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Dear Arizona Tribal Leader:

On November 20, 2018, I initiated a Tribal Consultation to seek your comments and recommendations on the implications and feasibility of having the entire State of Arizona designated as a Purchased/Referred Care Delivery Area (PRCDA).

As indicated in the letter, the IHS held a face-to-face Tribal Consultation at the Phoenix Area Tribal Budget Formulation Meeting on November 27, 2018. We also hosted a subsequent conference call on December 19, 2018. In acknowledgement of the partial government shutdown and requests by Tribes and Tribal Organizations for additional time to provide consultation and comment on this matter, I am extending the comment submission deadline for this Tribal Consultation until **Wednesday, May 15, 2019**.

The IHS will also convene an additional face-to-face meeting in the near future. Details on the location and date will be posted to the IHS Calendar of Events on our Web site at <https://www.ihs.gov/ihscalendar/calendar/>.

If you have not had a chance to provide your comments on the Arizona State-wide PRCDA Study Tribal Consultation, or if you have additional comments or recommendations, please send them:

- By e-mail to: consultation@ihs.gov

**Subject Line: Arizona State-wide
PRCDA Study Tribal Consultation**

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If you have questions or need additional information, please directly contact CDR John Rael, Director, ORAP, IHS. CDR Rael can be reached by telephone at (301) 443-3216 or by e-mail at john.rael@ihs.gov.

A copy of the November 20, 2018-dated Tribal Leader Letter is posted online at our Web site at: https://www.ihs.gov/newsroom/includes/themes/responsive2017/display_objects/documents/2018_Letters/DTLL_Arizona_PRC_11202018.pdf.

I look forward to reviewing your comments and concerns regarding this Tribal Consultation.

Sincerely,

/Michael D. Weahkee/

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