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Adam Geisler: Right.

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Adam Geisler: It's always fun when you. When you open up the open up the room, you just see the headcount start to

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Adam Geisler: increase here in a participant list. All right, everybody. We're going to get started at about two minutes after the top of the hour. We're just gonna Ah wait till We have critical mass here and give it a couple of moments while folks enter the um our virtual room here today.

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Adam Geisler: So again we'll go ahead and get started here with the National Spectrum Strategy Tribal consultation here, and about two minutes after the top of the hour. Thanks for joining us. We'll get started here shortly.

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NTIA: We go that way

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the other way.

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NTIA: How did you hear about that?

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Adam Geisler: All right, now? Reached? Ah, ah! Two minutes after the top of the hour. I think we're as close as we're going to be here to Ah, ah, everybody that it registered for today's travel consultation. So. Um! Because first just let me start and ah and welcome everybody so welcome to today's government to government tribal consultation. Um between Ah, the national telecommunications and information, and T. I, a

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Adam Geisler: our partner tribal governments. Here we are going to be talking today about the National Spectrum Strategy. The

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Adam Geisler: my name is Adam Geisler. I'm. An a role member and citizen of the employer band of the senior Indians, and I am also the division chief for the Tribal Connectivity and Nations Nation Coordination

division, and i'm going to be helping to moderate, facilitate with my peers. Ah, today, within Ngia, as we work our way through to the National Spectrum strategy discussion,

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Adam Geisler: so With that we'll go ahead and go to the next slide.

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Adam Geisler: So so a couple of housekeeping items before we get started. Um! As many of you know, this is a government to government consultation, which means exactly that. So we are going to ask that if you are a member, if you are not a tribal leader, or have a designation of authority to speak Today we're going to ask you to go ahead and leave

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Adam Geisler: our virtual room at this time. This is a closed meeting between the United States Government and federally recognized tribes to discuss the national spectrum strategy, and we want to keep that at a government to Government level. So again respectfully, I'm going to ask it if you're not here One hundred and fifty

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Adam Geisler: um representing a tribe today, and have the delegation of authority to speak on their behalf. I am going to go ahead and ask you to leave. And again, this is a closed event uh between the United States Government and recognized tribes. Um, I also want to highlight that we have some of our other Federal partners that are on the line. You're obviously welcome to say, this is again a government to government engagement. We obviously do our our Federal partners as part of the Federal Government, so we encourage you to go ahead and stay on. If you're a part of our our sister agency

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Adam Geisler: today, we're going to be doing an invocation and prayer provided by Mr. Will McClain, Vice President Central Counsel clicking Heida. We'll go through a welcome from the spectrum team.

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Adam Geisler: I'm. Here at ntia we have a uh office of spectrum management who is going to be walking us through a majority of our program today. They'll be providing some background on what the goals and the intent of the national spectrum strategy is, and then from there we'll jump into the questions that were highlighted in the dear tribal leader letter and don't worry. If you don't have a sitting in front of you. We have slides that are going to recap those questions, and then we're going to go one by one. So many of you will likely speak more than once. Um in each one of those questions.

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Adam Geisler: Then from there we'll go ahead and adjourn, So with that we'll go ahead and go on to the next slide, please.

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Adam Geisler: Um, Thank you, Mr. Macklin.

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Adam Geisler: A big thank you to Vice President Mcklin for getting us started in a good way today. Thank you for that prayer, Mr. McClain.

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Adam Geisler: All right. Well, with that Scott, I think we've reached a quote program where I turn it over to you and the team. So does my distinct daughter now to turn it over to Mr. Scott Harris, who is the director for the National Spectrum strategy plan underway. So over to you, Scott, for the introductions to the spectrum shopping team.

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NTIA: Thank you all for joining us today. We are truly thrilled to have you with us to consult and discuss with us our national spectrum strategy.

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NTIA: As Adam said, my name is Scott Harris. I am a senior spectrum adviser at N. T. I. A. And director of the National Spectrum Strategy, and I will let my two colleagues from my Mpi introduce themselves. Call Thanks uh good afternoon to our um tribal leaders and representatives.

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NTIA: My name is Paul Ransom. I am a senior technical expert in the office of spectrum management here at Tia

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NTIA: as a technical lead for the national space for strategy drafting team. I am thrilled to participate in this consultation. Once again with your respective nation. I look forward to this meeting and your input on the National Strategy. I know they will be instructive and provide valuable insight for our team.

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NTIA: I just like to say, Thank you for this opportunity. There

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NTIA: I am. Derek Klobin,

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NTIA: Deputy associate, Administrator for spectrum planning and policy, and Mta's office of Spectrum spectrum Management or Osm

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NTIA: Osm. Is the program office responsible working with Sky on the National Special Strategy, and I really appreciate the opportunity to hear from all you today and to have a great conversation. So thank you

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like to know we have with us today online Austin Bonner, who is the assistant

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NTIA: director for spectrum and telekind policy at the office of science and technology policy at the White House. The

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If you can hear us and I will say a few words

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NTIA: you are,

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Austin Bonner: i'm sorry Scott telecom problems, always ironic, coming from the telecom people at the White House. But I appreciate the opportunity to say

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Austin Bonner: thank you to everyone participating today, and how important this initiative is to us at the White House, and we could not put this together without your assistance, and we're so grateful for you, taking the time.

