

Legislative Conference 2017

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 Afternoon Session

Federal and Industry Partners | March 7, 2017

The Washington Court Hotel | 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.



Opening

Lance Fisher, Northern Cheyenne singer

Invocation

TBD

Welcome Remarks

Sami Jo Difuntorum, NAIHC Chairwoman

National Congress of American Indians

Jacqueline Pata, Executive Director

United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

Mike Andrews, Staff Director and Chief Counsel (Majority)

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Paul Moorhead, Principal at Powers Pyles Sutter & Verville PC

U.S. Census Bureau

Carrie Hritz, PhD, Supervisory Geographer and Branch Chief & Dee A. Alexander, Tribal Affairs Coordinator

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Floyd Tortalita, Pueblo of Acoma Housing

Update on Section 184 Indian Home Loan program

Thomas C. Wright, Director of D.C. Office of Loan Guarantee

Cedar Sponsor- Navajo Nation

Joe Patterson, General Counsel

US Department of Veterans Affairs

Stephanie Birdwell, Director of Office of Tribal Government Relations

Break

Brief session break

Office of Native American Programs update

Heidi Frechette, Deputy Assistant Secretary

Tribal Housing and Housing Infrastructure Environmental Review Process Listening

Hilary Atkins, ONAP Environmental Clearance Officer in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Description:

In response to a Congressional directive, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) formed an interagency workgroup to examine, discuss and collect information from tribes on the environmental review process. The Coordinated Environmental Review Process Final Report was issued in December 2015, and made several recommendations. This HUD listening session is to seek and collect tribal feedback to develop a plan to move forward with the Report recommendations. For more information contact Hilary Atkin at Hilary.C.Atkin@hud.gov

Closing Remarks

Pamala Silas, Executive Director, NAIHC