



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, DC 20240

10/9/2025

Dear Tribal Leader,

With the recent signing of Secretarial Order (SO) 3443, "*Elevating and Unifying the Department of the Interior's (DOI) Wildland Fire Management Program*," and Executive Order (EO) 14308, "*Empowering Commonsense Wildfire Prevention and Response*," the Department of the Interior is taking significant steps to streamline and strengthen its wildfire management capabilities. These initiatives aim to improve the Department's effectiveness in wildland fire response, while also promoting locally informed, technology-enabled strategies for land management and wildfire mitigation.

As outlined in SO 3443, the Department's Wildland Fire Management Program provides fire mitigation and response services across more than 500 million acres of public and Tribal lands. These lands are managed by:

- The Bureau of Indian Affairs
- The Bureau of Land Management
- The National Park Service
- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

As the Department plans for the most efficient and effective use of wildland fire offices, coordinating bodies, programs, budgets, procurement processes, and research, and, as necessary, recommends additional measures specific to servicing Tribes, it is critical to obtain the Tribal perspectives.

The Department will conduct two (2) in-person and two (2) virtual Tribal consultation sessions to accept oral and written comments. Please note the Tribal consultation sessions will be closed to the press and the public to protect any confidential information that may be discussed during formal consultation sessions.

We look forward to hearing from you at one or more of the following sessions:

CONSULTATION-VIRTUAL

Date: Monday, November 10, 2025
Type: Virtual
Session: 3:00-5:00 PM Eastern Time

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/t5cUYDZdRLqg0l5qs9vfjQ>

CONSULTATION-NEW MEXICO

Date: Thursday, November 13, 2025
Type: In-person
Session: 1:30-3:30 PM Mountain Time

Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute
Auditorium
9169 Coors Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87121

CONSULTATION-VIRTUAL

Date: Monday, November 17, 2025
Type: Virtual
Session: 3:00-5:00 PM Mountain Time

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/i5uVhsv5R5abkAkJ4SvclA>

CONSULTATION-WASHINGTON

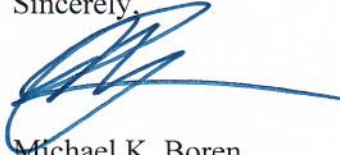
Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2025
Type: In-person
Session: 3:15 to 4:45 PM Pacific Time

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) 82nd Annual Convention
Seattle Convention Center, Arch Building
705 Pike Street
Seattle, WA 98101

We welcome your written comments, which must be submitted either by email to consultation@bia.gov, or by mail to the Department of the Interior, Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, 1001 Indian School Road NW, Suite 229, Albuquerque, NM 87104, by 11:59 pm ET on December 19, 2025.

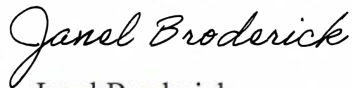
If you have any questions regarding the Tribal consultations, please contact Oliver Whaley, Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, by phone at (202) 738-6065 or by email at oliver.whaley@bia.gov.

Sincerely,



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Acting Assistant Secretary – Policy, Management and
Budget



Janel Broderick

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs,
Exercising the delegated authority of the Assistant
Secretary – Indian Affairs.

Enclosure: Secretarial Order N0. 3443 *“Elevating and Unifying the Department of the Interior’s (DOI) Wildland Fire Management Program”*