

Governor's Executive Order 13-10

DNR Update 3/4/14

DNR has responded to this Executive Order by developing a unique consultation communications process, using the four Regional Directors as Commissioner's representative to Minnesota's Tribal Nations.

1. DNR's four Regional Directors and staff meet with Tribal Natural Resources Directors and work with them to identify the issues for consultation.
2. DNR regional Tribal Communications Teams compile the issues identified for consultation, and forward a list to the Tribal Liaison for the report to the Governor.
3. During the year, DNR's Regional Tribal Communications Teams will follow up with Tribal Nations on the issues identified for consultation. Tribal Natural Resources Directors are our key link to Tribal Councils.
4. DNR's Tribal Liaison, Assistant Commissioner Mike Carroll, is the point of contact for the Governor's Office, the Tribal Nations and DNR staff.
5. Training on working with tribes for managers and staff will be provided in two ways. MNDOT is working on a statewide training course to be offered five times in 2014 and five times in 2015 at various locations around the state. DNR Regional Directors, Regional Tribal Communications Teams and the Tribe's Natural Resource Directors are working together to provide specific local content for regional staff. White Earth and Leech Lake are current examples.
6. Commissioner Landwehr will continue to meet with Tribal Chairs as issues and settings are mutually agreed upon.
7. DNR is continuing to review and update its internal Tribal Outreach Protocols with a goal to help staff document and share communications with Tribes and internally.