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Dear USET SPF Membership,

On February 11, 2021 the Department of the Interior (DOI) issued a [Press Release](#) [link] announcing Tribal Consultations with Tribal Nations in each Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Region to improve DOI's Tribal Consultation Policy. This action is in response to President Biden's January 26, 2021, "[Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships](#)" [link].

A separate [Dear Tribal Leader Letter](#) [link] was also sent on February 11, 2021, which detailed call-in information for each BIA Region. The Tribal Consultation scheduled for the BIA Eastern, Eastern Oklahoma, and Southern Plains Regions is included below—

- Date/Time: **Wednesday, March 10, 2021 from 10:00am – 1:00pm ET.**
- Call-in Number: (877) 601-4492
- Passcode: 3173996

DOI has also shared a [Framing Paper](#) [link] to highlight specific topics and questions for the upcoming consultation. The deadline to submit written comments on this Tribal Consultation is **March 19, 2021 at 12:00pm ET**. Comments can be submitted to consultation@bia.gov [link].

Questions regarding this Tribal Consultation can be sent to Elizabeth Appel, Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs & Collaborative Action at elizabeth.appel@bia.gov [link] or (202) 738-6065.

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