



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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Dear Tribal Leader:

The National Park Service (NPS) invites you to consult on a draft version of the Indian Youth Service Corps Guidelines. The Indian Youth Service Corps is a new program established within the Public Land Corps through the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (Public Law 116-9) codified at 16 U.S.C. 1727b. The program offers Tribes and partner organizations the opportunity to enter into agreements with the Department of the Interior, Department of Agriculture, or Department of Commerce to, among other things, establish conservation crews to carry out conservation programs on eligible service lands.

The NPS is presenting these Indian Youth Service Corps Draft Guidelines as a starting point for your input based on the NPS's experience in implementing the Public Land Corps program and statutory parameters for the Indian Youth Service Corps program. The NPS invites your input on these Draft Guidelines at the following consultation sessions:

Consultation for all Tribes east of the Mississippi River:

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

3 p.m. to 5 p.m. ET

Please register in advance at:

https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsce-qrijgrHR9_-5h-9vtljHz4Z6TDrVE

Consultation for all Tribes west of the Mississippi River and Alaska Native Corporations:

Thursday, December 2, 2021

3 p.m. to 5 p.m. ET

Please register in advance at:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsccmsrD8rHrv9RUg-p5LnLRuZLfPkIo>

You may also provide written input to onaa_program@nps.gov. We ask that you provide your input by 11:59 ET on Friday, December 17, 2021, to ensure timely consideration.

We believe the Indian Youth Service Corps program will provide meaningful education, employment, and training opportunities to benefit members of Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations through conservation projects on eligible service land. If you would like additional information on these draft guidelines, please feel free to reach out to George McDonald, National Park Service, Chief of Youth Programs Division, at george_mcdonald@nps.gov, (202) 997-5189, or Genevieve Giaccardo, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Chief of Staff at (202) 208-3587.

Sincerely,

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Exercising the Delegated Authority of the Director, National Park Service

Enclosure