


BIA/Tribal Smoke Management Programs

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ARIZONA



Most tribal environmental programs are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. EPA. Several tribes have their own air pollution control program.

A photograph of a residential area. In the foreground, there is a field of tall, dry, brown grass. To the left, a wooden house with a green roof and several windows is visible. In the middle ground, there is a colorful playground structure. The background is filled with tall, thin pine trees under a clear sky. A wooden utility pole stands in the foreground on the left side.

The United States has a unique legal and political relationship with Indian tribes and Alaska Native . Within the government-to-government relationship, Indian Affairs provides services directly or through contracts, grants, or compacts to 566 Federally recognized tribes. While the role of Indian Affairs has changed significantly to a greater emphasis on Indian self-governance and self-determination, Tribes still look to Indian Affairs for a broad spectrum of services.

ESMP Overview

Arizona has a certified Enhanced Smoke Management Program

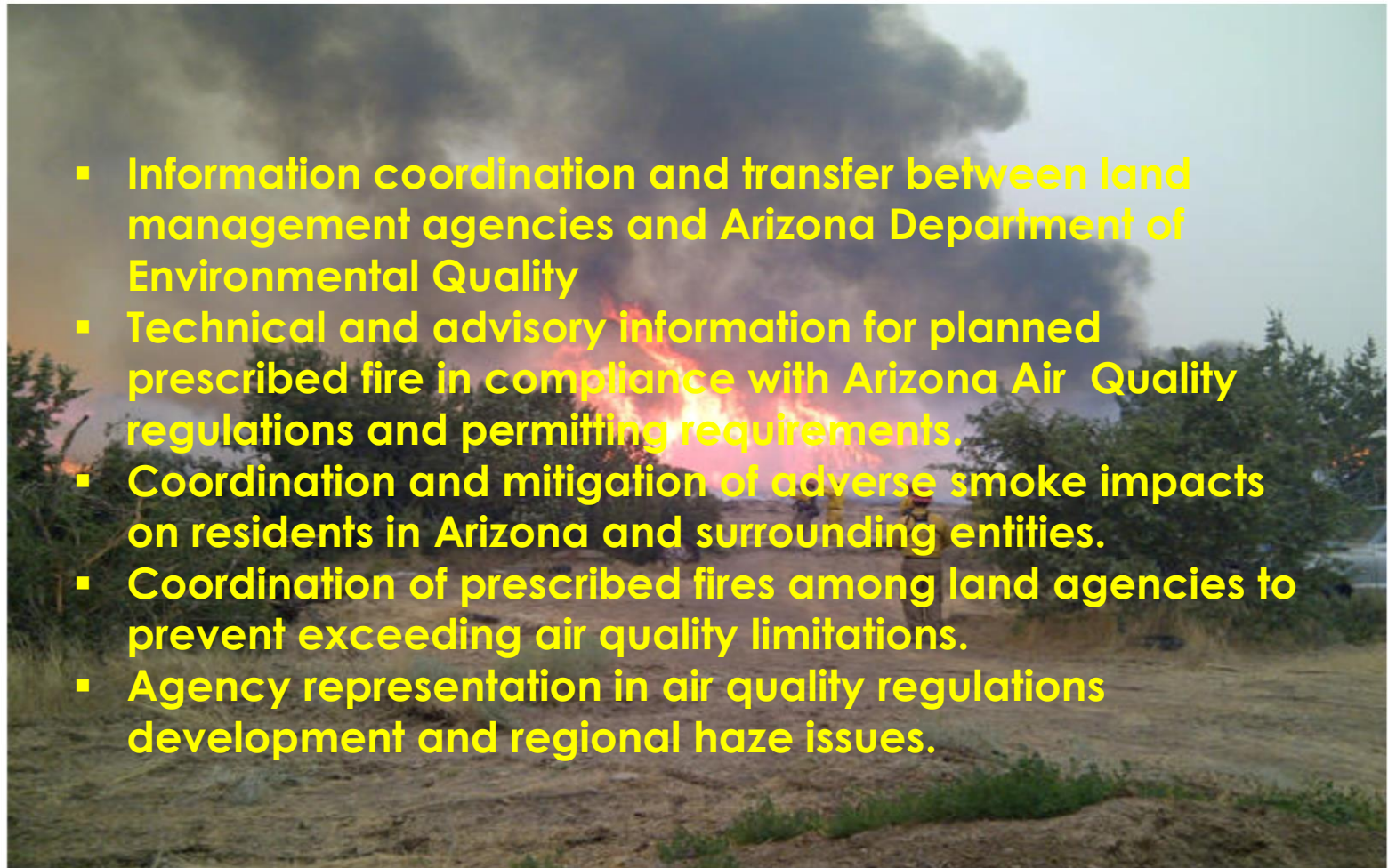
- Elements of ESMP
 - > Minimize Emissions (ERTs)
 - > Evaluation of Smoke Dispersion
 - > Non-burning Alternatives
 - > Public Notification of Burning
 - > AQ Monitoring
 - > Surveillance and Enforcement
 - > Permitting
 - > Regional Coordination (Regional Haze Rule)

