

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR INDIGENOUS RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

ROUNDTABLE ON THE ROLE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND OTHER INDIGENOUS SPIRITUAL LEADERS AND HEALERS IN PROTECTING AND PRESERVING BIODIVERSITY AND SACRED LANDSCAPES AFFECTED BY FEDERAL FACILITIES ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION ACTIVITIES

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ROUNDTABLE OVERVIEW AND PURPOSES

On 28-30 August 2002, the International Institute for Indigenous Resource Management is bringing together a distinguished panel of international indigenous and other experts at a three-day Roundtable in Denver to examine the role American Indian and other indigenous spiritual leaders and healers can play in protecting and preserving biodiversity and sacred landscapes affected by federal facilities environmental restoration activities.

The purposes of the roundtable are to:

- Identify ways spiritual leaders and healers historically have protected biodiversity and sacred landscapes.
- Identify ways spiritual leaders and healers are using modern technologies such as remote sensing, geographic information systems and other information technologies to protect biodiversity and sacred landscapes and to suggest other technologies that might be used.
- Identify the legal strategies, systems, and institutions spiritual leaders and healers are using to help protect biodiversity and sacred landscapes and to suggest other strategies, other systems and institutions, and other partnerships.
- Identify national, regional, and international organizations and institutions spiritual leaders and healers are using to help protect biodiversity and sacred landscapes and to suggest other roles these organizations and institutions could play.
- Identify the research and action agenda required to integrate new technologies, legal strategies, and programs of international organizations and institutions into efforts by traditional spiritual leaders and healers to protect biodiversity and sacred landscapes.

This gathering of spiritual leaders, healers, educators, and attorneys from the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Malawi, and Nigeria promises to be an exciting and intellectually challenging roundtable.