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**COLT Quarterly Meeting**

**April 20-21, 2026**

**Inn of the Mountain Gods**

287 Carrizo Canyon Rd, Mescalero, NM 88340

Meeting Rooms: Mescalero Ballroom A & C

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87364880385?pwd=4D3oOMbIw2xVTipQzKusW1VQ2Ru0f3.1>

**Monday, April 20, 2026**

7:30 am to 9:00 am **Continental Breakfast**

9:00 am Call to Order: COLT Chairman J Garret Renville

9:05 am Invocation: Mescalero Apache Tribe

9:10 am Roll Call: COLT Secretary/Treasurer Lisa White Pipe

9:12 am Approval of Agenda

9:15 am Chuck Hemphill, President of CKP Insurance/ Presentation  
“PRF with CKP: Our land, our people & the possibilities”, Leverage the tribe’s largest assets, it’s land base, to capture government funding to benefit the land and our people.

9:45 am Break

10:00 am Nichole Kazenske, Chief Executive Office, FLYHT, LL(owned by SparrowPay), Presentation real-time, high-reliability Faster Payments provider built specifically to support the unique needs of the cannabis industry as well as restaurants, gift shops, fuel stations, events.

10:30 am Carrie O’Rourke, General Manager, OnMed, Gena Timberman, Tribal Liaison, OnMed. Presentation, OnMed will present their CareStation™, a “clinic-in-a-box” model expanding access to care in underserved and rural



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communities. The presentation will focus on how this supports Tribal health by: Expanding same-day primary and urgent care, supporting chronic disease and preventative care, reducing reliance on emergency departments, extending Tribal provider and IHS/638 systems, deploying in community-based settings to reduce access barriers partnership models and funding alignment.

- 11:00 am Brian Wadsworth, Chief Operating Officer, Native Public Media. Presentation on, Missing and Endangered Persons (MEP) Alert is a groundbreaking, Indigenous-led initiative designed to close critical gaps in how our nation responds to missing persons cases—particularly those involving Indigenous people, youth labeled as “runaways,” and vulnerable adults. Rooted in the values of community responsibility, collective safety, and kinship, the MEP Alert represents a model of Native innovation that shapes national policy and strengthens public safety across Tribal, state, and federal systems.
- 11:30 Myron Lizer. Presentation New Guidance Unlocks Economic Opportunity for Overlooked Communities and Indian Country.
- 12:00 pm (Noon) (Working lunch) James Acres, President of Miai, Inc. Presentation creation of Grab Bag Bingo, which is a product that lets tribes repurpose their existing Class III games into Class II games. This gives tribes a powerful tool to curb state intrusions on their economic and regulatory sovereignty.
- Dallin Maybee, NARF Interim Director of Development & Don Ragona DMR Consulting, Inc. Native American Rights Fund - Update Voting rights, Sacred Sights, Tribal Sovereignty and Birthright Citizenship.
- 1:00 pm Wesley Martel, COLT Land Committee: Presentation request COLT Member to be appointed to run the committee.
- 1:30 pm Break



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- 1:45 pm            NAHASDA Reauthorization Legislation Overview and Strategy  
Discussion  
                         Rudy Soto, National American Indian Housing Council
- 2:45                HUD Priorities – Housing development as an economic driver with skilled  
worker and Title VI programs, 105(l) leasing stacking, initiatives for  
increased home ownership  
                         Tonya Plummer, Director of the Office of Loan Guarantee at  
HUD’s Office of Native American Programs (ONAP)
- 4 pm                Update from United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues,  
WIPO Treaty on Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge (virtually  
from New York)  
                         Kristen Carpenter, University of Colorado School of Law  
                         Linda Benally, Native American Church of New Mexico
- 4:30 pm            CENTER FOR INDIAN COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT I FEDERAL  
RESERVE BANK OF MINNEAPOLIS. Presentation: to learn how the  
Survey of Native Nations can benefit COLT and your member tribes  
(Invited)
- 6:00 pm            Dinner provided Chuck Hemphill, President of CKP Insurance at  
Wendell's Steak & Seafood

**Tuesday, April 21, 2026**

- 7:30 am to 9:00 am    **Continental Breakfast**
- 9 am                Call to Order:  
                         COLT Chairman J Garret Renville
- 9:05 am            Briefing on USDA Grants Revocations Issues  
                         Brian Gunn, Powers Pyle
- 9:25 am            Updates and Discussion – Wildland Fire and Forest Service  
Reorganizations / Moves, Broader USDA Reorganization



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- 9:45 am Overview: Proposed FY2027 Budget and Discussion of Messaging Strategy, Jason Freihage, Freefield Strategies
- 10:45 am Break
- 11 am DOI Updates  
Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Billy Kirkland  
Acting Assistant Secretary-Fish, Wildlife and Parks Kevin Lilly  
Deputy Assistant Secretary Kennis Bellmard  
Troy Heinert, Chief, Branch of Bison Management
- Topics:  
Energy Summit April 29-May 1 (Houston)  
Bison Advocacy Weeks May 4 and 11  
Bison Co-Stewardship  
Local hiring initiatives within NPS  
638 Contracting  
TIBC Reform
- 12 pm (Noon) – Working Lunch  
Treasury Updates (TTAC Positions, Trump Accounts, Opportunity Zone Guidance, GWE and Tax Rules Implementation)  
Treasurer Brandon Beach  
Fatima Abbas, Director, Office of Tribal and Native Affairs
- 1 pm Break
- 1:15 pm COLT Business and Updates  
Resolutions:  
Eastern Band Cherokee Indians, Presentation Resolution in support of and passage of the TVA Lands in Trust Bill.
- Adjourn (TBD)
- 6:00 pm Dinner (TBD)