

TRIBAL LISTENING SESSION

USDA to Host Tribal Listening Session to Solicit Feedback on How to Improve Rural Development's Environmental Review Process

WASHINGTON, **June 22**, **2021** – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced it is hosting a listening session on June 29, 2021, to solicit feedback from tribal applicants on ways to improve USDA Rural Development's (RD) environmental review process. USDA is encouraging the feedback from Federally recognized Tribes and tribal organizations that apply for, or have received, funding from one or more RD programs.

The Department is inviting feedback on environmental review policies and procedures in <u>7 CFR Part 1970</u>. USDA recognizes the unique circumstances that govern the environmental review process for projects on tribal lands. During this session, Tribes and tribal organizations will have the opportunity to provide integral feedback on their experiences.

This listening session is part of a series designed to gather input from a broad range of Rural Development customers and perspectives.

This session will be held virtually on Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time. To register, visit: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/445530223291604240.

Registrants will receive an email with instructions to join online or by phone. For questions about the listening session, please email louise.torres@usda.gov, or call 202-815-2852.

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