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SUBJECT: Introducing ONAP's new Tribal Climate Resilience and Adaptation Website

Dear Tribal Leader,

Climate change is a crisis that is impacting Tribes across the United States. From severe storms and flooding, wildfires, drought, permafrost melt and sea water rise to extreme heat and cold, Tribes are already feeling its effects and taking actions to adapt and mitigate. President Biden issued [Executive Order 14008](#), Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad, recognizing the urgency of the climate crisis, as one of his first actions in office .

The Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) is committed to helping Tribes tackle the challenges of climate change. Our programs – such as the Indian Housing Block Grant program, Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program, and the Indian Community Development Block Grant program – provide Tribes with funding and flexibility to pursue climate planning and adaptation activities. For example, some Tribes have developed green-energy plans that place solar panels on Tribal buildings and others have used funding to support relocation from areas threatened by erosion and permafrost melt to safer areas.

I am excited to share that ONAP has created a Tribal climate resilience and adaptation [website](#) specifically for Tribes. The site pulls together tools and resources that are tailored to Tribes, including maps, data sets, and adaptation plans. It also includes information on Federal funding that supports Tribes addressing climate change, as well as case studies. As a reminder, technical assistance is available to achieve your climate planning and adaptation activities. Please reach out to your Area ONAP Office to submit your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heidi J. Frechette".

Heidi J. Frechette
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for Native American Programs