Comments on DOI Reorganization_ Executive Order 13781
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Please find a summary of my comments below which I stated at the Tulsa meeting, which has not been posted on the consultation website as required by law. I guess since the location was changed at the last minute, they decided it was not a valid listening session and did not post the comments.

Comments related to the Executive Order 13871: Reorganization of the Executive Branch- Department of Interior

1. Last minute change of location of meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma – violates the intent of a public listening session
2. Lack of transparency and communication
3. Out of touch with needs and issues of the tribes
4. Archaic and non-user friendly website
5. Slow or no response to requests for information or written communications
6. Processing delays in Fee to Trust, Hearth Act even after legal review
7. Slow payments to the Self-Governance program, responses to financial shortfalls, reduced BIA staffing issues for responses and follow up
8. Refusal to acknowledge or accommodate a three branch form of government and the authorizing official for the Nation, versus a required “Tribal Resolution” required for grant applications.

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They are just going through the motions. As soon as they figure out how to get everyone on the same page, expect radical changes.

Sent from my iPad

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