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Austin Bonner: Who is our assistant director at Ostp for Internet access, and also deeply interested in these issues. And I appreciate her impact on this as Well, so

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i'm looking forward to you in the comments. Thank you all very much.

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NTIA: Thank you, Austin.

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NTIA: can we go to the next slide?

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NTIA: So I thought we should begin today by talking a little bit about the spectrum strategy, both its process and the substance or the anticipation,

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NTIA: and we'll then turn to some specific questions, so that we can get advice and guidance from you. And then at the end we're going to open up the discussion.

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If there are to see if there are any other suggestions you have.

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We don't know what we don't know, and so if we've missed something, we hope you you will help us.

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NTIA: catch up on all we need to know uh next slide,

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NTIA: As you all know, access to the radio spectrum is needed for all wireless communication

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NTIA: for weather, forecasting for location services,

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space exploration for aviation, safety for the national defense, and so many other things.

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NTIA: But the thing is demand for spectrum. Access

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is dramatically increasing

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NTIA: both from the public sector and from the private sector, and this is caused by everything, from broad wireless broadband to the home, to smart cars to Moon Mission,

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NTIA: so we need to find ways to

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to increase access to

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back to them.

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NTIA: As a result, the White House has asked us to develop a national spectrum strategy with that goal in mind, the

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NTIA: but at the next slide.

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NTIA: So why us?

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NTIA: NTIA is the principal adviser to the President on telecommunication the

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and spectrum issues.

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NTIA: We also license

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Federal Government use of the spectrum. The

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NTIA: and we'll be working closely on this endeavor with our colleagues at the Federal Communications Commission, and at the other executive branch agencies, and of course, with our colleagues in the White House,

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NTIA: and we believe, consulting with our tribal nation partners is a critical part of this process.

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NTIA: So what is the process?

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NTIA: We began with the public request for comments.

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NTIA: You have all been provided a copy, and the public comments were due last month. This past Monday We also held two public listening sessions, and one closed-listing session with the Federal agencies.

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NTIA: Of course, our two tribal consultations.

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And this week,

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NTIA: what are we trying? What are we trying to accomplish?

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A number of things?

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NTIA: We want first to identify spectrum bands that can be studied for more intensive use.

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NTIA: We also want to improve the way Federal agencies

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NTIA: together, and the way the private sector and the public sector work to the

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NTIA: on spectrum planning.

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NTIA: Want to learn about how

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technology and perhaps future technology can be used to improve spectrum access.

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NTIA: We want to learn anything else we can about ways to improve access to spectrum from all Americans

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NTIA: for workforce development, for permitting whatever else

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NTIA: we should be thinking about. And in particular, we are interested in what we can learn from tribal nations about how to improve spectrum access for tribal nations and for tribal members.

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With that let me turn it over to to Dara Cool,

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put on on the screen and discuss with you the specific questions we would like to address today.

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NTIA: Thank you, Scott, we've got laid a great foundation for the questions which I know we did send these out in advance, So our our hope is that we have to consider these we will run through all of these um, and notice that the the final one is a bit open-ended both looking at the

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NTIA: questions that were raised by Rfc. And frankly, anything else that we would like to raise.

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NTIA: So we're going to jump right into these questions, and then Adam, Thank you. I know you're going to help cue up speakers for us.

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NTIA: Go ahead and go to question one.



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NTIA: The first question we have,

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NTIA: how could transparency and communications related to spectrum Allocation decisions to be improved,

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NTIA: increase Tribal nations Trust in the process

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Adam Geisler: awesome. All right. Well,

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um Again, this is a little bit of housekeeping the way we're going to do this today

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Adam Geisler: for question, one uh and and all pervading questions. If you could go ahead and use the raise hand function um, and once you have your hand raised, we'll get you into the queue, and then i'll go ahead and call on you, and then, if you're if you're in line, i'll let you know that you're in the batters box uh before It's your time to speak, so

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Adam Geisler: now is again the time to go ahead and raise your hand in responding to question Number one. Again, I'm. Going to ask that

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Adam Geisler: that this only be tribal leaders or their designee is okay. If if your tribe is um giving you a delegation of authority to speak on on their behalf. On this issue I realize many tribes uh leverage subject better experts uh in these instances. And that's okay. I am going to ask that when we call on you that you give your name,

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Adam Geisler: your title, and the tribe you're representing as we get going. So it looks like we have Nicholas and I apologize. I'm saying this wrong, is it? It looks like Kagger

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Adam Geisler: Nicholas, Mr. Keeger, you are up. If you want to go ahead and take your uh your mute button off and go ahead and respond to question number one.

