DHHS via facsimile to 202–272–0997 or via e-mail at rfs regs@dhs.gov. When submitting comments by e-mail please add the OMB Control Number 1615–0100 in the subject box.

Note: The address listed in this notice should only be used to submit comments concerning this information collection. Please do not submit requests for individual case status inquiries to this address. If you are seeking information about the status of your individual case, please check “My Case Status,” online at: https://egov.uscis.gov/cris/Dashboard.do, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1–800–375–5283.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

1. Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

1. Type of Information Collection: Extension of an existing information collection.
2. Title of the Form/Collection: Request for the Return of Original Documents.
4. Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals or households. The information will be used by USCIS to determine whether a person is eligible to obtain original document(s) contained in an alien file.
5. An estimate of the total annual number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 7,500 annual responses at 30 minutes (0.50 hours) per response.
6. An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 3,750 annual burden hours.

If you need a copy of the information collection instrument, please visit the Web site at: http://www.regulations.gov/. We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Regulatory Products Division, Office of the Executive Secretariat, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20529–2020, Telephone number 202–272–8377.

Dated: May 11, 2011.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Office of the Secretary
Wildland Fire Executive Council Meeting Schedule

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Wildland Fire Executive Council (WFEC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meetings will be held on the first and third Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Eastern Time as follows: June 3, 2011; June 17, 2011; July 1, 2011; July 15, 2011; August 5, 2011; August 19, 2011; September 2, 2011; September 16, 2011; October 7, 2011; October 21, 2011; November 4, 2011; November 18, 2011; December 2, 2011; December 16, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Eastern Time in the McArdle Room (First Floor Conference Room) in the Yates Federal Building, USDA Forest Service Headquarters, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Johnson, Designated Federal Officer, 300 E Mallard Drive, Suite 170, Boise, Idaho 83706; telephone (208) 334–1550; fax (208) 334–1549; or e-mail Roy_Johnson@ios.doi.gov.


The purpose of the WFEC is to provide advice on coordinated national-level wildland fire policy and to provide leadership, direction, and program oversight in support of the Wildland Fire Leadership Council. Questions related to the WFEC should be directed to Roy Johnson (Designated Federal Officer) at Roy.Johnson@ios.doi.gov or (208) 334–1550 or 300 E. Mallard Drive, Suite 170, Boise, Idaho 83706–6648.

Meeting Agenda: The meeting agenda will include: (1) Welcome and introduction of Council members; (2) Overview of prior meeting and action tracking; (3) Members’ round robin to share information and identify key issues to be addressed; (4) Wildland Fire Management Cohesive Strategy; (5) Wildland Fire Issues; (6) Council Members’ review and discussion of subcommittee activities; (7) Future Council activities; (8) Public comments; and (9) closing remarks. Participation is open to the public.

Public Input: All WFEC meetings are open to the public. Members of the public who wish to participate must notify Shari Shetler at Shari_Shetler@ios.doi.gov no later than the Friday preceding the meeting. Those who are not committee members and wish to present oral statements or obtain information should contact Shari Shetler via e-mail no later than the Friday preceding the meeting. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited.

Questions about the agenda or written comments may be e-mailed or submitted by U.S. Mail to: Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Office of Wildland Fire, Attention: Shari Shetler, 300 E. Mallard Drive, Suite 170, Boise, Idaho 83706–6648. WFEC requests that written comments be received by the Friday preceding the scheduled meeting. Attendance is open to the public, but limited space is available. Persons with a disability...
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Office of the Secretary

Policy on Consultation With Indian Tribes

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed policy: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior seeks comments on a proposed policy on consultation with Indian tribes. This policy would establish standards for improved consultation with Indian Tribes to the extent that a conflict does not exist with laws or regulations. It would apply to any Department action that affects Indian tribes and would require that the Department’s government-to-government consultation involve appropriate Tribal and Departmental officials.

DATES: We will consider all comments received by July 18, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments by e-mail to consultation@doi.gov or by U.S. mail to: Consultation Policy Comments, Department of the Interior, Room 5129 MB, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kallie Hanley, Office of the Secretary, 202–208–5397 or kallie_hanley@ios.doi.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Department of the Interior proposed policy on consultation with tribes is set forth below.

