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WASHINGTON – The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) will hold tribal consultation meetings for tribal leaders to review and provide input on the proposed rules on leasing in Indian Country. The proposed rules will establish subparts to 25 CFR Part 162 (Leasing and Permits) addressing residential leasing, business leasing and wind and solar resource leasing on Indian trust lands. Tribal leaders were notified of the upcoming consultation in a letter dated November 28, 2011.

The BIA's schedule for the consultation meetings (all times are local):

Date: Tuesday January 10, 2012

Times: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: The Arctic Club Seattle–Doubletree, 700 3rd Avenue, Seattle, Wash., 98104,

(206) 340-0340

Date: Thursday, January 12, 2012

Times: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: Palm Springs Convention Center, 277 N. Avenida Caballeros, Palm Springs, Calif. 92262,

(800) 333-7535

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Times: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Location: Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, 444 N. Mt. Rushmore Rd., Rapid City, S.D. 57701,

(605) 394-4115

Comments can be submitted during the meetings, by email at consultation@bia.gov, or by U.S. Postal Service, overnight carrier or hand-delivery to: Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C St., N.W., MS-4141-MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240.

To view the November 28, 2011, letter to tribal leaders and the proposed rules, visit the Indian Affairs website at http://www.indianaffairs.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/Consultation/index.htm.

To view the November 28, 2011 leasing regulations press release on DOI.gov go to:

http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/Significant-Leasing-Reform-will-Spur-Commercial-Residential-and-Renewable-Energy-Development-on-Indian-Lands.cfm

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