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**Dear Ms. Singer:**

**On behalf of the Indian Land Working Group, I am submitting comments on draft regulations: 43 CFR, PT.4; 25 CFR PT. 4; Fee For Services (New) CFR PT. 151; Unclaimed Property (New); and Trust Fund Accounting and Appeals.**

**We will be making a formal request that several of the aforementioned regulations, be turned over to a negotiated rulemaking process, as provided for in the Negotiated Rulemaking Act of 1990.**

**Inclusion of negotiated rulemaking, will assure that the parties impacted by this regulatory initiative – the U.S. Government, Tribes, and Indian individuals - are at the table. Rules for implementation can be developed within a level playing field; experts can be called upon; studies can be initiated - all towards the goal of developing fair, equitable and sound rules.**

**Negotiated Rulemaking has been successfully built into the development of rules for the following statutes: The Indian Self-Determination Act; the Tribal Self-Governance Act; development of the Transportation and Highway allocation formulas for Tribes; and currently for Indian education allocations under the “No Child Left Behind” initiative.**

**The ILWG will be submitting additional comments to your office and looks forward to the formulation of rules and regulations that will have a beneficial impact on Tribes and Indian individuals.**

**Sincerely,**

**Theresa Carmody, Secretary  
Indian Land Working Group**

**Enclosures**