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Wayne Smith to appear on *Native America Calling* on October 25 for discussion on Federal Acknowledgment Process

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – Interior Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Wayne R. Smith will be a guest speaker this Thursday, October 25, on *Native America Calling*, the national public affairs and news radio call-in program of the Koahnic Broadcast Corporation. He will address the Bureau of Indian Affairs' role in the Federal Acknowledgment Process. The program will air live starting at 1:00 p.m. (ET).

Smith, who is Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux, was appointed by Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Neal McCaleb to serve as his chief of staff. In addition to overseeing the Assistant Secretary's office, Smith is also responsible for gaming, land-into-trust and acknowledgment matters.

WHO: U.S. Department of the Interior Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Wayne R. Smith.

WHAT: *Native America Calling*, a national call-in radio program covering news and events affecting Indian Country.

WHEN: 1:00 p.m. (ET), Thursday, October 25, 2001.

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