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Dear Tribal Leader:

On December 6, 2017, I sent you a letter with ten questions intended to spark discussion on potential improvements to the fee-to-trust regulations at 25 CFR Part 151. Since that time, the Department of the Interior has held several consultation sessions across the country on this topic. However, several Tribal leaders have requested an additional session be held in the Great Plains Region. In response to those requests, I am pleased to announce that the following consultation session will be held:

Thursday, May 31, 2018 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Local Time Best Western Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center 2111 N. LaCrosse Rapid City, SD 57701 Room: Lincoln Room

Please RSVP to consultation@bia.gov if you wish to attend this session.

If you would like any additional information on this effort, you may contact Ms. Elizabeth Appel at (202) 273-4680 or please feel free to visit the following website:

https://www.indianaffairs.gov/as-ia/raca/regulations-development-andor-under-review/fee-trust-regulations-25-cfr-151

If you prefer to submit written input, please do so to <u>consultation@bia.gov</u>. The deadline for receipt of written input is midnight Eastern Time **June 30, 2018**.

I look forward to seeing you in Rapid City.

Sincerely,

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