



1st Annual Forum on Land Into Trust Process

U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs

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National Indian Program Training Center
Albuquerque, New Mexico

AGENDA

- 8:00-8:30 am** **Sign-In. Light refreshments provided.**
- 8:30-8:45 am** **Opening Prayer-Tribal Leader**
- Welcome Remarks**
William Tandy Walker-Acting Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs-Southwest Region
- Purpose of Meeting and Introductions**
Vicki Forrest- Deputy Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Helen B. Padilla-Director, American Indian Law Center, Inc.
- 8:45-10:00 am** **Overview: Development of the Handbook**
Kevin Bearquiver-Acting Deputy Director & Handbook Drafting Coordinator, Bureau of Indian Affairs
- 10:00-10:15 am** **Break**
- 10:15-12:00 pm** **Discussion of Handbook**
- What's working, what's not working?
 - How can the fee-to-trust tracking system best address the needs of BIA and tribal staff?
 - How can the application process address a checklist, timelines, and what constitutes a complete application?
- 12:00-1:30 pm** **Lunch On Your Own**
- 1:30-3:00 pm** **Continue Discussion of Handbook**
- How can the Handbook address common issues that arise during the completion of environmental documents?
 - How should the Handbook address emerging policy positions that impact the fee-to-trust process?
- 3:00-3:15 pm** **Break**
- 3:15-4:30 pm** **Next Steps and Closing Remarks**
Vicki Forrest and Helen B. Padilla
- Closing Prayer-Tribal Leader**
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