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MEDIA ADVISORY

Interior Department to hold panel discussion on Indian Trust Land Amendment

The U.S. Department of the Interior will hold a public panel discussion to gather comments on the proposed amendment to the Federal Regulations governing the Department's decisions about whether to take land into trust on behalf of Indian tribes. The amendment of these regulations is an important step in providing tribes and their non-Indian neighbors with a clearer understanding of how the Department reviews requests to take land into trust.

The forum will provide an opportunity for affected and interested parties to discuss their views on the issue. The panel will include representatives from tribes, States, interested non-Indian groups, Congress and the Department. After prepared comments by the panel members, there will be an opportunity for questions from the audience.

Who: U.S. Department of the Interior

What: Panel Discussion on Amendment to Indian Trust Land Regulations

When: 1:30 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 12, 1999

Where: South Interior Building Auditorium, 1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W.,

Washington, DC

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