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Wednesday, July 23, 2014

Meeting of The State-Tribal Relations Committee
Capitol Building, Rm. 102
Helena, MT

- 1:00** **Call to Order and Roll Call** — Senator Jonathan Windy Boy,
Chairman, STR Committee
- 1:00** **Status of BIE Schools**
✓ Mr. Casey Barrs, Legislative Researcher, Legislative Services Division
- 1:10** **Mechanism for Creating a Charter School**
✓ Mr. Dennis Parman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction
- 1:45** **Governor's Office of Indian Affairs — Work in Indian Country**
✓ Mr. Jason Smith, Acting Director, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs
- 2:30** **Sport Fish Restoration Act**
✓ Mr. Casey Barrs, Legislative Researcher, Legislative Services Division
- 2:35** **Public Comment**
- 2:45** **Blackfoot and Buffalo: Panel on the Innii Initiative**
✓ Ms. Paulette Fox, MSc, Associate, Harmony Walkers, Calgary, Alberta
✓ Mr. Leroy Little Bear, JD, PhD, Special Advisor to the President, The
University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, Alberta
✓ Mr. Ervin Carlson, President, Intertribal Buffalo Council, Rapid City, SD
✓ Mr. Terry Tatsey, President, Blackfeet Community College, Browning, MT

- ✓ Ms. Helen Augere, Director, Native Science Field Center, Browning, MT
- ✓ Mr. Keith Aune, Senior Conservation Scientist, American Bison Society of the Wildlife Conservation Society, Bozeman, MT

4:15 Public Comment

4:30 Wrap Up — Chairman Windy Boy
Instructions to staff
Confirm issues for next meeting

4:30 Adjourn

Depart for Great Falls

Thursday, July 24, 2014

**Meeting of
The State-Tribal Relations Committee &
The Little Shell Tribal Council
1529 Stuckey Road, Great Falls, MT**

9:00 Call to Order and Roll Call — Ms. Leona Kienenberger, 2nd Vice-Chairman, Little Shell Tribal Council and Senator Jonathan Windy Boy, Chairman, STR Committee

9:05 Welcome and Introductions — Ms. Leona Kienenberger, 2nd Vice-Chairman and Chairman Windy Boy

9:15 Opening Blessing — Mr. Richard Parenteau, Council member, Little Shell Tribal Council

Little Shell Tribal Council Portion of Agenda

(Proposed time frames include presentation as well as question & answer)

9:15 Update on Federal Recognition
✓ Views of Little Shell Tribal Council members

9:30 Legal Meaning of Phrase “State-Recognized”

✓ Ms. Laura Sankey, Staff Attorney, Legislative Services Division

9:40 Offensive Terminology in Montana Signage and Geological Features

✓ Mr. Nicholas Vrooman, Assistant Director, Little Shell Language Preservation Pilot

9:50 Topic T.B.A.

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10:00 Topic T.B.A.

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State-Tribal Relations Committee Portion of Agenda

(Proposed time frames include presentation as well as question & answer)

10:15 Language Preservation Pilot Program

✓ Mr. Casey Barrs, Legislative Researcher, Legislative Services Division

✓ Mr. Gerald Gray, Sr., Program Manager, Little Shell Language Preservation Pilot

11:00 Language Preservation and the (Federal) Draft *Native Language Immersion Student Achievement Act*

✓ Ms. Laura Sankey, Staff Attorney, Legislative Services Division

11:15 Indian Incarceration

✓ Mr. Casey Barrs, Legislative Researcher, Legislative Services Division

11:30 Public Comment

11:45 Wrap Up — Chairman Windy Boy

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12:00 Adjourn

12:00 Lunch (location TBA)

1:00 Depart Great Falls, MT

2:30 Arrive Shelby, MT

Meetings at Corrections Correctional Center
50 Crossroads Drive, Shelby, Mt

(Open to Public)

3:00 **Discussion with Corrections Personnel**
✓ Mr. Vance Laughlin, Warden
✓ Mr. Raymond Busby, Chief of Security
✓ Mr. Douglas Fender, Associate Warden
✓ Mr. Domingo Stewart, Unit Manager
✓ Ms. Kari Kinyon, Quality Assurance Manager

3:30 **Public Comment**

(Closed to Public)

3:45 **Tour of Facility**

4:15 **Discussion with Inmate Panel**

5:00~ **Wrap Up** — Chairman Windy Boy

5:00~ **Adjourn**

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