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U.S. Department of Agriculture Announces Upcoming Virtual Tribal Consultations on Two Separate Executive Actions

Dear USET SPF Membership,

On February 5, 2021 the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued a [Dear Tribal Leader Letter](#) [link] announcing two upcoming virtual Tribal Consultations. These Tribal Consultations will focus on the following executive actions recently issued by President Biden—

- 1) [“Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships”](#) [link], issued January 26, 2021.
- 2) [“Executive Order on Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government”](#) [link], issued January 20, 2021.

While there are two Tribal Consultations scheduled, each consultation will cover the same topics and follow the same format to offer Tribal Leaders flexibility in their schedules. The following dates and times of these Tribal Consultations are as follows—

Tribal Consultation 1

- **Tuesday, March 9, 2021, beginning at 11:30am ET**
Agenda—
11:30 am ET: USDA Introduction
12:00 – 2:00 pm ET: Tribal Caucus*
2:00 – 5:00 pm ET: Tribal Consultation

Tribal Consultation 2

- **Thursday, March 11, 2021, beginning at 11:30am ET**

Agenda—

11:30 am ET: USDA Introduction

12:00 – 2:00 pm ET: Tribal Caucus*

2:00 – 5:00 pm ET: Tribal Consultation

Registration for these Tribal Consultations is open until **Friday, March 5, 2021**. To register please send the following information to Tribal.Relations@usda.gov [link]—

- Name
- Tribal Nation/Tribal Organization
- Consulting Official (Y/N)?
- Email Address
- Phone Number
- Topics to Flag for Consultation

For information on designating a proxy for these Tribal Consultations please view the Dear Tribal Leader Letter linked at the beginning of this Alert.

*USDA has stated that the two-hour “Tribal Caucus” portions of each Tribal Consultation will not be attended by USDA staff. Rather, this time is designated strictly for Tribal Leaders and Tribal organizations to have discussions amongst themselves. The National Congress of American Indians, Intertribal Agricultural Council, and Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative will be hosting the Tribal Caucus portion of these Tribal Consultations.

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