## If you always do what you always did ...

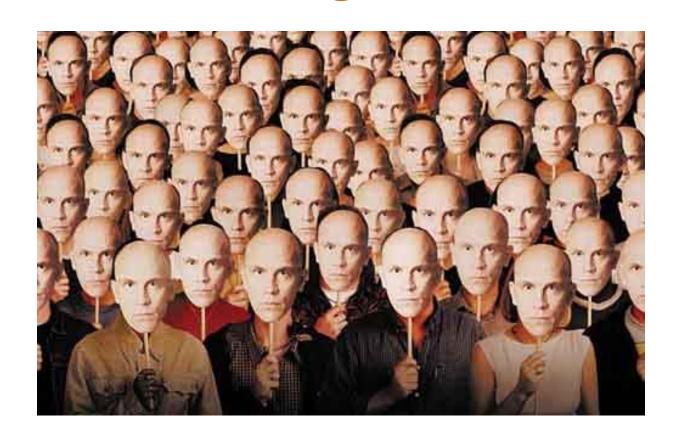
## Informal Interagency Collaboration to Better Serve Tribes

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### ...you will always get what you always got



Albert Einstein





- Tribes control substantial natural resources on a landscape scale
- Tribes possess unique traditional knowledge of natural resource management

#### The context

566 tribes and Alaska Native Villages

Consultation mandate for hundreds of federal agencies

Hundreds of federal agencies – many with similar programs

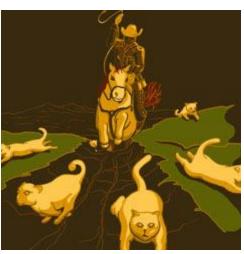
# Which equals a lot of cats



Lots and lots of cats

So one day a few likeminded individuals had a visit, and they decided it might be good to herd some cats.





They called it working smarter, not harder

It started out as a handful of people ...





and then it grew to a few more ...





## The network



#### and a few more ...









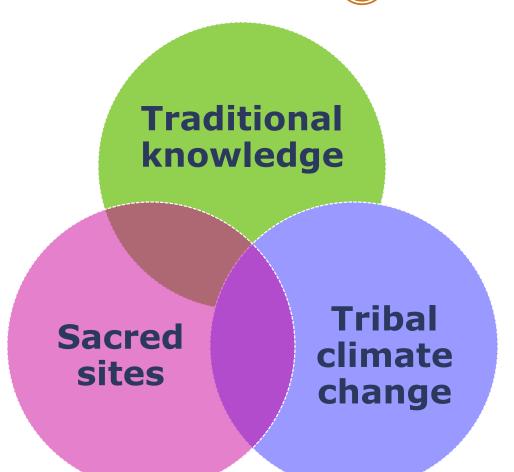








## The why



Focuses on bringing tribal interests into policy formation in a holistic way

#### The what

- A flexible peer network with similar interests
- FedCenter.gov site to share resources informally
- A regular opportunity for strategic thinking
- Expanded outreach to tribes and agencies

## Why does this group work?



They're champions

reciprocity

They trust each other

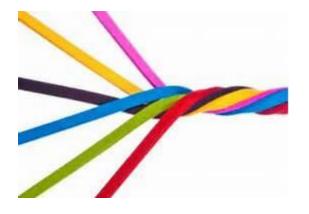
## Why does this group work?

They're willing to share



They leverage ideas for stronger programming





### Why does this group work?





## Not everybody gets invited





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