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Thank you very much. You got it right on

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Nicholas Kager: Nicholas Kger here. Tivo for the Cordland tribe, and one of my main concerns

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Nicholas Kager: liaisons as roadblocks.

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Nicholas Kager: We're always sent a tribal liaison, but they have no real actual power.

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Nicholas Kager: They can't change where a cell phone tower is. They can't immediately disclose spectrum. Um! It's it's very frustrating, you know. That's That's one of the things that I believe would greatly improve. The process is put us in the room with a decision Maker.

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Nicholas Kager: I want spectrum here on my reservation. I want it built out, but it needs to benefit our tribe in a way that benefits us and increases our language, I mean, for example, I have an at t power right now, and they step on our red spectrum. They step on our spectrum.

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Nicholas Kager: They're using first net as an excuse to

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Nicholas Kager: put this project through, and they've hired contractors that do not have a tribal business license.

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Nicholas Kager: Seen them on site physically, and I i'm on my second liaison now in the last two years, and nothing gets done because they have no real power, and it's very insulting to tribal sovereignty. Put us in the driver's seat and see what happens.

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Nicholas Kager: Give us the power, give help, us build our infrastructure out on our reservations, stop pandering to private ownership

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Nicholas Kager: build out

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Nicholas Kager: on tribal land,

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Nicholas Kager: not on private lands, within reservations on tribal lands. We all know that the dog's Act did a number on us, and us at Cord Lane. We're trying to buy our reservation back. After allotment we were down to ten. Now we're closer to forty percent,

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Nicholas Kager: and and so many of the cell phone towers on our reservation are on private land. We don't get to interact with that spectrum except for paying our bill and watching some outsider get paid roughly ten thousand dollars a year for using our spectrum on our sovereign nation.

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NTIA: Thank you. I want to make sure I understand completely when you talk about a try. The liaison being appointed. Are you talking about from the Fcc. I'm not quite sure where these folks are,

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Nicholas Kager: yes, tribal tribal liaisons with at and t tribal liaisons with the Fcc.

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Nicholas Kager: Yes.

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NTIA: So you're clear. You're talking about private liaisons, both with private wireless companies and with government agencies

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Nicholas Kager: Correct?

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NTIA: Okay. And what you would like to do is make sure you are in the room with folks who make the ultimate decisions, whether it be it with the private sector or in the government agencies.

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Do I have that correct?

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Nicholas Kager: Yes, I find that speaking directly, somebody to somebody rather than through two or three peoples and chains of emails. It helps to

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Nicholas Kager: get the subject across much better.

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NTIA: Very good. I appreciate your comment, and for what it's worth in terms of dealing with ntia where the ones you need to be talking to directly. So you've got us today, anyway. Thank you.

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Adam Geisler: It's Scott. If I could just as a

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Adam Geisler: follow up um, you know, while I no longer where the first net path I did come from the first net Federal side. Um, and I. You know, Nicholas, I think, or Mr. Kger. One of the things that we always want to do in these instances is um if there's follow up. That needs to be done. I think you brought up some really specific instances here for the you, said the quarterly tribe there in uh, uh, neighboring item,

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Adam Geisler: Mr.

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Adam Geisler: Yes, in Idaho

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Adam Geisler: Gotcha. Um! I just put me down on your notes. I'm gonna do a follow up over to um the first responder network authority. And uh, Jackie Miller wearing is running the tribal shop over there. Um, and happy to also take this issue back offline um with Miss Wearing and the first net team as well, sounds like there's also a combination of issues going on here, one that's pressing and one that is uh

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Adam Geisler: more broad and relationship, the decision-making and liaison's component that you raised.

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Adam Geisler: Thank you. Thank you very much.

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Adam Geisler: And it was nicholas n icho las ka Gr. And Nicholas your title one more time with the tribe.

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Nicholas Kager: Yes, i'm the tribal historic preservation officer.

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Adam Geisler: Okay, we got the tip on. Thank you. Appreciate the feedback today.

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Adam Geisler: All right. Hands raised next.

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Adam Geisler: It looks like I have we got a hand raise for Miss Toduccini?

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Heidi Todacheene (DOI) Senior Advisor to the Secretary: Yes, thank you, Adam. Um. I just wanted to also respond to Nicholas. Um to let folks know that the Interior Department is setting up our office of indigenous um connectivity and technology. And so we're in the process of getting that set up as well. So you'll have that touch base on our side uh within within the next year. Um! Hopefully by the end of the year.

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Heidi Todacheene (DOI) Senior Advisor to the Secretary: And so in the meantime, if you need anything for Mor end, i'll, I'll keep my email out. Um. I'll send it over to Adam if if you can blast that out, so we're happy to help on our end as well. Thank you,

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Nicholas Kager: Liam Lamps. I appreciate it very much.

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NTIA: Thank you for adding that Heidi good to hear from you.

