

DEALING WITH AGENCY PUSHBACK

**"We don't have
budget for
compensation."**

"Meaningful consultation requires adequate resources. Please be sure to include Tribal consultation in your project budget."

**"Our statutory
deadline doesn't
allow time for your
process."**

"Most environmental laws require meaningful consultation. Rushed consultation that doesn't allow adequate review is not meaningful and may not be legal."

**"We already consulted
by sending you
notification."**

"Notification is not consultation. Government-to-government consultation requires dialogue and mutual decision-making."

**"This is just a
comment period."**

"As a sovereign government, we have consultation rights that go beyond public comment periods."