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**Q: What is the role of tribes in sage-grouse conservation?**

**A:** All answers are specific to Region 6 Tribes. There are approximately 17 tribes located within the sage steppe habitat. Of those tribes we do not know which ones are working on sage grouse conservation. None of these tribes have received funding to work on sage grouse through the FWS Tribal Wildlife Grant program. This species has not been discussed as a species of interest to tribes. There may be additional funding sources (NRCS, BLM, BIA) that tribes have used to work on sage grouse, in which case we would not be aware of funding or ongoing projects. To begin an active consultation process with tribes, you would follow the established rules that govern any Service actions that could effect a Tribe. For ESA specific actions and established guidelines see <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/tribal-secretarial-order.html>.

Map of the western United States showing sagebrush land cover and U.S. Tribal Lands. The map includes state boundaries and names: BRITISH COLUMBIA, ALBERTA, SASKATCHEWAN, MANITOBA, ONTARIO, MONTANA, NORTH DAKOTA, MINNESOTA, SOUTH DAKOTA, IOWA, NEBRASKA, KANSAS, OKLAHOMA, NEW MEXICO, ARIZONA, NEVADA, UTAH, COLORADO, WYOMING, IDAHO. It also identifies USFWS regions: Pacific Region 1, Mountain Prairie Region 6, Southwest Region 2, and Midwest Region 3. A legend indicates U.S. Tribal Lands in purple and sagebrush land cover proportion in green/yellow. A scale bar shows 0 to 100 miles and 0 to 100 kilometers.

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