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Adam Geisler: And again, for folks

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Adam Geisler: that would like to provide feedback on this topic. Go ahead and use your raised hand function, and we do have about a little over an hour and a half left to get through three or more questions here.

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Adam Geisler: So again raised hand function. We'll, and i'll do the going once, going twice, doing three times, and then we're going to move on to the next question. So we'll be a little bit of an awkward science. We're going once

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Adam Geisler: going twice.

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Adam Geisler: All right. Well, then, we will go ahead, Scott. I think we're ready to go on to the next question.

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NTIA: Great. Thank you. Thank you, Adam. So our second question we meet up

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NTIA: what actions or recommendations

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NTIA: would promote the deployment

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NTIA: availability of next generation products and services to tribal land the

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Adam Geisler: right

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Adam Geisler: it looks like we have. Ah, in the queue, Mr. Chairman Moke, Simon Middletown, Ranchrey. Ah, good to see your virtual hand up in the room here today. Chairman Simon, I should also say Representative Simon, who you also spent to sit there. Um outside of the tribal office. So welcome. Yeah, thank you very much, Adam, and always good to see you. Ah, especially when it's not in a disaster. So I always want to thank you for that.

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Moke Simon: Um so? Yes, smoke. Simon traveled chairman of the Middletown rancheria also still the district, one supervisor here in a small rural county in Lake County, one of the poorest counties in California, where our tribal tribe is located. There are other seven other tribal nations here also

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Moke Simon: i'm sorry I was a little slow on the last one to get my hand up. But from here

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Moke Simon: from Middletown Rancheria's standpoint, obviously the previous speaker, the first one, Mr. Kger, really hit it on the head day

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Moke Simon: dealing directly with the tribal nations as we're trying to deploy this technology for our next generation is so important. I'm on this call as a tribal leader,

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Moke Simon: because there was a first rounding of funding that came out through ntia to help us build out a system here at Middletown Rancheria. We're not always asking for a handout. We're just asking for the funds and the opportunities to do the projects to take our next seven generations

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Moke Simon: into a competitive market, and to continue to compete in this world that we live in.

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Moke Simon: And so

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Moke Simon: with Middletown rancher it's working directly with the tribes. Ah, like I said, we put in, I think, a four and a half million dollar project that would have brought fiber to every home, built a wireless backup system, and for some reason which still

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Moke Simon: perplexes me, that we were denied the funding to do this project,

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Moke Simon: and so direct communication and obviously collaboration with small tribes, small world tribes that scrape everything together to push themselves in the next generation, and then to be turned down and say, Yeah, we want to work. We get this out to tribal nations. And then, when we're denied, and not really understanding what happened.

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Moke Simon: Um, you know. So that clear communication ah! Directly with the tribes is very important. We will continue to try and knock the door down to get our project done directly here for middledown Red Korea, and we will, You know we'll do everything that needs to be done. But we need that communication.

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Moke Simon: Um, you know it's very frustrating. You have the middle Mile projects. You have a bunch of other stuff, you know the ah going on all around tribal nations here in California, but bringing it on the reservation is the final tool for us

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Moke Simon: to get it done ultimately. This is just the beginning. You know. Our own tribal utilities is where every tribal sovereign nation should be moving towards and helping support. That next step is what i'd like to see happen as a travel leader. I've been here for, you know I've been a tribal leader since one thousand nine hundred and ninety seven.

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Moke Simon: Um, you know we've come a long ways, but this connectivity issue that we have here locally for my tribe and my entire county here in Lake County, California is a real challenge,

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Moke Simon: especially when the pandemic hit our kids being educated from home, which made it really challenging. Now we're coming back and trying to regain the ground that we lost for educating our children,

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Moke Simon: and we just need that communication to help us move forward.

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Moke Simon: Um my point of view. We are like, I said. We're not asking for a handout. We're just asking for a hand up for us to get into these opportunities to move all of our tribal nations forward. And when you're helping one tribe in a rural area, you're helping all because once we go through the process and are successful. We share that information of what the roadblocks were, how to move forward, And I think that's so important as we're moving, because

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Moke Simon: Middletown is building a system. We're not just thinking about Middletown. We're thinking about the other nations here also. So is that a microwave backup, you know. So I i'm, i'm not the it, guy. I pick up a lot of these words, and all of our ah from our professionals that we have working on this issue, but it's direct communication from the N. T. I. A. And I don't think I got the letters backwards directly to us, and and we'll do the work. We just need that help. So

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Moke Simon: that that's my comments. I'll probably have that same comment on all of them. Ah, but I clearly hear the frustration Liaisons are great to talk to, but we are decision makers when you, when you think about dealing with the tribal governments and the tribal leader, you take on the same aspect of the Governor of California

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Moke Simon: or the President of the United States, and that's what we are for our tribal people. We are the voice and the leaders that will get these projects done for them. So I want to thank you for the time and one more time, Adam, you are always in Middletown rancher as hard for showing up during the worst disaster we ever had. So thank you very much, and right now those are the end of my comments,

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NTIA: Mr. Simon. Thank you so much

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NTIA: for sharing those thoughts with us. Um!

