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Dear Corporation Leader:

On behalf of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), I would like to invite you to participate in consultation as the BLM undertakes five rulemakings that are included in President Biden's Spring 2021 Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions (Agenda). On June 11, 2021, the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs released the Agenda, which reports on the near- and long-term regulatory actions that the administrative agencies plan to take and provides important public notice and transparency about proposed regulatory and deregulatory actions within the Executive Branch. I formally invite you to engage with us in consultation(s) regarding any of the proposed rules in the BLM Proposed Rules Summary (enclosed) so we may be aware and take into consideration your views and possible impacts that may substantially affect ANCSA Corporation land, water areas, or resources.

This letter serves to provide notification and offers an invitation to your corporation to enter consultation pursuant to the Department of the Interior Policy on Consultation with Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Corporations of August 10, 2012, and other applicable laws, regulations, and policies. If you would like to schedule a consultation meeting on any of these proposed rules, please contact Thomas Heinlein, Acting State Director, at 907-271-5080 or theinlei@blm.gov, at your earliest convenience, and specify which rule(s) you would like to discuss. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic concerns, any meeting could likely be conducted via teleconference. However, we may be able to arrange an in-person meeting, if requested, depending on guidance from public health authorities. You may also provide to us, in writing, any comments or concerns you have relating to any or all the proposed rules.

As evidenced in the enclosure, the BLM intends to publish proposed rules for some of these rulemakings in a relatively short period of time. To maximize your opportunity to influence these rulemakings, I recommend you notify the BLM as soon as possible if you determine you would like to engage in consultations regarding any of these rulemakings. Of course, the opportunity for consultations will remain open for the duration of each rulemaking, and the BLM will welcome your comments on these rulemakings at any time before the final rules are issued.

A top priority for the Department of the Interior and the BLM is to ensure that future Federal action is achievable, comprehensive, long-lasting, and where it has potential to affect ANCSA corporations as adjacent landowners, reflective of ANCSA Corporation input. We appreciate your interest and look forward to continued discussions.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Heinlein Acting State Director

Enclosure