

# **Sacred Lands File Workshop**

## **Sacred Lands File Overview**

- Statutory authority
- History and Purpose

## **Sacred Lands File Submissions**

- Process
- Review
- Protection of information

## **Sacred Lands File Requests**

- Process
- Responses

## **Questions for Consideration**

- Who should be permitted to submit a location? Individual or tribes on the contact list?
- Should there be any review of the information submitted, or should the current practice of deferring to tribal traditional knowledge stand?
  - If information were reviewed, what would that process look like? Is there a way to support/affirm tribal traditional knowledge that is uniform?
  - Should the staff review Volume 8 to see if the submitted site is within the general area attributed to the tribe's cultural affiliation? What happens when a submission does not fall within the Volume 8 area or the tribe's own consultation map? What information should be provided to support a submission outside of these areas?
- How would staff address more than one tribe submitting the same sacred site? List for both or consultation with both tribes submitting the information?
- How to address a tribe submitting a sacred site located on another tribes' rancheria/reservation/trust/fee land? Consultation? Inform the other tribe? Joint Consultation?
- If in submitting a sacred site, there is an indication that other tribes have a connection, do we list it for all the referenced tribes or do we engage in consultation to determine if others wish to also list the site?
- Should submission have to identify how the site is sacred/important to the submitting tribe versus being generally considered sacred by a particular cultural affiliation?