

Attachment 1 - Tribal Template Letter

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) provides stewardship on approximately 245 million acres of public lands. An important part of the BLM's management of public lands is to outline appropriate uses across the landscape through its land use planning process. A key component of developing land use plans is to identify and consider Tribal concerns through government-to-government consultation with tribal governments. The BLM is currently in the process of revising the regulations and policies that govern how land use plans are developed, and I formally invite you to engage with us in government-to-government consultation.

Over the last two years, the BLM has taken a critical look at how its planning process is conducted and is continually working to improve the overall process. To this end, BLM has undertaken a program referred to as "Planning 2.0" which involves changes to our land use planning regulations (43 CFR 1601 and 1610) and related policies, such as the BLM Land Use Planning Handbook (H-1601-1). More information on "Planning 2.0" can be found at: www.blm.gov/plan2.

The BLM has developed proposed changes to the land use planning regulations, which were published in the Federal Register on February 25, 2016. The notice, titled *Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 43 CFR Part 1600, Resource Management Planning; Proposed Rules*, is accessible at <http://tinyurl.com/jrezgfw>. Please find enclosed a brief fact sheet with more details on proposed changes and a copy of the proposed rule. The proposed changes to our planning regulations will not change the BLM's obligation to engage with Tribes in government-to-government consultation during development of land use plans.

Tribal participation is a vital part of finalizing these regulations. The BLM invites comments and advice regarding any Tribal concerns that the proposed regulatory changes may raise. To facilitate meaningful dialogue, the BLM extends an offer to meet with you in-person to discuss the proposed regulatory changes, or any other issues or concerns.

Should you have any questions or wish to formally consult please contact [insert name and contact information of coordinator] regarding the Planning 2.0 effort. The BLM would like to receive input by [insert date]. Thank you in advance for your interest and participation in government-to-government consultation.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

- (1) Fact Sheet
- (2) Proposed Rule