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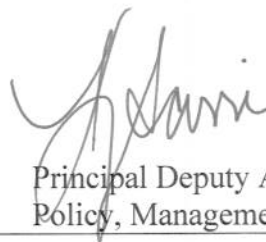
PART 512 DM 4 and 5	SUBJECT INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS American Indian and Alaska Native Programs Consultation Policy and Procedures	RELEASE NUMBER 3993 3994
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EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL TRANSMITTED:

This Departmental Manual Release includes two new chapters that provide updated Departmental policy (512 DM 4 - Department of the Interior Policy on Consultation with Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations) and procedures (512 DM 5 - Procedures for Consultation with Indian Tribes) for consultation with Indian Tribes.

The updated policy incorporates the policy and procedures that were issued in Secretary's Order 3317 Department of the Interior Policy on Consultation with Indian Tribes, dated, December 1, 2011, and its amendments. Updates to the Department's policy and procedures include:

- Strengthening the Department's commitment to consultation and requiring bureaus and offices to demonstrate a meaningful commitment to the process.
- Establishing a Joint Federal Tribal Team to identify priorities for improving the Department's consultation practices.
- Designating a Senior Official to serve as the Department's Tribal Governance Officer with responsibility for overseeing activities of the Joint Federal Tribal Team.
- Requiring the establishment of a single Departmental process to manage and maintain a contact list for all tribes and Alaska Native Corporation Settlement Act Corporations that are eligible for Federal Consultation.
- Establishing a deadline for submitting the Annual Report.
- Clarifying the notification requirements and procedures for engaging in consultations.



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FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

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None

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512 DM 4 (New)
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512 DM 5 (New)
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