

NATHPO Updates

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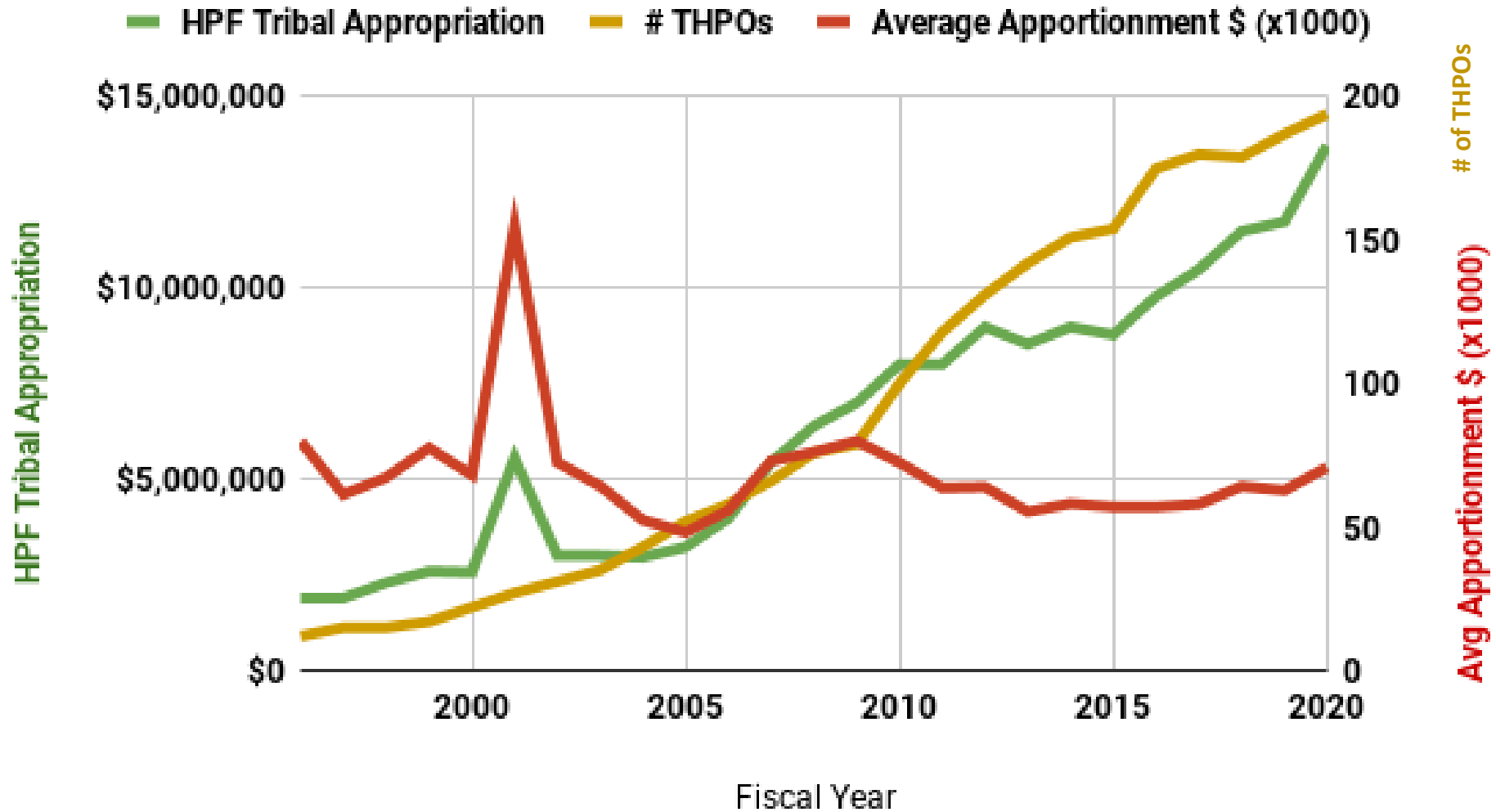
NATHPO Purpose

- Empowering tribal preservation leaders to protect culturally important places that perpetuate Native identity, resilience, and cultural endurance.
- Provide guidance to preservation officials, elected representatives, and the public about national historic preservation legislation, policies, and regulations.
- Promote tribal sovereignty, develop partnerships, and advocate for Tribes in governmental activities on preservation issues.

FY2020 Appropriations

- \$13,735,000 for 194 THPOs, increase from FY19.
- As the number of THPO tribes increases, HPF funding for THPOs has not kept pace: 12 in 1996, now 200.
- 2 key points:
 1. Reconnecting Native peoples to their cultural heritage has the power to help heal deep generational wounds.
 2. Generates jobs, economic development, community revitalization, and facilitates required reviews.

Historic Preservation Fund Appropriations for Tribes



National Register Rule (NPS/DOI)

- Oversteps NPS authority, is contrary to NHPA and amendments.
- Changes would inappropriately and negatively impact the role of the Keeper of the NRHP, SHPOs, Indian tribes, and historic properties and the public interest.

National Register Rule: Tribal Implications

- Hinder ID of properties of religious and cultural significance.
- Impact tribes' ability to consult, esp. off tribal land.
- Create delays in Section 106.
- Threaten tribally significant sites.
- Preclude G2G consultation and impugn sovereignty.
- No real consultation conducted or planned.
- Being signed by DOI bureaus before OMB interagency review; we succeeded in delaying so far.

NEPA Regulation Changes

- Similar negative impacts on tribes and lack of consultation;
- Became final on Sept. 14;
- Agencies need to modify procedures accordingly;
- Unless

FCC: 2nd Report & Order

United Keetoowah et al. v. FCC, No. 18-1129 (D.C. Cir. 2018)

1. Exemption of 5G infrastructure build-out from Section 106 (W)
2. FCC elimination of Tribal review and associated fees (L)
3. Lack of government-to-government consultation (L)

What's next?

FCC: Twilight Towers

Draft Program Comment:

- Short time frame;
- Inadequate consultation;
- Inappropriate use of PC, would supersede NPA;
- Rewards bad behavior.

Looking Ahead

Business operations

- logo, website, comms/outreach;
- virtual training/resources, conference.

Member engagement & support!

- Increasing THPOs and members;
- Serving THPO needs.

Tangible benefits and success stories

- Place & resources protected;
- Native identity, resilience, cultural endurance.

Partner Opportunities

- USFS Cost Share Agreement.
- NRCS Cooperative Agreement.
- Cultural Landscape Approach implementation.
- Individualized approaches to nationwide issues.
- Endless possibilities!



Memorial Post at the mouth of the Salmon River in Oregon, honoring the Neschene people and the village that stood there. Grand Ronde artist Travis Stewart.

Thank You

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