



Confederated Tribes and Bands  
of the Yakama Nation

Established by the  
Treaty of June 9, 1855

Nancy Theodore  
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RE: Proposed FDPIR Funding Methodology

Dear Ms. Theodore,

The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation has reviewed the proposed FDPIR Funding Methodology presented at the San Francisco work shop, and opposes the draft Funding Methodology because it does not take into consideration the diversity of each Tribe and their unique needs as individual entities.

The Yakama Nation would also like to state that the proposed funding methodology does not address any anticipated cost of living allowances, for the FDPIR staff or funding for any necessary extra costs to operate the program effectively and efficiently.

The Yakama Nation would like the opportunity for a true consultation, as well as recognizes the efforts and time that the workgroup has put in developing a fair formula and will continue our support.

Sincerely,

Lavina Washines, Chairwoman  
Yakama Tribal Council