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NTIA: Can you tell me precisely what funding it was that you were denied, so we can understand exactly where these decisions were made, and take a look at why you did not get the communications

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you feel you should have gotten this. We will follow up on these things, we

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Moke Simon: so from my understanding it was um through the N. T. I A. It had something to do with the with Fcc. Before the end of the call. I will put it in the chat box. I will step out when i'm here in just a minute and ask my tribal administrator. So I get the exact ah term. But it was the first round

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Moke Simon: which just was last the end of last year or sometime. Ah, through the N. T. I. A right. There was a round of ah first round of funding that came out for the program. So that's what we applied through, and we were denied on that. But I could get you that just one second.

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We'd love to follow up, and and and I hear you making the standpoint to Mr. Cagram, though in the overarching you would say, You guys need to be in the room with decision-makers, and you need to have better communication,

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NTIA: and I I think that's something we can certainly talk about going forward

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Adam Geisler: as a as a follow up to Chairman Simon, uh Representative Simon, Chairman. I always i'm not sure which one to use. If you wear a couple of hats. Um. And I do believe it is the ntia Tbcd. Program. Uh Chairman, I think you're referencing and happy to do a follow up with you and your team on on um the next round and technical assistance for sure. Um, I didn't. I didn't want to ask you one question as a follow up here related to

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Adam Geisler: what actions and recommendations promote. Promote the deployment availability of next generation products and services on tribal lands. You really hit home on the educational component and the educational concerns. So do you do you think, Chairman Simon, that one of the ways that we should be looking at

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Adam Geisler: promoting the next generation of products or services is through an education lens? Do you think that that's a good space to be exploring when we're when we're talking about um, how these next generation of products might be used or tested or um considered for tribes is education the place to start

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Moke Simon: absolutely. Um, you know it. It was talked about earlier from, I think the invocation Ah, chairman that came on was, you know, our our language, our education, and those types of things, but absolutely from an educational end. That's the only way our tribal communities are going to compete as we move forward, not only from just the educational standpoint, but also e-commerce Ah, small rural tribes and other things We need to have these products as we're moving through them for establishing these networks on here.

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Moke Simon: It's for the next generation. Right now we're building brick and mortar facilities. The next generation will not be working in the aspect that we are now. They'll be working in the e-commerce. Online. And that's the way they're going to drive as we move forward,

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Moke Simon: and I did get it from my tribal administrator. It was the N. T. I. A. T. B. C. P. O. Twenty twenty one. So the infrastructure broadband that was laid out. I even have the application number here two thousand. Yeah, I can give you all that information,

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Moke Simon: but you know we we put the work in and we have the program. We're just looking to move forward with that

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Adam Geisler: understood. Thank you, Chairman Simon and I

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Adam Geisler: appreciate you attending and providing the feedback today, and I know we are more from you throughout the rest of the consultation. Thank you. Thank you,

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NTIA: if I May. This is Paul Ransom. I just would also like to add it. Mr. Simon. I heard you talk about the

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NTIA: you know successful communication.

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NTIA: Your tribe in the nga is not only good for your tri, but you guys do a good job of disseminating information and ensuring that the lesson

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NTIA: some success in your dealings and the interactions with the agency does get passed along. And I think that's something that's very good to reiterate that.

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NTIA: You know the tribal community does a a great job. I guess that um ensuring that information is disseminated and can be. You can be used to further success with other projects amongst the tribes themselves. So that's something that I I think that i'm a glad to hear, and it's help for us to understand how that can improve overall for

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NTIA: yeah it, you know, just to build on that for. Ah, we're always educating as tribal leaders. The word tribe truly means driving your community that you're related to completely around your soul

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Moke Simon: for hundreds of years since this country is great. That's how we do. We took care of each other Ah! So disseminating that information working together. Ah! Letting tribes not make the same mistakes over and over that we've made is always our education process of working with the Federal Government. So you know, the word tribe is thrown around a lot, but it really means the community of the tribal nations in this country. As we collaborate. So Thank you very much.

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Adam Geisler: Thank you, Chairman Simon.

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Adam Geisler: Well, we now have, I think, our next speaker, with their hand raised, is, it? Looks like Mr. James Phoenix. Uh! If you want to go ahead and come out from you, give your name, your title, and your tribe

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james phoenix: uh Bisha, or from Nevada uh, I. You drive our chairman and just listening in uh You've already heard already about some of the recommendations about the travel layers on It's not only happen at your level, they said, at the State level. So it's the same issues and concerns that we need to continue to address, and a lot of times, if they don't have it uh spelled out, and uh in laws. Or however, you want to do that. Um! It just kind of fluctuates and goes here and there, so it needs to be specific when you're talking about those types of things.

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james phoenix: Um, You also heard about direct communication, so I won't Hammer that, but that is the one and only way. Ah! To really communicate effectively. Ah! The other is going on to number two here to answer the question, Is there What actions, and what promote the and availability of your next generation projects and services, Tribal lands?

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NTIA: Um! We were talking in an earlier consultation about regionally trying to establish um workshops and have that one on one time to kind of introduce. You know the new products and the next generations and demonstrations and things like that,

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james phoenix: and then afterwards that follow up? Because after we go to workshops, what do we do now with this good information? And so, having that direct communication is to take it further, and then, having that one-on-one, so that you can continue to develop that relationship and and that's the part that I wanted to get to is that a lot of times, you know, your office might have people with the travelers on. But then what will they move? And going somewhere else you still have to maintain and create that um connection in communication. And so just overall

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james phoenix: is where it's getting that. And that's what I want to continue to always continue. Push forward on to you guys up there at the Federal level, pushing down to the tribes. Um, and you're going to maintain that. And that's historically happen over time. A new B. I would come in, and next, you know, and other guys rotate now

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james phoenix: and then we have to start all over again. Same with the tribal process. New elections come in, new people come in, and it starts all over again. So we're really trying to find a way forward on that. And that concludes my comments.

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NTIA: So if I understand you correctly, one of the things you would like us to

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NTIA: consider or look into is making sure there's continuity

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NTIA: in between the Federal government and the tribes, and working on these communications

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NTIA: issues rather than how they folks. Inevitably they leave to go in other jobs or whatever we need to find some way to have greater continuity in the relationship. So we're not constantly starting over again

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NTIA: that correctly.

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james phoenix: Ah, yes, sir, you're absolutely correct. Ah, so that it's. Ah, we're shaping those conditions for the next generation. How they're road after us, so that we're not having to redo this all over again. Yeah, but that's the way forward and working with tribes and yourself at the Federal Government. That's what I look at trying to establish in your absolute

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NTIA: All right. But thank you for your comments. They're very helpful.

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Adam Geisler: Thank you for for joining us from here.

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Adam Geisler: Good Lake uh there in the Nevada area. Thank you so much for joining us today. Um, and i'm just looking at the queue here. Uh Scott. It does not look like we have anybody that else that has their hand up for question. Two. Oh, I

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Adam Geisler: there we go! Uh, Mr. Kanger, if you want to take yourself off mute, and respond to question number two, the four doors,

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Nicholas Kager: Yeah. What actions or recommendations would promote the deployment and availability of next-generation projects and services to tribal lens

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Nicholas Kager: um.

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Nicholas Kager: The Digital Reservations Act

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Nicholas Kager: prohibiting Fcc. From selling tribal spectrum licenses at private auctions to for-profit corporations permanently eliminating the public availability of spectrum over tribal land,

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Nicholas Kager: creating the Sbc's first tribal bog broadband funds. So American Indians, elastic natives and native clients living on tribal lands have access to wireless digital services and network infrastructure for the first time. I mean. I can just read the whole bill, but I mean it's it's right there. I don't.

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Nicholas Kager: I for the Port Lane tribe. This is everything we want. I'm sure that there's other tribes that may not want all of that, but it's it's pretty simple. We've been saying it. We we want to be recognized as sovereign. We want to be empowered.

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Nicholas Kager: We don't want to be award to the Federal Government any longer. We want to be recognized as sovereigns and treated as such.

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NTIA: Okay, um.

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NTIA: And just to make sure, I understand. And I apologize. If I get this wrong, it's the existing, the current statute

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NTIA: that you find to be the problem, and that it's the statute itself that needs to be addressed.

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NTIA: Do I have that right.

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NTIA: I'm. Simply stating that

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Nicholas Kager: Deb. Holland and Miss Warren's Digital Reservations Act.

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Nicholas Kager: They created it for a reason, and the ideas outlined in it. I embrace fully. So if the current laws

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Nicholas Kager: not that, then? Yes,

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NTIA: okay. So this is. I guess that's what I miss. This is pending legislation that you think

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NTIA: would be helpful to tribal nations.

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Nicholas Kager: Absolutely, It encompasses

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Nicholas Kager: pretty much everything that I would like to see here on my reservation.

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NTIA: Very good. Okay,

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NTIA: For example, I'm:

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NTIA: Yeah, guys,

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Nicholas Kager: Yeah,

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Nicholas Kager: we just had a consultation

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Nicholas Kager: inland cellular, the owner and the

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Nicholas Kager: they put up a cell phone tower at our Casino. And then I get another letter saying, Could you go out and approve the tower? And i'm like I already approves the tower.

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Nicholas Kager: Well, they sold the tower to another person,

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Nicholas Kager: and the tribe wasn't even notified.

