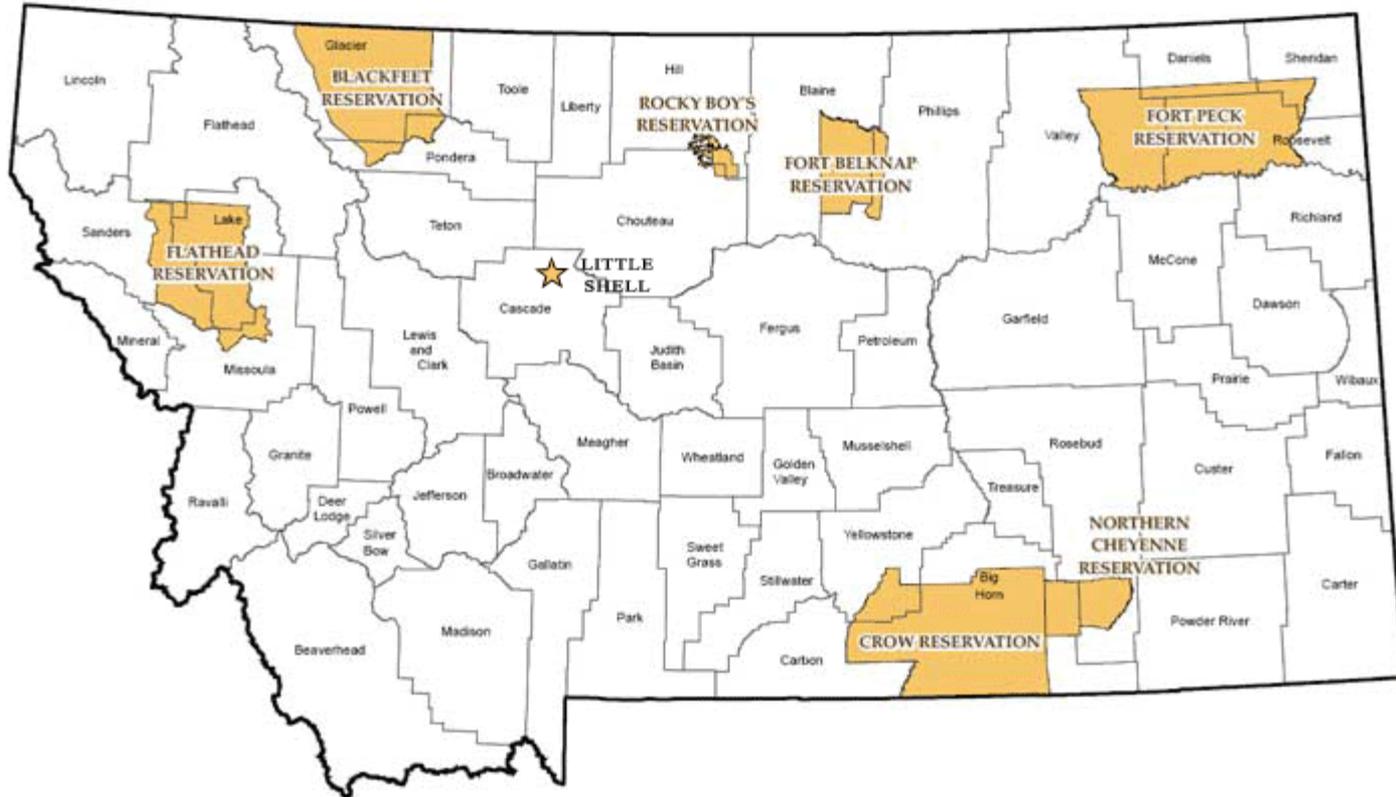


Building and Fostering Relationships between States and Tribes

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Indian Reservations in Montana



Reservations/Tribes

▶ Blackfeet Reservation

Home of **Blackfeet Tribe**

Tribal Headquarters is in Browning

▶ Crow Reservation

Home of **Crow Tribe**

Tribal Headquarters is in Crow Agency

▶ Flathead Reservation

Home of **Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes**

Tribal Headquarters is in Pablo

▶ Fort Belknap Reservation

Home of **Assiniboine & Gros Ventre Tribes**

Tribal Headquarters is in Fort Belknap Agency

▶ Fort Peck Reservation

Home of **Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes**

Tribal Headquarters is in Poplar

▶ Northern Cheyenne Reservation

Home of **Northern Cheyenne Tribe**

Tribal Headquarters is in Lame Deer

▶ Rocky Boy's Reservation

Home of **Chippewa & Cree Tribes**

Tribal Headquarters is in Rocky Boy Agency

▶ *Little Shell (only recognized by State of MT)

Referred to as the Little Shell Tribe of **Chippewa** Indians of Montana

Tribal Headquarters is in Great Falls, no large land base

Seeking Federal Recognition

Building Relationships

- ▶ Important to acknowledge the historical relationship between tribes and other government agencies.
- ▶ Realize that making change requires a commitment to work differently.
- ▶ Encourage those doing similar work/program delivery to be introduced so they can begin to know each other.
- ▶ Recognize that building trust will happen over time and ultimately depends on the investment.
- ▶ Understand the value of good relationships and why the effort matters.

It Does Matter

- ▶ It is a worthwhile and necessary effort.
- ▶ We can learn and share.
- ▶ It helps us grow.
- ▶ We can implement and improve.
- ▶ Policies can be changed and barriers reduced.
- ▶ The ultimate benefit is to those we serve.

Approach is Key

- ▶ Commit to a genuine and meaningful relationship.
- ▶ Be inclusive and invite/include when appropriate.
- ▶ Show up, be prepared and engage and expect the same of others.
- ▶ Listen and be open to differing ideas, thoughts and opinions.
- ▶ Promise only what you can deliver.
- ▶ Follow up and follow through.
- ▶ Communicate often.

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