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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), 25 U.S.C. §§ 2701-2721, was signed into law on October 17, 1988. Section 11 of IGRA, 25 U.S.C. § 2710, contains provisions for the distribution of net gaming revenues which may be distributed in the form of per capita payments to members of an Indian tribe provided the Indian tribe has prepared a Plan to allocate revenues which is approved by the Secretary.

In accordance with Executive Order 13175, the Department of Interior, Office of Indian Gaming seeks to consult on the development of proposed regulations amending existing regulations in 25 CFR Part 290 which establish criteria for implementing Section 11 (b)(3)(B) of IGRA. The enclosed draft amendment to 25 CFR Part 290 modifies the procedures for submitting, reviewing, and approving tribal revenue allocation plans for allocating and distributing net gaming revenues.

As a result and in keeping with the policy commitment of the Department of the Interior on government-to-government consultation, we have conducted eight consultation sessions at the following locations on the following dates; New Mexico (10/30/07), (11/2/06) and (4/5/06); Florida (11/8/06); Michigan (10/26/06); Connecticut (3/30/06); California (4/18/06) and in Minnesota (4/20/06). The delay in conducting this last session was in part to address issues raised at those earlier sessions. We are providing you with a copy of the latest draft amendment highlighting in red the recommended changes that were suggested during the earlier consultation sessions. This draft can also be found under the Bureau of Indian Affairs, "What's Hot" at the DOI website [www.doi.gov](http://www.doi.gov). This consultation session will be held on November 6, 2008 from 9:00am-12:00 pm at the **Barona Valley Ranch Resort and Casino**, 1832 Wildcat Canyon Road, Lakeside, California 92040. Reservations for the Resort can be made at (619) 443-2300 or (800) 7-BARONA.

Comments may be mailed or hand delivered to the Office of Indian Gaming, 1849 C Street N.W., MS-3657-MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. If you need additional information regarding the consultation process, please contact the Office of Indian Gaming at 202-219-4066.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure