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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, DC 20240

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Dear Tribal Leader:

Since our last correspondence on this issue, we have been continuing to work on revisions to the leasing regulations at 25 CFR 162 to streamline and expedite residential, business, and wind and solar resource leasing. Much of our work has been focused on conducting an in-depth review of the insightful input that you and other Tribal leaders provided during our spring 2011 consultations. Having refined the regulations to incorporate your input, we are pleased to share with you the proposed rule.

The proposed rule, a response to Tribal comments document, and supplementary information are available for your review at:

<http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/Consultation/index.htm>.

For your convenience, we have also enclosed a supplement that provides an overview of the proposed rule.

We invite you and/or your leasing staff to consultation on this proposed rule. Please RSVP to consultation@bia.gov if you plan to attend any of the following consultation sessions:

CONSULTATION INFORMATION

PROPOSED RULE 25 CFR 162 (RESIDENTIAL, BUSINESS, WIND AND SOLAR ENERGY LEASING)

Date	Time	Location	Venue
January 10, 2012	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Seattle, Washington	The Arctic Club Seattle – Doubletree 700 3 rd Avenue Seattle, WA 98104 (206) 340-0340
January 12, 2012	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Palm Springs, California	Palm Springs Convention Center 277 N. Avenida Caballeros Palm Springs, CA 92262 (800) 333-7535
January 18, 2012	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Rapid City, South Dakota	Rushmore Plaza Civic Center 444 N. Mt. Rushmore Road Rapid City, SD (605) 394-4115

We also welcome written comments. As it remains our goal to have finalized these regulations by mid-2012, please provide us with any written comments no later than January 31, 2012, via email at consultation@bia.gov; or via mail to Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street NW, MS 4141-MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

We look forward to your input. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Bryan Newland, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, at (202) 208-7163. Thank you for your interest and participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Larry Echo Hawk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "E".

Larry Echo Hawk
Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs