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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Providers Conference has been scheduled for December 3-5, 2019. The Department would like to take the opportunity, while so many of us will already be in one location, to host a consultation prior to the conference. Details on the session are provided below:

Monday, December 2, 2019  
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center  
600 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501  
K'enakatnu Room 6

This consultation will be focused on the Department's draft regulations to implement Section 1119 of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act, Public Law 116-9. Attached to this letter are the draft regulations on which the Department is seeking comments. This draft is certainly not final and should be considered as the starting point for discussion.

If you plan to attend this session, please let us know in advance by sending an RSVP to [consultation@bia.gov](mailto:consultation@bia.gov). Also, please regularly check the link "Alaska Native Vietnam War Era Veterans Land Allotment" on the following website for additional information and any changes:

<https://www.bia.gov/as-ia/raca/regulations-and-other-documents-in-development>.

If you would like to provide written input, please e-mail your comments to [consultation@bia.gov](mailto:consultation@bia.gov) by midnight Eastern Standard Time on December 20, 2019.

If you have any questions or would like any additional information on this effort, please feel free to contact Paul Krabacher, Bureau of Land Management Project Manager, at [pkrabach@blm.gov](mailto:pkrabach@blm.gov) or Jolene John, Tribal Operations Officer, at [jolene.john@bia.gov](mailto:jolene.john@bia.gov) or (907) 271-4043.

Sincerely,

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