Department of the Interior Policy on Consultation With Indian Tribes

I. Preamble

The obligation for Federal agencies to engage with Indian Tribes on a government-to-government basis is based on the U.S. Constitution, treaties, statutes, executive orders, and policies. Federal agencies meet that obligation through consultation with Indian Tribes. The Department of the Interior is committed to fulfilling its Tribal consultation obligations—whether directed by statute or administrative action such as Executive Order (EO) 13175 (Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments) or other applicable Secretarial Orders or policies—by adhering to the framework described in this Policy. This Policy reflects the Department’s highest commitment to the principles embodied in this Policy and the Secretary’s support of Tribal sovereignty.

The Department’s Bureaus and Offices shall review their existing practices and revise them as needed to comply with the Department’s Policy as described in this document. All Bureaus and Offices will report to the Secretary’s designee on their efforts to comply with this Policy and as described in a companion Secretarial Order.

II. Guiding Principles

This Policy broadly defines provisions for improving the Department’s consultation processes with Indian Tribes to the extent that a conflict does not exist with applicable law or regulations. The Department recognizes and respects the distinct, unique, and individual cultural traditions and values of each Tribe. This Policy requires that the Department’s government-to-government consultation involve the appropriate Tribal Officials and appropriate Departmental officials. The appropriate Departmental officials are knowledgeable about the matters at hand, are authorized to speak for Interior, and have delegated authority in the disposition and implementation of an action. The appropriate Departmental official will have an obligation to identify consulting parties early in the planning process and allow a reasonable opportunity for Indian Tribes to respond and participate as described in Section VII. Department officials will make the effort to fully participate in the consultation process, ensure continuity, and demonstrate commitment to the process. Communication will be open and transparent without compromising the rights of federally recognized Indian Tribes and the government-to-government consultation process.

Consultation is a deliberative process that aims to create effective collaboration and informed Federal decision-making where all parties share a goal of reaching a decision together and it creates an opportunity for equal input from all affected tribal governments. Consultation promotes an enhanced form of communication that emphasizes trust, respect, and shared responsibility and should be an open and free exchange of information. Federal officials have the meaningful, effective, and conducted in good faith makes the Department’s operation and governance practices more efficient. To that end, Bureaus or Offices will seek and promote cooperation and participation between agencies with overlapping jurisdiction, special expertise, or related responsibilities regarding a Departmental Action with Tribal Implications. Efficiencies that derive from including Indian Tribes in all stages of the Tribal consultation process and decision-making process help to ensure that future Federal action is achievable, comprehensive, long-lasting, and reflective of Tribal input.

The United States has a long-standing and inter-governmental relationship with Indian Tribes. Appropriate consultation practices will honor the government-to-government relationship between Indian Tribes and the United States; and will comply with the Presidential Memorandum of November 5, 2009 that affirms this relationship and obligates the Department of the Interior to meet the spirit and intent of EO 13175.

The Policy creates a framework for synchronizing the Department’s consultation practices with its Bureaus and Offices.

III. Definitions

Bureau or Office—As defined in the Department of the Interior Manual.

Collaboration—The Department of the Interior working jointly with Indian Tribes to develop and implement positive solutions on Departmental Action with Tribal Implications.

Consultation Policies—Those institutionalized policies established to comply with the procedures described in Section VII of this document.

Departmental Action With Tribal Implications—Any Departmental regulation, rulemaking, policy, guidance, legislative proposal, grant funding formula changes, or operational activity that may have a substantial direct effect on an Indian Tribe, including but not limited to:

1. Tribal cultural practices, lands, resources, or access to traditional areas of cultural or religious importance on Federally managed lands.
2. The ability of an Indian Tribe to govern or provide services to its members; an Indian Tribe’s relationship with the Department; or
3. The distribution of responsibilities between the Department and Indian Tribes.

This term does not include matters that are the subject of litigation or in settlement negotiations, or matters undertaken in accordance with an administrative or judicial order where the Department has no discretion with respect to consultation.