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Nicholas Kager: And so making industry recognize tribal sovereignty in that we want a piece of button to buy shit. I buy that cell phone tower right now excuse my language, but I mean it is just so frustrating. We We spout the same things all day that we want to be

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NTIA: to self-sufficient. We want to be excellent, and because of the capitalist nature of our world, of course, nobody is going to offer that up to us, you know, and

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Nicholas Kager: it's it's very frustrating.

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NTIA: Okay, Thank you very much for your comments.

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NTIA: I appreciate it.

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Adam Geisler: Thank you, Mr. Keeger and um

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Adam Geisler: absolutely noted the the digital Reservations Act. It's something. I think we can take a look back in terms of a reference point



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Adam Geisler: uh for the team. So I appreciate you highlighting that, and I obviously There's some pretty clear direction in there regarding actions or recommendations that we can glean from, and um hear you loud and clear on. I think one of the other main components you mentioned just now was, you know, one recommendation that you had was that the transition of ownership of

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Adam Geisler: assets uh broadband assets or towers shouldn't be conveyed to somebody else. Um, without the tribes knowledge or consent when it's on tribal landers on it, attached to a tribes facility like this? Is that what? What you said? Did I hear that correctly?

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Nicholas Kager: Thank you very much, sir. I um I've only been a tippo for a few years. I work in food service for my tribe. I have worked as a forestry technician, and I'm. Still learning how to state things so eloquently. So thank you.

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Adam Geisler: And This is why we all these consultations um for for others that are on the line. Um! This is exactly why we why we host these it's. Um this isn't just a box check activity that the the team here at Nja generally wants to understand where the pain points are, what what actions are recommendations that you think we should be considering as we develop the national spectrum strategy. So. But no need to apologize there.

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Adam Geisler: And

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NTIA: let me ask what Adam has said,

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with Tuesday's consultation, and even just an hour in on today's consultation we are hearing things we have not heard before, and it's incredibly useful as we're thinking

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NTIA: this endeavor of draft in a national spectrum strategy to hear all of these things. And when I say i'm very cool, I absolutely mean it.

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Adam Geisler: Well, Thank you,

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Adam Geisler: Mr. Kger, and I do not see any more hands raised, and I you know I guess I should have mentioned this in the beginning for those of you that might be new to this platform. You'll see a reactions button on the bottom of your

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Adam Geisler: application, and it you should be able to see the raised hand feature. There is one of the options in the event that this might be a new platform for you. So the raised hand feature, if you can go ahead and use your race hand feature, and then

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i'll just do it again. Going going once for question, two

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Adam Geisler: going twice for question, two. Well, um, we have. Uh, okay. We got it going twice. All right, Melissa King. It looks like you have your hand up. You can give us your name, title, and the tribe you're representing before you respond to question teams.

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Melissa King: Hello, yes, Mossy King from Nester's Tribe Department of Technology services.

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Adam Geisler: Welcome, Miss King. Happy to hear that you guys were able to join us today from the nesters tribe. Welcome,

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Melissa King: um! But in response to action, Earth question, two access to spectrum over travel lines will give opportunity to expand services and open possibilities for collaboration on mixture and products and services. The current bid process does not allow tribes

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Melissa King: to gain access over travel lands, because we are not able to compete against national carriers who are able to big bid large sums of funding.

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NTIA: So Thank you very much for those comments. We really do appreciate that. I think, if we hear you, you certainly believe that access the spectrum that you could put to use

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NTIA: would drive significant benefits for the tribe,

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NTIA: as others have indicated. There's a challenge with under

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NTIA: current processes in terms of getting access, because, for example, you cannot compete with the commercial sector,

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those providers, and that

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NTIA: do we have that um right?

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Melissa King: Yes,

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NTIA: thank you. I think I think really really understood.

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Adam Geisler: Let's send them.

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Adam Geisler: It makes a lot of sense. I think that echoes some of the other comments we've heard from the eighteenth travel consultation.

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Adam Geisler: So thank you, Miss King. Is there anything else that she wanted to add here under question? Two?

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Melissa King: No, thank you.

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All right.

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Adam Geisler: Well, uh well, with that, Thank you. Um! And I do not see any more hands raised, so i'll just say it again, going once for question, two going twice for question. Two. Okay. Seems to be the theme going twice uh Jeremy Brown, if you'd go ahead and take yourself off on mute

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Adam Geisler: and name, title and the tribe you're representing. Please, before you jump into the question.

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Jeremy Brown: Sure, my name is Jeremy Brown. I'm the It Project manager for the Easter band of Turkey Indians in North Carolina, and

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Jeremy Brown: he almost took the words right out of my mouth. The last comment, because that is exactly what we are experiencing is we? You know we have an isp that we deploy services to our citizens and to the region. But every time we go to, you know, expand, we lose

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NTIA: funding opportunities because our do and other funding agencies. Um, the class based on the larger carriers coming into the areas. So we know the region we know what it costs. So if there's any way that Nti can assist

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Jeremy Brown: in those criteria helping the legislators to understand. Hey, these tribes are not just trying to benefit themselves. They're trying to benefit their regions, and they actually know what it takes to deploy broadband and spectrum-based services in their area in their footprint

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NTIA: Come back.

