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USET Resolution No. 2009:056

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR 2010–2015
STRATEGIC PLAN REVISION COMMENT PERIOD**

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-five (25) federally recognized Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Board of Directors are working for the best interest of their Tribal Governments, and their citizens, to protect, promote, and enhance opportunities for their people; and
- WHEREAS,** on September 11, 2009 the Department of Interior (DOI) published in the Federal Register a "Request for Comments on the Strategic Plan Framework as Input for Revision and Updating of the Departmental Strategic Plan;" and
- WHEREAS,** the comment period ended on November 10, 2009; and
- WHEREAS,** we recognize the proposed DOI Strategic Plan does not address the priority needs of the USET member Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** we, the USET member Tribes, believe that it is extremely important that we provide our perspective during the strategic plan revision process; and
- WHEREAS,** we, the USET member Tribes, believe that true government-to-government relations must take into consideration the internal process of our governments to enable us to provide meaningful input; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors requests an extension of the comment period for the proposed Department of Interior Strategic Plan revision; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors requests the comment period deadline be extended from November 10, 2009 to April 1, 2010 to enable us to provide meaningful input that will represent the priority needs of each member Tribe.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Hollywood, FL, on Thursday, October 29, 2009.

Brian Patterson, President
United South and Eastern Tribe, Inc.

Robert McGhee, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.