II. Current Status of Participating Tribes

- 477 Programs to be integrated
- Plan Approval/Denials
- Waiver Approval/Denials
- Funds Transfer
- Annual Reports
- 477 Tribal Recognition

III. Miscellaneous

- Financial Assistance for 477 Tribes to develop a database
- Expansion of Tribal Programs
- Establish 2022 Annual Meeting of participating Tribes and Federal agencies
- To join the meeting, use MS TEAMs video or call in by phone:

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Call in (audio only): (202) 640–1187
Phone Conference Id: 635973133#

Background


Annual Meeting

As DOI is the lead agency responsible for implementing of PL 477, the BIA, as delegated by the Secretary of the Interior, announces the annual meeting of participating Tribes and Federal agencies. As directed by statute, the meeting will be co-chaired by the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Bryan Newland, and the 477 Tribal Workgroup Committee Chair, Margaret Zientek. 25 U.S.C. 3410a(3)(B)(i).

The agenda will include:

1. Discussion on Public Law 102–477, as amended
   - Status of Memorandum of Agreement
   - Recommendation for Changes/Improvements/Areas to be addressed

II. Current Status of Participating Tribes

- Protection and Restoration of Tribal Homelands

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Protection and Tribal Restoration

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Tribal consultation sessions.

SUMMARY: The Department invites representatives of federally recognized Tribes to consult on several topics related to the protection and restoration of Tribal homelands, including but not limited to: the land-into-trust process, leasing and rights-of-way, and sacred sites and treaty rights.

DATES: Please see the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice for dates of the sessions. Tribes are also invited to submit written input by 11:59 p.m. ET, Friday, November 5, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Please see the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice for links to register for each of the sessions. Tribes are also invited to submit written input to consultation@bia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Appel, Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs & Collaborative Action—Indian Affairs, (202) 273–4680, or elizabeth.appel@bia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Background

Protecting and restoring Tribal homelands is a key priority of the Department. While the importance of Tribal homelands undoubtedly touches upon many facets critical to Tribal sovereignty and self-determination, the consultation will focus on three specific topics: The land-into-trust process;
leasing and rights-of-way; and sacred sites and treaty rights. As a starting point to facilitate discussion, the Department poses the questions stated below and organized by topic. The Department also welcomes additional comments and suggestions from Tribes beyond the questions listed.

A. Land-Into-Trust Process

1. Does the Department’s land-into-trust process adequately allow Tribes to consolidate landholdings in or near existing reservations?
2. Does the Department’s land-into-trust process adequately allow Tribes to establish homelands for landless Tribes?
3. How can the Department improve its land-into-trust process to facilitate protection of sacred sites, conservation, and the exercise of civil and criminal jurisdiction?
4. For Tribes in Alaska, how should the Department approach the land-into-trust process to adequately account for factors that are unique to Alaska?

B. Leasing and Rights-of-Way

5. Are the Department’s existing regulations governing agricultural leasing on Indian lands adequate to protect the interests of Tribes and Indian landowners?
6. Are any changes needed to the Department’s leasing and rights-of-way procedures to clarify taxing jurisdiction in Indian country and to promote economic development in Indian country?

C. Sacred Sites and Treaty Rights

7. What steps can the Department take to ensure that Tribes have the ability to protect their sacred places and access those sites to exercise religious rights?
8. What steps can the Department take to protect the exercise of off-reservation treaty rights, including habitat for treaty resources?
9. What actions can the Department take in relation to other agencies to ensure the protection of sacred sites and treaty rights?

D. Overall

10. What is the most pressing need for protection and restoration of Tribal homelands that the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs can help address?

Tribal Consultation Sessions

To best accommodate Tribes’ locations and ensure everyone’s safety, we will be holding virtual sessions scheduled by time zone. Any Tribal leader unable to make the session reserved for the time zone in which his or her Tribe is located is welcome to join an alternate session.

- For Tribes in the Alaska Time Zone:
  - Monday, October 18, 2021
  - 10 a.m.–12 p.m. ADT
  - Please register in advance at: https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJtc-yopioqHFyhm7shlc8K5hb8oa0F7B4
- For Tribes in the Eastern and Central Time Zones:
  - Thursday, October 21, 2021
  - 2 p.m.–4 p.m. EDT/1 p.m.–3 p.m. CDT
  - Please register in advance at: https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJscO6hpzwoHvTxxS4siXAZjsSB5zixZRI
- For Tribes in the Mountain Daylight Time Zone:
  - Monday, October 25, 2021
  - 1 p.m.–3 p.m. MDT
  - Please register in advance at: https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJslsduuqqsH74Mwj4pzw9uaCJVD_Uu_Y
- For Tribes in the Pacific and Mountain Standard Time Zones:
  - Tuesday, October 26, 2021
  - 10 a.m.–12 p.m. PDT
  - Please register in advance at: https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJtd-qvT4tRgGvJ9wUWuOfds41BDPMyc

Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management
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Filing of Plats of Survey: Oregon/Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of official filing.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Oregon/Washington State Office, Portland, Oregon, 30 calendar days from the date of this publication.

DATES: Protests must be received by the BLM prior to the scheduled date of official filing, October 15, 2021.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the plats may be obtained from the Public Room at the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon/Washington State Office, 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204, upon required payment. The plats may be viewed at this location at no cost.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Hartel, Chief Cadastral Surveyor of Oregon/Washington; telephone: (503) 808–6131; email: mhartel@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 to contact Ms. Hartel during normal business hours. The service is available 24 hours a day; 7 days a week, to leave a message or question. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

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