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The Department of the Interior (Department) is considering whether to propose an administrative rule that would comprehensively update 25 CFR part 140 (Licensed Indian Traders) in an effort to modernize the implementation of the Indian Trader statutes consistent with the Federal policies of Tribal self-determination and self-governance. The current regulations were promulgated in 1957 and have not been comprehensively updated since 1965. The purpose of this advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) is to solicit public comments on whether and how the Department should update 25 CFR part 140, including how the Indian Trader regulations might be updated to govern who trades on Indian land and how the regulations can better promote Tribal self-determination regarding trade on Indian lands. In this ANPRM, the Department also announces dates and locations for Tribal consultations and public meetings to consider this issue.

As part of our efforts to promote economic development in Indian Country, we are seeking your input on the need to update the "Licensed Indian Traders" Regulations currently found at 25 CFR 140. The current regulations were promulgated in 1957 and have not been comprehensively updated since 1965. We seek to modernize these regulations through the formal rulemaking process to reflect the current Federal policy of promoting tribal self-determination.

The Tribal Leader letter announcing the consultation sessions is available here. ***Consultation sessions have been added to the calendar and the deadline for comments has been extended to October 30, 2017.*** *The Tribal Leader letter announcing the extension is available here.*

To read more - visit the Indian Traders (25 CFR 140) page