

Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council

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February 6, 2024

VIA EMAIL

SUBJECT: Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council (Permitting Council) Hosting Tribal Consultation on the Draft Federal Council Tribal Consultation Policy and Plan

Dear Honorable Tribal Leader,

The Permitting Council is initiating consultation with federally-recognized Indian Tribes on the Permitting Council's Draft Tribal Consultation Policy and Plan. The Permitting Council is responsible for implementing Executive Order (E.O.) 13175, "Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments." The enclosed draft Tribal Consultation Policy and Plan implements E.O. 13175. Accordingly, the Permitting Council affirms and respects Tribal sovereignty and the unique Nation-to-Nation relationship between federal agencies and federally-recognized Tribes. The Permitting Council is committed to fulfilling its Federal trust and treaty responsibilities to Tribes guided by regular, meaningful, and robust consultation with Tribes.

Registration

The consultation on the Permitting Council's Tribal Consultation Policy and Plan will be held virtually on the date below. Registration is required to participate in the consultation.

- March 7, 2024 from 2:30-4:30 pm ET
 - Click here to register.

Written Comment

The Permitting Council encourages Tribal leaders or their designees to submit written comments to <u>fast.fortyone@fpisc.gov</u> by April 7, 2024. Please let us know if you would like to request an extension.

Questions

Please contact PoQueen Rivera, Director of Tribal Affairs, at <u>poqueen.rivera@fpisc.gov</u> if you have any questions.

The Permitting Council welcomes individual consultations with Tribes and encourages Tribal leaders to request coordination or official Tribal consultation meetings with Permitting Council leadership as necessary. Building the Nation-to-Nation relationships is a priority for the Permitting Council. Thank you for your time considering this invitation. On behalf of the Permitting Council, we look forward to consulting with you on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Eric Beightel

Executive Director

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Attachments:

- 1. Consultation Framing Paper
- 2. Draft Permitting Council Consultation Policy and Plan