Tribal Consultation

Potential Department of the Interior (DOI) Reorganization

Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

U.S. Department of the Interior
Background

- President Trump issued Executive Order 13781 (March 13, 2017)
  - Asked for a plan from each agency on how it could reorganize to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability of the agency
  - DOI requested Tribal input by letter May 16, 2017, and held Tribal listening sessions at six locations in May and June 2017
Current Status

- No reorganization plan has been written yet
- DOI has developed draft maps of unified regions
- Currently seeking Tribes’ input through consultation
- Also open to input from DOI employees, Congress, State and local governments, and others
DOI - By the Numbers

• Touches more people, in more ways, than any other agency
  – 2,400 operating locations in 12 time zones (USVI to Palau)
    • 70,000 employees
    • 610,000 volunteers
  – Acreage (1/5 of the US):
    • 530 million surface acres
    • 700 million subsurface acres
    • 1.7 million outer continental shelf acres
    • 25 million acre-feet of water supply
Goals of Reorganization

• Prepare DOI for the next 100 years
  – DOI has not been reorganized in >150 years, despite all that has changed
• Reduce administrative redundancies and maximize use
• Improve service to the American people
• Improve communication and coordination across agencies
• Increase joint problem-solving & effective decision-making
Proposal for Reorganization

• Proposal:
  – Bring bureaus together under 13 unified regions
  – Have an Interior Regional Director (IRD) for each region
  – Reduce jurisdictional and organizational barriers, simplifying processes

• Three Primary Functions:
  – Recreation
  – Conservation
  – Permitting

• Interior’s mission stays the same: Respecting and supporting Tribal sovereignty
Unified Regions

• Currently there are 9 bureaus in 61 regions

• Proposal to have 13 unified regions
  – Developed based on watersheds, and adjusted for State lines
  – Bureaus would share same regional boundaries
  – Provide better management on an ecosystem basis
    • Including wildlife corridors, watersheds, trail systems
  – Improve interagency coordination and customer service so all DOI executives in a region have shared frame of reference

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Unified Regions

- Allows for more field-based decisions and resources
  - District and agency offices remain in place
  - Coordination/consolidation of resource intensive functions (conservation and permitting)
    - Allows more resources at the agency level
    - Allows for return of authorities to district and agency level for more efficient delivery of services
Interior Regional Director (IRD)

- Interior Regional Director (IRD) for each region
  - Report directly to Deputy Secretary
    - Serve as coordinators who are project responsible
    - Focus on three primary functions
    - Potentially rotate every bureau regional director to serve as IRD
  - Core functions
    - Oversee the shared services for the region
    - Facilitate interagency conflict where multiple bureaus involved
    - Work with Bureau Regional Directors to facilitate problem-solving before elevating issue to Assistant Secretary level
Putting Constituents First

• Improve services for the American people
  – Reduce jurisdictional and organizational barriers, simplifying processes
    • E.g., make permitting and environmental review processes more efficient
  – Develop/expand recreational opportunities on public lands and waterways
    • Support businesses (e.g., outfitters, guides, lodging concessioners) that facilitate access to those lands
    • Support tribal businesses on and near other public lands
Written Comments & Next Steps

• Please submit any written input to consultation@bia.gov by August 15, 2018

• Next Steps:
  – Review Tribal input
  – “Pilot project” of shared services approach in Alaska
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For More Information:

- Department’s Website:  www.doi.gov/employees/reorg
- Indian Affairs Website:  www.bia.gov/as-ia/raca/doi-reorganization

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