



June 25, 2004

Governor Janet Napolitano
C/O Western Regional Air Partnership Board
1515 Cleveland Place
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Denver, CO 80202-5114

Dear Governor Napolitano:

I was appointed the Western Regional Air Partnership Tribal Co-Chair in January of 2003 and the Pueblo of Acoma has maintained tribal leadership of the WRAP since its inception. While the Pueblo of Acoma has enjoyed this leadership role, I feel the time has come to step down and allow another Tribe to experience the joys and privileges of leadership as WRAP Board Tribal Co-Chair. The Confederated Tribes of Salish and Kootenai have requested Tribal Council member, Mr. Lloyd Irvine, be appointed as my replacement.

Councilman Irvine has been an active participant of the WRAP since its inception and has demonstrated his unwavering commitment to preserving Tribal Air Quality. Councilman Irvine has been a staunch protector of Montana Tribal Water Rights and is active in the National Congress of American Indians.

The Flathead Indian Reservation (1,244,000 acres) is home to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. Their aboriginal territory exceeded 20 million acres of the territory now known as Western Montana, parts of Idaho, British Columbia and Wyoming at the time of the 1855 Hellgate Treaty. The tribes consist of a confederation of Bitterroot Salish and Pend d'Oriennes Tribes and the Kootenai, as an individual tribe. The reservation is divided into 8 districts and is located in the western part of Montana on the western slope of the Rocky Mountains. The Tribal Headquarters are in Pablo, Montana. Councilman Irvine represents the Pablo Tribal District.

I'm sure you will join me in welcoming Councilman Irvine as Co-Chair of the Western Regional Air Partnership Board.

I appreciated my time as the WRAP Tribal Co-Chair and the Pueblo of Acoma will continue to be an active participant in the WRAP scope of work.

Sincerely,

Fred S. Vallo, Sr.
Governor, Pueblo of Acoma