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WASHINGTON – The Department of the Interior, as part of the implementation of its Fiduciary Trust Model (FTM) to improve and reform the management of Indian trust for the benefit of all Indian beneficiaries, will hold the first of three tribal consultation meetings on revising DOI Indian trust management regulations on February 14-15, 2006, in Albuquerque, N.M. The meeting will take place both days at the Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town starting at 8:00 a.m. (local time).

The Department has submitted the following draft proposals of new and revised trust management regulations to tribal leaders for discussion at the upcoming meeting and to gather their input and comments:

- Probate of Indian Estates (25 CFR 15; 43 CFR 4)
- Tribal Probate Codes (25 CFR 18) [New]
- Life Estates and Future Interests (25 CFR 179)
- Title (25 CFR 150)
- Conveyances of Trust and Restricted Land, Removal of Trust or Restricted Status (25 CFR 152)
- Fees for Service [New]
- Trust Fund Accounting and Appeals [New]
- Whereabouts Unknown and Unclaimed Moneys [New]

The intent of this initiative is to clarify existing regulations and to create new regulations to improve services to Indian trust beneficiaries, facilitate productive use of Indian lands, promote consolidation and reduce fractionation of Indian trust asset interests, and incorporate changes to the probate process under the American Indian Probate Act of 2004 (P.L. 108-374).

WHEN:	Tuesday, February 14 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (local time) Wednesday, February 15 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
WHERE:	Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town, 800 Rio Grande Boulevard N.W., Albuquerque, N.M. Phone: 866-505-7829.

Information on the locations and dates of the remaining consultation meetings will be announced in coming weeks.

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