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#### Discussion:

Forest policy issues require close coordination with other government entities, partners and stakeholders. To the extent that the law will allow, planning and project implementation should include open sharing of information, local involvement, identification of shared needs, and commitment to action. The methods or approaches to this collaboration will vary but all encourage people to open up and get personally involved.

Forest leaders and managers will be knowledgeable and sensitive to American

Indian cultural issues to provide leadership in consulting, making decisions and implementing decisions. Protection of lands and resources necessary to American Indian beliefs and identity is an inherent part of the Forest Service's overall mission to serve people and protect the land. The key to protection, preservation and use of culturally important locations and resources will be consultation with tribal governments, political leaders, traditional practitioners, spiritual leaders, and other knowledgeable American Indian people.

#### Objectives:

701. Continue to cooperate with interested parties and organizations in the development of plans and projects.
702. Encourage cost sharing as part of cooperative efforts.
703. Seek partnerships with other service providers - federal, state, county, local and private sector - to define complementary roles that best meet customer needs.
704. Consult with tribal governments, traditional practitioners, and other knowledgeable individuals to identify important areas of American Indian religious significance.
705. Facilitate traditional and spiritual uses.
706. Cooperate with federal, state, county, local and tribal governments, individuals, and organizations in accordance with the laws discussed in the Preface- Table 1.
707. Allow military construction and tactical training exercises, consistent with resource protection, standards and guidelines, and safety of other Forest users.