



# United States Department of the Interior

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Dear Tribal Leader:

Over the past month, I have met with many of you to discuss whether, how, and to what extent Bureau of Indian Affairs functions could be included in the efforts to reorganize and modernize the Department of the Interior. At the request of several Tribes, I am adding sessions in the Great Plains and Northwest regions. Details on these sessions are provided here:

Date	Time (Local)	Location	Venue
Tuesday, August 21, 2018	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Rapid City, SD	Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center 2111 N LaCrosse Street Rapid City, SD 57701
Thursday, August 23, 2018	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Seattle, WA	Jackson Federal Building / South Auditorium 915 2nd Avenue Seattle, WA 98174*

\*Bring photo identification and arrive in time to go through security, as these are Federal facilities.

Please check the following website for conference room information and updates:

<https://www.bia.gov/as-ia/raca/doi-reorganization>

To accommodate these additional sessions, we are also extending the deadline for written comments to **August 31, 2018**. Please submit those comments by email to [consultation@bia.gov](mailto:consultation@bia.gov).

As I stated in my earlier letters, your input is critical to our efforts on how to implement the principles of efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability in a manner that substantially improves services to the Tribes and Tribal citizens across Indian Country. This is an opportunity to shape the Department for the next 100 years, to provide long-term, meaningful benefit for all, including Tribes and Indian Affairs.

I look forward to continuing our discussions on how the reorganization can provide a strong foundation for our future together.

Sincerely,

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