Arizona Revised Rule R18-2-1501

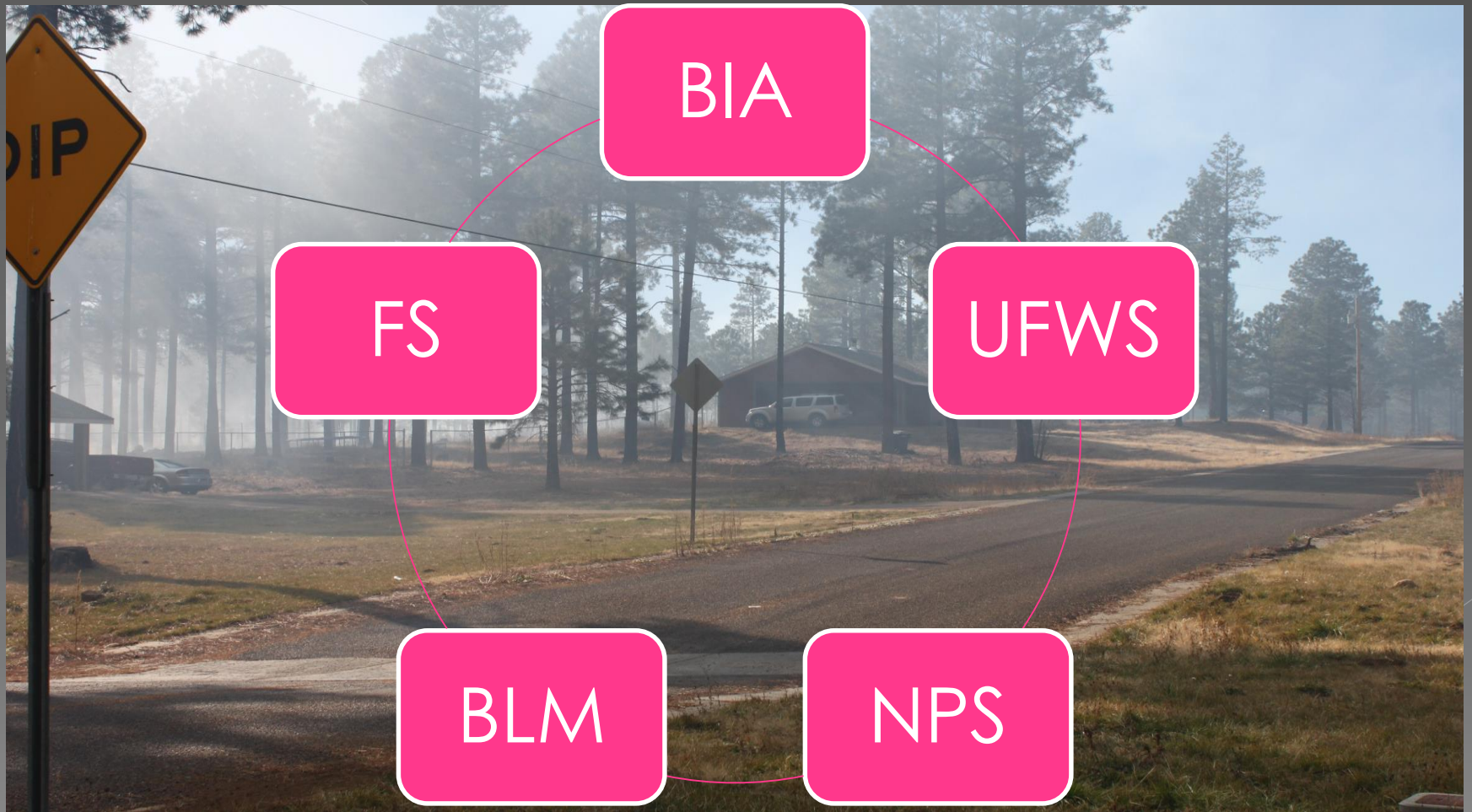
- A F/SLM that is conducting or assisting a prescribed burn shall follow the requirements of this Article.
- A private or municipal burner with whom ADEQ has entered into a memorandum of agreement shall follow the requirements of this Article.

