§ 161.704  What can a permittee do if they receive a trespass notice?

The trespasser will, within the time frame specified in the notice:
(a) Comply with the ordered corrective actions; or
(b) Contact BIA in writing to explain why the trespass notice is in error. The trespasser may contact BIA by telephone but any explanation of trespass must be provided in writing. If BIA determines that a trespass notice was issued in error, the notice will be withdrawn.

§ 161.705  How long will a written trespass notice remain in effect?

A written trespass notice will remain in effect for the same action identified in that written notice for a period of one year from the date of receipt of the written notice by the trespasser.

§ 161.706  What actions does BIA take against trespassers?

If the trespasser fails to take the corrective action as specified, BIA may take one or more of the following actions, as appropriate:
(a) Seize, impound, sell or dispose of unauthorized livestock or other property involved in the trespass. BIA may keep the property seized for use as evidence.
(b) Assess penalties, damages, and costs under §161.712.

§ 161.707  When will BIA impound unauthorized livestock or other property?

BIA will impound unauthorized livestock or other property under the following conditions:
(a) Where there is imminent danger of severe injury to growing or harvestable crop or destruction of the range forage.
(b) When the known owner or the owner's representative of the unauthorized livestock or other property refuses to accept delivery of a written notice of trespass and the unauthorized livestock or other property are not removed within the period prescribed in the written notice.
(c) Any time after 5 days of providing notice of impoundment if the trespasser failed to correct the trespass.

§ 161.708  How are trespassers notified of impoundments?

(a) If the trespass is not corrected in the time specified in the initial trespass notice, BIA will send written notice of its intent to impound unauthorized livestock or other property to:
(1) The unauthorized livestock or property owner or representative; and
(2) Any known lien holder of the unauthorized livestock or other property.
(b) If BIA determines that the owner of the unauthorized livestock or other property or the owner's representative is unknown or refuses delivery of the written notice, a public notice of intent to impound will be posted at the tribal community building, U.S. Post Office, and published in the local newspaper nearest to the Indian agricultural lands where the trespass is occurring.
(c) After BIA has given notice as described in §161.707, unauthorized livestock or other property will be impounded without any further notice.

§ 161.709  What happens after unauthorized livestock or other property are impounded?

Following the impoundment of unauthorized livestock or other property,