

Native American Crashes Emphasis Area



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Vision

*Promote safety,
prevent crashes,
and preserve culture.*

Strategies Purpose

To reduce fatal
and incapacitating
injury crashes.

NA-1 Systems/ Policies to Support Data Sharing among Tribal, State, Local Entities



NA-2 Tribal Safety Plans for Each Reservation



NA-3 Coordinate/Conduct Tribal Safety Summit



NA-4 Increase seat belt use and reduce impaired driving.



NA-5 Develop a tribal road safety audit program.



Indian Reservation Roads

*SOME OF THE MOST
BEAUTIFUL ROADS IN
THE NATION*

Wind River Canyon



2006/07/25





2006/07/25



1913
BUILT BY
O. E. PEPPARD
MISSOULA MONTANA

2006/04/11



Native American Transportation Safety Issues

Ongoing Safety Issues

- Open Range Cattle
- Enforcement
 - Lack of Enforcement
 - Jurisdiction Areas
 - Consistent Enforcement of Tribal Laws
- Railroad Crossings – no arms on crossings
- Seatbelt Use
- Road Design (substandard design, i.e. road widths, shoulders)
- Reoccurring crash locations
- Funding – specifically education programs
- Fencing (near National Parks)
- Educational Programs
- Lack of Maintenance

Native American Transportation Safety Issues

Progress made but still needs attention

- Texting and Driving
- Use of Seatbelts
- Insurance Requirements
- Youth Driver Laws
- Educational Programs
- Road Standards
- Enforcement of all Laws
 - Increased presence of Highway Patrol
- Road Safety Audits
- Revival of SOAR Program
- Data Collection and Distribution
- Courts not Enforcing Established Fines

Native American Transportation Safety Issues

New Issues

- Truck Traffic on BIA and Tribal Roads
 - Weight restriction laws, but no means to enforce
 - Scales exist, but no personnel to enforce
- Need for traffic (patrol) cameras

New Strategies: Engineering

- Share successful projects and ideas
- Establish a policy on fencing for open range stock
 - State has agreed to place fencing on new projects
 - There is a need to retro-actively place fencing on stretches of road
 - Confirmation on State Law regarding fencing and BIA's opinion on that law
- Cell Phone pullout signage
 - Is the state continuing to research these areas for signs
 - Will the state work with Tribal Planners to establish these areas on Reservations

New Strategies: Education

- Family influence to make the right decision regarding safety
- Promote DUI Task Forces

Questions/ Comments

Interested in participating on
Native American Safety Workgroup?

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