MOU – Purpose, Mutual Benefits and Interests

- Information coordination and transfer between land management agencies and Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
- Technical and advisory information for planned prescribed fire in compliance with Arizona Air Quality regulations and permitting requirements.
- Coordination and mitigation of adverse smoke impacts on residents in Arizona and surrounding entities.
- Coordination of prescribed fires among land agencies to prevent exceeding air quality limitations.
- Agency representation in air quality regulations development and regional haze issues.



Memorandum of Understanding





Southwest Coordinating Group



Arizona Interagency Coordinating Group

- AIGC is organized to ensure collaboration and cooperation among the Federal, State, and Tribal Partner agencies within the State of Arizona
- Purpose of AIGC is to successfully implement the *National Fire Plan*, the *10 year Implementation Plan* and the *Cohesive Fuels Treatment Strategy*.

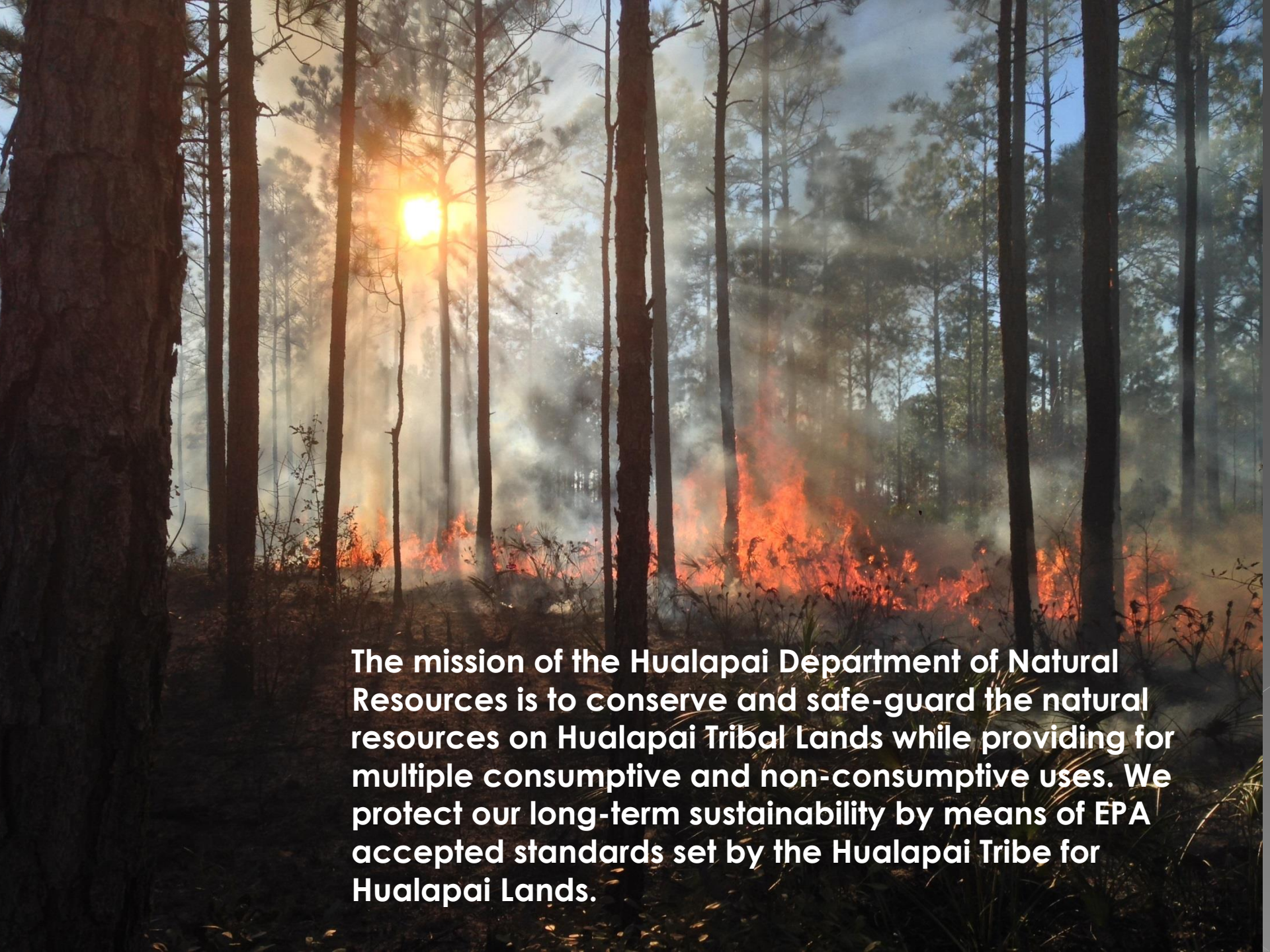
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TRUXTON CANYON AGENCY



The Hualapai reservation encompasses about one million acres along 108 miles of the Grand Canyon and Colorado River



The mission of the Hualapai Department of Natural Resources is to conserve and safe-guard the natural resources on Hualapai Tribal Lands while providing for multiple consumptive and non-consumptive uses. We protect our long-term sustainability by means of EPA accepted standards set by the Hualapai Tribe for Hualapai Lands.

SAN CARLOS AGENCY



San Carlos Apache Reservation 1.86 million acres

San Carlos Apache Tribe - Forest Resources Program

- Our respect for the natural world is rooted in a tradition of environmental stewardship. Today, the Forest Resources Program of the San Carlos Apache Tribe continues this deep-rooted tribal practice by planning and implementing natural resource management plans that work toward healthy landscape conditions of pre-reservation times.

The San Carlos Apache Reservation—including its fire management program—has a long legacy of implementing and overseeing land management practices with an emphasis on land management goals and objectives that support a restored, resilient, and productive landscape.



Fire is a sacred element. It has always
been with the Apache People.
RESPECT FIRE!



**“Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success”
~ Unknown**



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Picture thanks to
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White Mountain Apache Tribe – Fort Apache Indian Reservation
1.67 million acres



Prescribed Burning

A TOOL FOR PREVENTING WILDFIRES AND
RESTORING OUR BEAUTIFUL WHITE
MOUNTAIN APACHE HOMELAND!



The Natural role of fire is an essential part of the ecological process however other things are also important.



Concerns remain over practical and legal aspects of prescribed fire/smoke management coordination and information sharing.





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