of wildfire. Methods employed in pursuit of these goals included landscape-scale fuel reduction (e.g., tree thinning, creating fuel breaks, and introducing prescribed fire); creating more fire-adapted communities; and improving wildfire emergency response.

OUTCOME: NCECR assisted the Forest Service with engaging partners in a collaborative process to help identify priority treatment areas, discuss treatment methods and new technologies, generate funding, and involve the community.

USGS SE CLIMATE SCIENCE CENTER FACILITATION AND TRIBAL OUTREACH

CLIMATE SCIENCE



BACKGROUND: USGS's Southeast Climate Science Center (SE CSC) wanted to build a shared vision among key stakeholders about how the SE CSC would serve their science needs; they wanted to enlist Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs) and key agencies in shaping and prioritizing the science questions to inform the current year's call for proposals, engage Tribes in the Stakeholder Advisory Council, and inform effective Tribal consultation and outreach in this regional CSC.

OUTCOME: NCECR assisted with (1) process design and facilitation for the Stakeholder Advisory Council, the Science Implementation Panel, and the LCC Science Coordinators and (2) developing a Tribal outreach and consultation plan to include roundtable sessions with 13 Tribes.