

STATE OF MONTANA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
2017 TRIBAL RELATIONS TRAINING

*"Partners in Building a Stronger Montana: The Benefits of Effective State-Tribal Relations"*

December 13, 2017 ♦ 8:10 am to 4:00 pm

Montana Department of Transportation Auditorium, 2701 Prospect Avenue, Helena  
Facilitated by Mike Jetty, Indian Education Specialist, Montana Office of Public Instruction

**DRAFT AGENDA**

- 7:30 am**    **SIGN IN** (*secure building – photo ID required*)
- 8:10 am**    **Opening Ceremony**
- *Color Guard: Montana Youth Challenge Academy*
  - *Prayer/Song: Mike Jetty, Indian Education Specialist, Office of Public Instruction (Spirit Lake Dakota)*
- 8:30 am**    **Welcome Address: Lt. Governor Mike Cooney**
- 8:40 am**    **Keynote: Tribal Sovereignty and the Shared Responsibility to Build a Better Tomorrow**  
*Ryan Rusche, Tribal Attorney, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (Fort Peck)*
- 9:30 am**    **Tribal Nations in Montana**  
*Jason Smith, State Director of Indian Affairs, Montana Governor's Office (Salish Kootenai)*
- 10:00 am**    **BREAK**
- 10:15 am**    **PANEL: Intergovernmental Processes and Avenues for Collaboration**
- *Lesa Harwood Evers, Tribal Relations Manager, Department of Public Health & Human Services (Blackfeet/Turtle Mountain)*
  - *Danna Jackson, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (Kootenai)*
  - *Mark Jette, Legal Counsel, Department of Labor and Industry (Salish Kootenai)*
  - *Casey Lozar, Bureau Chief, Business & Technical Assistance Bureau, Department of Commerce (Salish/Kootenai)*
  - *James Strait, Tribal Liaison, Environmental Management Bureau, Department of Environmental Quality*
  - *Charlena Toro, Legal Counsel, Department of Revenue*
- 11:40 am**    **Agents of Change: Native Youth Leadership**  
*Donnie Wetzel (Blackfeet) and Helena area students*
- 12:00 pm**    **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN** (*Cafeteria onsite*)
- 1:15 pm**    **Guest Speaker: Willing to Learn - Reflections on Working in Indian Country**  
*Sally Thompson, Anthropologist and Co-author, University of Montana Department of Anthropology*
- 1:50 pm**    **Traditions and Culture of the Horse Nations Indian Relay**  
*Carol Murray, Interim President, Blackfeet Community College / Vice-President, Horse Nations Indian Relay Council (Blackfeet)*
- 2:20 pm**    **Remarks: Governor Steve Bullock**
- 2:30 pm**    **BREAK**
- 2:45 pm**    **Video Presentation: Horse Nations Indian Relay**
- 3:40 pm**    **Closing Remarks**  
*Jason Smith, State Director of Indian Affairs, Montana Governor's Office (Salish Kootenai)*