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Dear Tribal Leader:

Thank you to those of you who have already provided input in response to my July 28, 2017, letter to Tribal leaders regarding revisions of the “Licensed Indian Traders” regulations, currently found at 25 CFR part 140. As several others of you have requested more time to gather and submit information, we have decided to extend the consultation period. The new deadline for submission of written input is now the close of business on **October 30, 2017**. The address for written input via email is [consultation@bia.gov](mailto:consultation@bia.gov). If you are unable to email, please mail to the address below for receipt by the deadline:

Attn: Revise Indian Trader Rule  
Office of Regulatory Affairs & Collaborative Action  
Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs  
1849 C Street NW, Mail Stop 4660-MIB  
Washington, DC 20240

We are also hosting additional consultations on this topic at upcoming events this fall. Below is a draft schedule for the dates and locations.

Monday, October 2, 2017	1:30 PM Local Time	Tulsa, OK	Native American Finance Officers Association 2017 Fall Finance & Tribal Economies Conference
Monday, October 16, 2017	9:00 AM Local Time	Milwaukee, WI	National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention
October 19-21, 2017 (TBD)	TBD	Anchorage, AK	Alaska Federation of Natives Annual Convention

As our schedule is still evolving, please periodically check the calendar on the Indian Trade and Commerce website for updates, found at:

<https://www.indianaffairs.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/ORM/25CFR140/index.htm>

As a reminder, we are particularly interested in the following in your comments:

1. Specific projects that your tribe or tribal organization cannot initiate or approve under existing regulatory requirements, but which you believe could move forward if new regulations gave tribes greater economic flexibility. For each project include:

- a) the industry sector;
  - b) details regarding Indian Country capital investment under the project;
  - c) details regarding the annual revenue associated with the project;
  - d) the number of jobs that could be created under the project; and
  - e) any specific impediment preventing forward progress on the project.
2. Any economic impact studies on the benefits of Indian Country economic development to surrounding communities.
  3. Specific treaty provisions that require the United States to protect tribal economic interests.

This economic data is needed to determine whether a revised 25 CFR Part 140 would contribute to economic stimulus, jobs, and prosperity to Indian Country and the rest of the Nation. Tribal participation is critical to this important effort.

I hope you are able to attend one of the sessions and welcome your written input.

Sincerely,



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