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Dear Tribal Leaders:

On behalf of the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture (USDA), I am writing to invite you to an upcoming tribal consultation to discuss the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). The purpose of this meeting is to continue our discussions with tribal leaders regarding the priorities and needs of tribal communities who operate FDPIR.

The meeting will be held during the National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations (NAFDPIR) annual conference. Meeting details are as follows:

Location:	Peppermill Hotel 2707 South Virginia Street Reno, Nevada 89502 (800) 282-2444 (Hotel Reservations)
Date:	Monday, June 11, 2018
Time:	1:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Pacific Time
Room:	Capri Rooms 2, 3, & 4

An agenda for the meeting and a report-out from the February 2018 FDPIR consultation are both enclosed for reference.

In the event you cannot attend and wish to send a proxy, please notify the Office of Tribal Relations by June 4, 2018. To designate a proxy for this meeting, please copy the attached delegation form onto tribal letterhead. This designation will authorize your designee, in writing, who will be attending in your place and the estimated time of your absence. Tribal leader positions may not be delegated in perpetuity.

You are welcome to bring program leadership and staff from your Nation to the tribal consultation as observers. USDA encourages that your proxy, should you designate one, be an elected tribal leader in recognition of our government-to-government relationship.

We hope that you will be able to join us for this important discussion. Please contact me at [Tribal.Relations@osec.usda.gov](mailto:Tribal.Relations@osec.usda.gov) by June 4, 2018 if you or a designee will attend, and if you have any agenda items. Thank you for your continued service to Indian Country.

Sincerely,

Linda Cronin  
Acting Director of Tribal Relations

Attachments



**Designation Form to be copied onto Tribal Letterhead**

Ms. Linda Cronin  
Acting Director, Office of Tribal Relations  
US Department of Agriculture  
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Dear Acting Director Cronin:

Under Executive Order 13175, "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments," and USDA Departmental Regulation 1350-002 "Tribal Consultation, Coordination, and Collaboration," USDA aims to respect Indian tribal self-government and sovereignty, honor tribal treaty and other rights, and meet the responsibilities that arise from the unique legal relationship between the Federal government and Tribal governments. Because duly-elected tribal leaders, or their designee, trigger the government-to-government relationship with the United States, formal administrative requirements under the Federal Advisory Committee Act do not apply.<sup>1</sup>

I am unable to attend the meeting to discuss the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations on June 11, 2018, in Washington, D.C. I hereby designate

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who holds the position of \_\_\_\_\_ within  
the Tribe to act as my proxy for this meeting. The proxy designation will expire on  
June 15, 2018.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> See the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA; 5 U.S.C. Appendix - Federal Advisory Committee Act; 86 Stat. 770, as amended.)