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Dear Tribal Leader and Alaska Corporation President:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service invites you to consult on proposed directive changes that amend Forest Service Manual 1820 in response to legislative amendments to the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993. Tribes may be interested in these revisions because they support community and national service, work experience, and training for low-income, unemployed, underemployed, or underrepresented persons, including veterans, who may be interested in pursuing careers related to natural and cultural resources or conservation stewardship. The proposed revisions impact Tribes' ability to fully participate in the Public Lands Corps and Resource Assistants Program and promote workforce development for tribal members.

The proposed directive is scheduled to be published in the Federal Register December 2020. Attached for reference is the "FS National Policy Summary Analysis: A Roadmap for Tribes." The proposed directive and supporting information can be accessed at <https://www.fs.fed.us/spf/tribalrelations/nationalconsultation.shtml>.

Tribal Consultation will help inform the development of the final policy. Your feedback must be received within 120 days of your receipt of this correspondence.

The Forest Service offers several options for consultation:

- Face-to-face with the local consulting official (District Ranger or Forest Supervisor), when following state and local pandemic guidelines.
- Virtual with the local consulting official (District Ranger or Forest Supervisor) and Washington Office subject matter experts.
- Virtual with the Washington Office consulting official(s) and subject matter experts.
- Other methods negotiated by the Tribe (conference call, letter, etc.); Via email to SM.FS.otrtribalcon@usda.gov.



Please contact your Regional Tribal Relations Program Manager or Reed Robinson, Director of the Office of Tribal Relations, at SM.FS.otrtribalcon@usda.gov to request consultation on the proposed policy and to determine how you prefer consultation to occur.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures (1)

cc: Regional Foresters; Deputy Regional Foresters; Regional Tribal Relations Program Managers