



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, DC 20240

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Dear Tribal Leader:

As part of our efforts to better support economic development in Indian Country, the Department of the Interior (Department) is proposing to update the rights-of-way regulations at 25 CFR 169. In December 2012, the Department issued final regulations comprehensively reforming residential and business leasing on Indian land and streamlining the leasing process. To complement that reform, we are now proposing updates to the rights-of-way regulations that will mirror the leasing revisions to the extent applicable in the rights-of-way context.

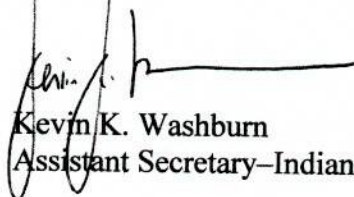
The proposed rights-of-way rule and additional information about the rule are available at the rights-of-way link on: <http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/ORM/index.htm>. We invite you and your staff to the following consultation sessions on this rule:

Date	Time	Location	Venue
Tuesday, August 5, 2014	8 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Local time)	Bismarck, North Dakota	Bismarck Civic Center Prairie Rose Room 101 315 S. 5 th Street Bismarck, ND 58504
Wednesday, August 6, 2014	1 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Local time)	Scottsdale, Arizona	Talking Stick Resort 9800 E. Indian Bend Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256
Thursday, August 7, 2014	1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Eastern Time	Teleconference	Call-in number: (888) 989-7589 Passcode: 208-1244

We also welcome written comments by August 18, 2014, via email at consultation@bia.gov or via mail to, Ms. Elizabeth Appel, Office of Regulatory Affairs & Collaborative Action, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, MS-3071-MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240.

We look forward to your input. Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Appel at (202) 273-4680 or elizabeth.appel@bia.gov. Thank you for your interest and participation.

Sincerely,



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