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Good morning
Please find attached Indian Affairs' weekly report for June 28 July 7, 2017.

Thank you!
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**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY–INDIAN AFFAIRS
AND THE BUREAUS OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND INDIAN EDUCATION
June 28, 2017 – July 7, 2017**

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel

On June 28, there will be a Senate Committee on Indian Affairs roundtable discussion on broadband access in Indian Country. Minority staff seeks a DOI-Indian Affairs representative to discuss the need and challenges of accessing broadband in Indian Country and BIE schools.

On July 7, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will hold a field hearing in Santa Fe, New Mexico on Native American Art and Crafts authentic crafts and fraudulent crafts.

Week Ahead Announcements and Actions

June 30 will be the last day for Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Management – Indian Affairs James Burckman.

30-60 Day Look-Ahead

July 10 is the new deadline for public comments for the Bears Ears National Monument, and the deadline for comments on all other monument designations under review.

On July 12, a Senate Committee on Indian Affairs hearing on S.943, Johnson-O'Malley Supplemental Indian Education Program Modernization Act is scheduled. An invitation for a Departmental witness is expected.

July 15 is the deadline for comments on E.O 13871, how Interior and the Federal government can be reorganized.

On July 19, a Senate Committee on Indian Affairs hearing oversight hearing on Indian Gaming is scheduled.

On July 19-20, the Self-Governance Advisory Committee quarterly meeting will place at the Embassy Suites DC Convention Center, 900 10th St NW, Washington, DC 20001. The Acting Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs is invited to attend on Thursday, July 20.

On July 24, the Department's Office of Policy Analysis will hold an Indian Economic Development Data workshop preceding the Tribal-Interior Budget Council meeting, at the Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort, 22181 Resort Blvd., Flagstaff, AZ.

On July 25-27, The Tribal-Interior Budget Council (TIBC) will meet at the Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort, 22181 Resort Blvd., Flagstaff, AZ.

On July 26, a Senate Committee on Indian Affairs oversight hearing on "Human Trafficking" is scheduled.

August 12 is the deadline for proposals from Tribes for the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development's (IEED's) FY 2017 Native American Business Development Institute (NABDI) economic development feasibility study grant program. This grant program has, among other successes, enabled the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to build an industrial park and restore a 66-mile rail line that opens an east-west connection to four major north-south rail corridors for regional commerce.

Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues

Regulations Ready for OS Review

- None at this time.

Regulations Pending Departmental Review, Then Ready for AS-IA Signature

- **Proposed rules pending publication:**
 - **Indian Electric Power Utilities (25 CFR 175):** This proposed rule would not make any substantive changes to the regulations, but would revise the regulations to be in plain language. The regulations affect only a limited number of Tribes because there are only three BIA electric power utilities: Colorado River (serving the Colorado River Indian Tribes Reservation), Mission Valley Power (serving the Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Flathead Indian Reservation), and San Carlos Irrigation Project (serving Gila River Indian Community).
 - *Status:* The proposed rule will be presented to the AS-IA transition contact in preparation for AS-IA signature.

Upcoming FACA Committee Notices

- **BIE Negotiated Rulemaking on Accountability (25 CFR 30):** The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires BIE to use a negotiated rulemaking process to develop regulations for implementation no later than the 2017-2018 academic year and to define the standards, assessments, and accountability system consistent with Section 1111 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) for the schools funded by BIE on a national, regional, or tribal basis.
 - *Status:* [No Change] BIE is preparing a new notice of intent to establish the committee and solicitation for membership.