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Meet The Directors: Rosa Melendez – Northwestern Region

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Hello and thank you for visiting the CRS Northwestern Regional page. My name is Rosa Melendez, Regional Director of the CRS Northwestern Regional Office. Our office serves the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

The Community Relations Service is the Department of Justice’s “peacemaker” for community conflicts related to race, color, and national origin—such as allegations of racial profiling, excessive use of force, and disparate treatment in schools. We also help communities address and prevent hate crimes involving race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion and disability.

The Northwestern Region is known as America’s last frontier, and the region embodies the true pioneer spirit. In addition to working with the diverse communities in our regions, our office has a long history of working directly with indigenous American Indian/Native Alaskan tribes. Nearly half of the federally recognized tribes in the United States can be found in the Northwestern Region.

Our office is located in Seattle, Washington, and we assist both urban and rural communities. I invite you to contact us for more information about the services CRS can provide to assist your community.