

33rd Annual BIA Tribal Providers Conference
November 28-30, 2023 | Anchorage, Alaska

TRUST SERVICES

Location: Tikahtnu C

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Trust Services Introductions: Panel of Supervisory Trust Services Employees from the BIA-Anchorage Office. Program updates will be provided from Realty, Probates, Land, Title and Records Office, and Records. <i>Lynn Polacca, Deputy Regional Director-Trust Services</i> <i>Cyril Andrews, Regional Realty Officer</i> <i>Asya Stivers-Bullock, Lead Legal Administrative Specialist</i> <i>Tonya Billie, Records and Information Management Specialist</i>
	Updates from Realty Service Providers. <i>Various Realty Service Provider Officials from around Alaska</i>
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Afternoon Break
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Archaeological 106 Process Requesting a Clearance Investigation <i>Joseph Sparaga, Regional Archaeologist</i>
3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Managing the NEPA Process for Realty Projects Categorical Exclusion or Environmental Analysis? <i>Harrilene Yazzie, Supervisory Environmental Protection Specialist</i>
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) National Tribal Engagement Program <i>Amanda Garrison, Tribal Coordinator, Denver, Colorado</i>

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8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Alaska Native Vietnam era Veterans Land Allotment Program <i>Candy Grimes, Chief, Adjudication Services Section, Bureau of Land Management, Anchorage, Alaska</i> <i>Steve Scordino, Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Regional Solicitor, Alaska</i>
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Discussions from fieldwork on the Vietnam era Veterans Land Allotment Program <i>Paul Mayo, Native Allotment Coordinator, BIA Alaska Region</i>
9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Morning Break

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10:00 a.m. –	Alaska Region Probate update
11:45 a.m.	<i>Mary P. Thorstenson, Acting Supervisory Indian Probate Judge, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Division of Probate, Department of the Interior</i>
	Probates in Alaska Progress report on Probate backlog. Questions from the audience on case preparation and submittal. <i>Asya Stivers-Bullock, Lead Legal Administrative Specialist; Probate and Estate Services</i>
11:45 a.m. –	Lunch Break
1:00 p.m.	
1:00 p.m. –	Fee to Trust update for Alaska Region
1:45 p.m.	FTT overview and update. <i>Diane Sam, Realty Specialist/Fee to Trust Coordinator</i>
1:45 p.m. –	BIA Review of Tribal Conveyances Cases
2:45 p.m.	<i>Mike Tabor, Acting Supervisory Realty Specialist</i>
2:45 p.m. –	Afternoon Break
3:00 p.m.	
3:00 p.m. –	Individual Indian Monies Accounts
4:00 p.m.	Session by the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration Anchorage Office. <i>Tammy Buffone, Fiduciary Trust Officer</i> <i>Loretta Frank, Accounting Technician</i>
4:00 p.m. –	Updates to the Tribal Trust Evaluation for Compact Tribes.
5:00 p.m.	Session by the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration (BTFA), Division of Trust Evaluation and Review (DTER), Albuquerque Office. <i>Gerardo “Gerry” Gonzalez, Supervisory Auditor and Certified Public Accountant, DTER</i> <i>Sandra Armijo, Auditor, DTER</i>

Thursday, November 30, 2023

8:00 a.m. –	Introduction to Alaska Regional Realty
8:30 a.m.	Our programs and people <i>Cyril Andrews, Regional Realty Officer</i>
	Requesting a Certified Title Report <i>Marie Gregg, Realty Specialist</i>

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8:30 a.m. –	Realty Deeds: Review Process
9:00 a.m.	<i>Tommy Andrew, Realty Specialist</i>
9:00 a.m. –	Land Description Reviews and Chain of Surveys
9:45 a.m.	Process and Procedures <i>Joseph Hart, Realty Specialist</i>
9:45 a.m. –	Morning Break
10:00 a.m.	
10:00 a.m.–	Appraisal and Valuation Services Office
11:00 a.m.	Alaska Region Overview <i>Geoff Oliver, Supervisory Regional Lead Appraiser</i>
11:00 a.m.–	Contracting with State of Alaska Registered Land Surveyor
11:45 a.m.	<i>Marty Williams, Surveyor, Bureau of Land Management, at BIA-Alaska Office</i>
11:45 a.m. –	Lunch Break
1:00 p.m.	
1:00 p.m. –	Department of the Interior Office of the Solicitor Report
1:45 p.m.	Issues and Cases, Advice and Perspective <i>Melissa Thaisz, Attorney Advisor, Office of the Regional Solicitor</i> <i>Lisa DeCora, Attorney Advisor, Office of the Regional Solicitor</i>
1:45 p.m. –	Trespass
2:45 p.m.	Emerging issues and possible solutions. <i>Donna Kerrigan, Rights Protection Specialist</i> <i>Marty Williams, Surveyor, Bureau of Land Management</i>
2:45 p.m. –	Afternoon Break
3:00 p.m.	
3:00 p.m. –	Meet and Greet, Talking Circle Discussions
5:00 p.m.	Tables will be set-up and a subject matter expert will staff each table. Attendees are encouraged to sit down and ask questions about a topic of interest or anything that may be delaying a project or decision regarding: <i>Bureau of Land Management – Cadastral Survey Section</i> <i>BLM and BIA Vietnam Era Veterans Allotment</i> <i>DOI Office of the Solicitor</i> <i>Appraisal and Valuation Services Office</i> <i>Rights Protection (Trespass and Other Problems)</i> <i>Fee to Trust; Acquisition and Disposals (sales, gift deed, removal of restrictions)</i> <i>Encumbrance (ROW's Leases, Service Line Agreements)</i> <i>Probates and Estates Services</i> <i>Land Title and Records Office (Trust Records and Title Status Reports)</i> <i>Bureau of Trust Funds Management (IIM Accounts)</i> <i>Trust Records Auditor</i>