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Chairperson Louis Manuel Jr.  
Ak-Chin Indian Community  
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Dear Chairperson Manuel:

Please consider this invitation to you, or your representative, to participate in one of two Inter-tribal Roundtable Consultation meetings, hosted by the Southwestern Region in May, 2015. We are hosting these meetings to discuss two topics related to the Tribal Relations Program and the 2012 Sacred Sites Report.

We would like your feedback and recommendations on how the National Forests and National Grasslands in the Southwestern Region can improve our program delivery to your Tribe or Pueblo. We also want to share our agency's progress to implement the 2012 Sacred Sites Report, and to hear your ideas about what we can do to implement the recommendations at the local and regional level. The Sacred Sites Report can be seen at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/spfi/tribalrelations/documents/sacredsites/SacredSitesFinalReportDec2012.pdf>

A meeting will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on Tuesday, May 19, and on Thursday, May 21, in Phoenix, Arizona. The content of both meetings will be the same. Each meeting will begin at 9:30 am and will finish at 3:00 pm, with a one hour lunch break (lunch on your own). A second letter will be sent in April to provide the locations of the meetings. The letter will also include a questionnaire about program delivery to prepare the discussion during the meeting.

We would appreciate if you would RSVP by April 10 so we can better prepare for the meeting. It would be helpful to know who and how many people plan to attend. To RSVP, please contact Dan Meza, Regional Tribal Relations Program Manager via email at: [dmeza@fs.fed.us](mailto:dmeza@fs.fed.us) or at (505) 842-3424. He will also be glad to answer any questions you might have about the meetings.

Your participation will provide value to our efforts to improve our work with you in the future. We look forward to our meeting in May.

Sincerely,



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Regional Forester

cc: Tribal Natural Resources Directors, Tribal Culture and Heritage Directors, Forest Supervisors