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# NATIONAL CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION

## ABOUT US

The John S. McCain III National Center for Environmental Conflict Resolution (NCECR) is a program of the Udall Foundation, which is an independent, nonpartisan Federal agency of the Executive Branch. NCECR provides **collaboration, consensus-building, and conflict resolution services** on a range of environmental, natural and cultural resources, Tribal, and public lands issues involving the Federal Government.

## OUR SERVICES

- Facilitation
- Mediation
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Tribal Consultation
- Training
- Project/Situation Assessment
- Convening
- Collaborative Process Design
- Science-based Decision Making Support

## WE SPECIALIZE IN...

- Complex, multiparty environmental challenges at a national and regional level
- Issues that require substantive, technical, or process expertise (e.g., NEPA, transportation infrastructure projects, endangered species, cultural resources)
- Issues involving multiple levels of government (Federal, State, Local, Tribal) and the public
- Interagency and interdepartmental collaborations
- Collaborative efforts involving Tribes and Native people, including Government-to-Government Consultation between Tribes and Federal agencies

## BENEFITS

-  **BETTER OUTCOMES**  
More durable solutions
-  **EFFICIENCY**  
Cost savings, timely process, minimizes litigation
-  **IMPROVED GOVERNANCE**  
Increased capacity to serve citizens

# PUBLIC LANDS

Public lands comprise over a quarter of all land in the United States. From National Conservation Areas to Wild & Scenic Rivers to National Historic Sites, public lands are sources of tremendous natural, cultural, and historical value. They are also subject to multiple uses including recreation, timber, traditional uses, watershed, range, conservation, energy development, mining, and grazing. As a result, public lands issues are inherently complex and cross-cutting. Inclusive decision-making processes, linking science and traditional knowledge to policy making, and adaptive management are critical. NCECR can help bring together agencies, Tribes, nonprofits, industry, State and Local governments, and individuals to work toward mutually beneficial solutions.

## DINKEY COLLABORATIVE FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION PROJECT



**BACKGROUND:** NCECR supported regional stakeholders, agencies, and Tribes in reaching agreement on science-based ecosystem restoration efforts in the Sierra National Forest.

**OUTCOME:** Stakeholders increased their capacity for collaboration and developed a strong method to manage disagreements.

## NATIONAL BISON RANGE COMPLEX FACILITATION



**BACKGROUND:** NCECR conducted a situation assessment and assisted the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation and USFWS in joint efforts to conserve American Bison.

**OUTCOME:** After five months of meetings, the Confederal Salish and Kootenai Tribes and USFWS signed a three-year funding agreement representing a government-to-government partnership to share management responsibilities for the National Bison Range.

## SALT RIVER HORSE COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN



**BACKGROUND:** NCECR conducted a situation assessment and worked with the Forest Service and Arizona Department of Agriculture to establish a collaborative process with interested Tribes and stakeholders to develop a plan to manage wild horses on the Tonto National Forest.

**OUTCOME:** NCECR convened and facilitated a collaborative working group that developed a recommended management plan for the Salt River horse herd.

## JOINT FIRE SCIENCE PROGRAM: CONNECTING SCIENCE AND POLICY



**BACKGROUND:** NCECR assessed key stakeholder needs and interests for the integration of wildland fire science into policy and decision-making for the interagency Joint Fire Science Program.

**OUTCOME:** A Science/Policy Work Group, convened and facilitated by an NCECR contractor, developed a total of 17 specific, actionable mechanisms and options to foster the productive integration of fire science into policy.