



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, DC 20240

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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Department of the Interior is proposing to update its regulations at 25 CFR Part 2 and invites you to consult on its draft rule prior to publication.

The 25 CFR Part 2 regulations govern administrative appeals of decisions issued by Indian Affairs officials. This proposed rule aims to:

- Reflect changes in Indian Affairs organization that has occurred in the 30 years since the regulations were last updated;
- Clarify how to administratively appeal actions from each Indian Affairs official;
- Allow for more expedited reviews of requests to compel action by an Indian Affairs official; and
- Add provisions to allow for administrative appeals of Statements of Performance issued by the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration.

The draft text is provided as an attachment.

My colleagues and I look forward to speaking with you at one of the following consultation sessions.

Date	Time	Zoom Link/Register At
February 17, 2022	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time	Register in advance for this meeting: https://doitalent.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItcuisrTktHVSk1s0jP9hyMX4SdtmkSak
February 22, 2022	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time	Register in advance for this meeting: https://doitalent.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItcOqvjItEwolbCchRrYehp7kfjVpVBo

In addition to joining one of the consultation sessions listed above, please submit any written comments to consultation@bia.gov by March 24, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Joaquin Gallegos, Special Assistant, Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, at joaquin_gallegos@ios.doi.gov or 202-208-7163.

Sincerely,

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