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CHANGES PROPOSED IN RIGHTS-OF-WAY OVER INDIAN LANDS

The Department of the Interior announced today a proposed revision of that part of the Code of Federal Regulations governing the process for obtaining rights-of-way over Indian lands.

The most important change would be the substitution of the methods of conveyance used in the commercial world -- recordable deeds -- for the archaic practice of granting rights-of-way by endorsing approval on a plat or map of definite location.

The revision would also realign the material in the code into a more logical sequence and would delete material which is advisory rather than regulatory in nature.

Finally, the revision would set forth additional material to present a more complete description of the authorities of law which apply to this section of the regulations.

A notice of intention to adopt the amended regulations was published in the "Federal Register" on April 4, 1967. Suggested changes and comments should be forwarded to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20242, within thirty days of that date.

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