

# MITAKUYE OYAS'IN



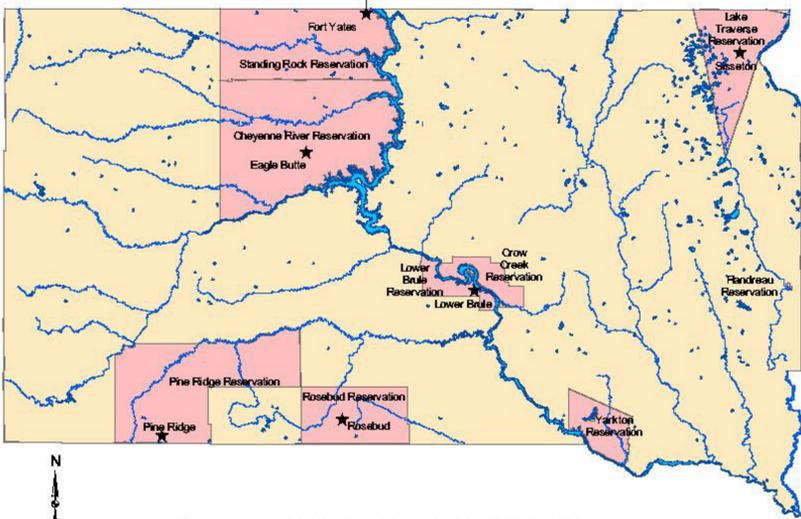
## South Dakota Tribal Outreach

### TRIBAL LAND AREAS

- South Dakota has nine federally recognized American Indian Tribes.
- Traditional Reservation Land: 17.4 percent of South Dakota
- Trust Land & Tribal Fee Acres: 10.7 percent of South Dakota

*"The foundation of the Lakota way is the expression MITAKUYE OYAS'IN. Which means all my relations or everything is connected. To keep our connections strong and healthy requires that we communicate as clearly and as effectively as possible."*

David Little Elk



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**Legend**  
 Reservation (pink box)  
 Stream (blue line)  
 Lake (blue area)  
 Tribal Liaison (star symbol)

## South Dakota Natural Resources Conservation Service

### Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

#### AMERICAN INDIAN EARMARK FUNDS

FY	Allocated (Total)	Actual
1998	\$439,000	\$512,129
1999	\$450,000	\$453,813
2000	\$460,000	\$464,162
2001	\$410,000	\$499,425
2002	\$1,207,123	\$1,476,368
2003	\$1,702,890*	\$1,639,593
2004	\$2,510,033*	\$4,639,773

\*The Tribal Advisory Committee recommended the earmark to include all land and operators within reservation boundaries in 2003-2004 (17 percent). Prior to 2003 only Tribal members were eligible for earmark funding.



## Tribal Advisory Committee

A Tribal Advisory Committee (a sub-committee to the USDA State Technical Committee) was formed in 2003 and provides technical assistance to the NRCS State Conservationist in identifying and addressing conservation issues and tribal needs on Tribal lands. The Tribal Advisory Committee was instrumental in the development of an EQIP American Indian Earmark Local Evaluation Worksheet in Fiscal Year 2004.



## South Dakota NRCS Tribal Liaisons (began 1997)

- Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation (David L. Pesicka)
- Pine Ridge Oglala Sioux Reservation (Michael J. Schmidt)
- Rosebud Sioux Reservation (Mary A. Scott)
- Lake Traverse Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe (Robert "Beaver" Bartelson)
- Lower Brule Sioux Reservation/Crow Creek Sioux Reservation (Kari Jo Hall)
- Standing Rock Sioux Reservation (Russell Jordre, Fort Yates, ND)
- State Tribal Liaison (Dana R. Vaillancourt)

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