



United States Department of the Interior

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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Department of the Interior (Department) seeks Tribal and Indian artist input on draft revisions to 25 C.F.R. Chapter II (Indian Arts and Crafts Board). The draft revisions seek to modernize the Indian Arts and Crafts Act's regulations, which are implemented by the Indian Arts and Crafts Board (Board). The draft revisions bring a co-equal focus to promotional activities, expand the definition of *Indian Product*, allow for non-Indian labor to work on *Indian Products* in certain situations, and use a new certification trademark to certify that an item is an *Indian Product*.

Request for Tribal and Indian Artist Input on Draft Revisions

In addition to any comments on the enclosed draft revisions, we seek input on the following questions:

1. The draft revisions propose that additional items would be eligible to be marketed as an *Indian Product*. Do the revisions sufficiently account for the range of Indian art and crafts that Indian artists are presently creating?
2. Should Native Hawaiian Organizations be included in the definition of "Indian Tribe" for purposes of regulations implementing the Indian Arts and Crafts Act?
3. The draft revisions do not modify enforcement activities. Would additional enforcement tools, such as administrative forfeiture, provide confidence to Indian artists?

The Department will conduct one consultation session and five consultation-listening session hybrid meetings as listed below and will accept oral and written comments. Please note that the Tribal consultation will be closed to the press and the public to protect confidential information that may be discussed during the sessions. We look forward to speaking with you at one or more of the following sessions:

Date	Time	Location	Notes – Connectivity
Wednesday, April 5, 2023	3:00pm- 3:50pm PT	RES 2023 Emperors Ballroom II Caesars Palace Resort Las Vegas, NV 89109	Listening Session only Held in conjunction with Reservation Economic Summit 2023.
Thursday, April 27, 2023	2:00pm- 4:00pm MT	Bureau of Indian Affairs Southwest Regional Office Room 133 1001 Indian School Road, NW Albuquerque, NM 87104	Listening Session only. Held in conjunction with Gathering of Nations Pow-Wow 2023.
Wednesday, May 31, 2023	2:00pm- 4:00pm CT	U.S. Geological Survey Conference Room Oklahoma – Texas Walker Science Center Bldg #7 202 NW 66 th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73116	Opening with a closed Nation-to-Nation Tribal Consultation. At conclusion of Consultation, will proceed immediately to Listening Session open to all. Held in conjunction with Red Earth Festival 2023.

Friday, July 14, 2023	2:00pm- 4:00pm AT	Bureau of Land Management Fairbanks District Office Kobuk Conference Room 222 University Ave Fairbanks AK 99709	Opening with a closed Nation-to-Nation Tribal Consultation. At conclusion of Consultation, will proceed immediately to Listening Session open to all. Held in conjunction with World Eskimo Indian Olympics.
Wednesday, August 2, 2023	2:00pm- 4:00pm ET	Virtual on Zoom	Nation-to-Nation Tribal Consultation only. Please pre-register at https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItdu-vqjMuGUCgD4wX5kBhtZaWdcnGKZc
Friday, August 18, 2023	1:00pm- 4:00pm MT	IAIA Museum of Contemporary Native Arts Institute of American Indian Arts 108 Cathedral Place, Santa Fe, NM 87501	Opening with a closed Nation-to-Nation Tribal Consultation. At conclusion of Consultation, will proceed immediately to Listening Session open to all. Held in conjunction with 2023 Santa Fe Indian Market.

We also welcome your written comments, which should be submitted by email to consultation@bia.gov by 11:59pm ET on Friday, September 1, 2023.

If you have any questions regarding this effort, please contact Samuel Kohn, Senior Counselor to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, via email at samuel.kohn@bia.gov, or Rachel Brown, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary – Policy, Management and Budget via email at rachel_brown@ios.doi.gov.

We look forward to receiving your input on this matter.

Sincerely,



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