



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, DC 20240

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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Indian Trust Asset Reform Act, P.L. 114-178, was signed into law on June 22, 2016. Title II of the law authorized the Secretary of the Interior to establish and carry out an Indian trust asset management demonstration project for tribal forestry and surface leasing programs (Demonstration Project).

Given the expected tribal interest in participating in the Demonstration Project, the Department of the Interior will conduct the following tribal consultation sessions prior to establishing the Project and selecting participants:

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, February 27, 2018	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Local Time	Mystic Lake Casino Hotel 2400 Mystic Lake Boulevard Prior Lake, MN 55372
Thursday, March 1, 2018	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Local Time	Portland, OR – please check website below for venue.
Thursday, March 8, 2018	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time	Teleconference Call-in number: (888) 324-7176 Passcode: 3730875

For reference, we have included Title II of the law, as well as a potential draft format for a proposed Indian Trust Asset Management Plan. This information is also available at:

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

Once consultations have been completed and the Demonstration Project has been established, interested tribes may then submit their requests for participation in the Project.

We look forward to speaking with you to discuss how best to implement this important law. If you would like to provide written input, please email the input to consultation@bia.gov by midnight Eastern Time on March 15, 2018. For further information, please contact Mr. Douglas Lords, Deputy Bureau Director, Office of Trust Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, at (505) 563-3787 or douglas.lords@bia.gov.

Sincerely,

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