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Tracey LeBeau

Tracey A. LeBeau (Cheyenne River Sioux) is Director for the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs. She was appointed in January 2011 to establish this new Office, which is authorized by statute to manage, coordinate, create, and facilitate programs and initiatives to encourage tribal energy and energy infrastructure development. Administratively, the Office was established to also coordinate, across the Department, those policies, programs, and initiatives involving Indian energy and energy infrastructure development.

Pilar Thomas

Pilar Thomas (Pascua Yaqui) is the Deputy Director in the Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs. As Deputy Director, Ms. Thomas assists the Director in developing national energy policy and programs related to Indian energy development. Ms. Thomas is also responsible for developing and implementing policy efforts within the Department and federal government to achieve the Office's Indian energy policy objectives.

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Jim Manion

Jim Manion is currently the General Manager for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs energy enterprise, which oversees the operation of the tribe's interest in the Pelton Round Butte Hydroelectric Project. Mr. Manion also is responsible for oversight on energy development activity on the 650,000-acre tribal land base. He has lead the tribes in negotiating right-of-ways including two high voltage transmission corridors and one proposed natural gas crossing. As a tribal member raised on the Reservation, his knowledge of tradition and tribal culture, mixed with contemporary business management capacity and skills, provides Mr. Manion with a unique vision for balancing economic development, natural resource protection, and cultural preservation.

National Renewable Energy Laboratory

Dan Beckley

Dan Beckley is a Principal Laboratory Program Manager at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). He provides oversight and guidance for the NREL Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs project team. Mr. Beckley was a Presidential Management Fellow in the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy prior to joining NREL.

Jeffrey Bedard

Jeff Bedard is a Senior Project Leader at NREL, helping to develop large-scale renewable energy projects and to create sustainable, net zero energy communities. As part of the NREL Office of Indian Energy



Policy and Programs project team, Mr. Bedard provides technical assistance and project implementation in the lower 48 states.

Liz Doris

Liz Doris is a Senior Project Leader at NREL specializing in understanding strategies for developing clean energy technologies in a variety of markets. She is the project manager for the NREL Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs project team. Ms. Doris has managed state and local policy and technical assistance project teams for NREL since 2006. Prior to NREL, she managed state and local efforts at the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy.

Reznick Group

Matt Ferguson

Matt Ferguson, an attorney, is a Principal with Reznick Group, P.C. and the leader of the Renewable Energy Group. In that role, Mr. Ferguson promotes renewable energy through business transactions and policy development and advises clients on all energy-related and clean-tech transactions. He also assists current clients with project financing utilizing incentives such as tax credits and grants. These include coordinating activities and deliverables between renewable energy projects with debt and equity investors, counseling on capital formation, advising on mergers and acquisitions within the renewable energy sector, and maximizing public policy to promote and reward low-carbon power generation or energy use. Mr. Ferguson is a financial advisor for the largest commercial wind farm in Indian Country.

Joe Cruz

Joe Cruz is a Manager for Reznick Group in the National Renewable Energy Services Practice. Mr. Cruz is responsible for advising clients on structuring renewable energy transactions, which include wind, geothermal, biomass, and solar project development. He is also responsible for the compilation and analysis of financial models. For the last three and a half years, Mr. Cruz has worked with tribes in various capacities developing wind, solar, and biomass projects in Indian Country. This includes developing financial models, researching Indian Country incentives, and project due diligence.