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Question: Will reserves be generating a new list of management needs that these grants must be responsive to? In prior years, compared to other grants, Science Transfer seemed to have less of a tie with these needs.

A: Yes, well before the RFP is released, reserves will be asked to submit their updated management needs, following a process similar to prior years. Those needs will be referenced in the RFP.

Question: I am interested in interacting with many reserve staff for a large, multi-reserve project. Are there pathways to facilitate interaction given limited staff time and resources?

A: One approach might be to focus on a specific sector and engage them as a group, for example by reaching out at the NERRS/NERRA Annual Meeting to understand their interests and needs. Several [Science Collaborative projects](#) have successfully engaged many reserves, and these could offer insights. You will likely also find it helpful to consider what incentives and/or support is necessary to engage reserve staff. Examples might include financial support, such as through a subcontract or honoraria, or to forms that are more focused on the reciprocal nature of the work being done.