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NTIA: Can I ask you to expand on those comments a little bit. What kinds of

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NTIA: what kind of projects are you trying to get funding for, and who is denying it? If you could expand a little bit.

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NTIA: Kander. I'm. Not much of an expert on these kinds of these kinds of funding opportunities.

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NTIA: Well, one one in particular was the Nti first round. I mean, we

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Okay,

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Jeremy Brown: Yeah, we submitted forty five million dollars worth of grants for that, you know, Had the plan had all the you know everything in place to do it, and I think we were offered the five hundred thousand equitable distribution. Like most tribes,

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Jeremy Brown: I spoke with a

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Jeremy Brown: Bible citizen from Idaho, from a very small tribe, with no plan, no isp, and I think they were given over twenty million.

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Jeremy Brown: So there's a lot of, you know, discrepancies between that. The other thing is that as we go after North Carolina grants North Carolina broadband has has turned us down for expansion outside of our footprint because they're in

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NTIA: off, and and those scoring criteria that State and local, will not local. The State legislators and Federal legislators set

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Jeremy Brown: hinder us when it comes time for scoring.

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NTIA: Okay, Now I I understand much better now, one of the earliest speakers said, talking about one of our grants, and not only would they deny the grant? They didn't get much of an explanation as to why was that your problem as well? Or did you get an explanation? You just didn't think it was sufficient.

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Jeremy Brown: No, we got no explanation

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Jeremy Brown: that it was denied, and I believe, like I said, the follow-up conversation that we had was around the five hundred thousand equitable distribution. And then,

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Jeremy Brown: you know,

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Jeremy Brown: we've been said to that. We have data for day

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Jeremy Brown: specially deployed.

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It's hard to deploy with five hundred thousand dollars. The

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NTIA: yeah,

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NTIA: Mr. Brown. Thank you. That's very, very helpful to know. Not great to hear, perhaps, but helpful to know. Can I ask a follow up to there. So when when you were being denied, and then the scoring, and you told these other commercial providers in the area, are they?

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NTIA: Are they being required to serve the tribal lands? Or is it one of these where they may get the money,

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NTIA: you know? And I understand you want to provide your own services. But what are they? Not even

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NTIA: adequately uh serving the trial as well?

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Jeremy Brown: Well,

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Jeremy Brown: that

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Jeremy Brown: possibly will. They have identified some areas where they will cross the

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Jeremy Brown: the couple of boundary,

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but it's It's very here, or miss,

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Jeremy Brown: you know the

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Jeremy Brown: the to try and fulfill those windows, and you know legislators are pouring gatorade over themselves, because, according to those census blocks, they've solved the broadband deficiency in Western North Carolina, and we know that's not the case. We know that

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Jeremy Brown: all they're going to do is tie up that funding for the next six to seven years. And because again, when we put together our packages and understood what it cost to get to every home in Western North Carolina. That's based on twenty years of doing it, not just drawing lines in Google earth.

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NTIA: Your point understood. Thank you for the response.

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Adam Geisler: It's around this Adam uh Geisler and I is, uh, as you probably are, where I do manage the uh the day to day for the tribal broadband connectivity program. I'm happy to follow up with you. Offline about the specifics of the application.

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Adam Geisler: Um, So um I will be following up with you regarding your T. V. Cp. Round one to understand a little bit more of the details. Um, and I guess I would just say one additional piece just for folks that are on the line. Um!

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Adam Geisler: The way in which the program treats meeting the tribal roback and activity program which we're not.

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Adam Geisler: We're not necessarily here to talk about today, but I don't want to not address these these these questions when they pop up. Um! If you are a recipient of the equitable distribution, you would not

have received a rejection letter because you were awarded through the program log, and I understand it is not the amount that you requested. Um, but one of the things we are looking to do for folks that receive equitable distribution. Um like for the clarification

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Adam Geisler: when we open up round two, providing technical assistance to folks we have six months, not night, not

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Adam Geisler: ninety days. Um in round two. So uh, Mr. Brown, I am going to be following up with you and a member of my team. We do a follow up to understand the details of the war. But thank you for raising those and for those of you that Um! We're never shy here to hear the criticisms. I I guess I want to make that really clear. I think that we can't fix the issues that we don't know, and that's exactly why we hold these consultations. So. Uh thank you for the candor frankly, and uh, and sharing your concerns today.

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Adam Geisler: Both question number two, and also the Tbc. Funding barriers are real, and I also I I just want to acknowledge Scott. I think we heard this as well on on Tuesday's consult regarding census blocks being encumbered, and

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Adam Geisler: the tribes ability to then access funding at a later date has been blocked as a result of that. So I think we have that noted for a part of Mr. Brown's comments here.

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NTIA: Absolutely. It's one of the big takeaways from our first

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mentioned earlier in the week.

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Adam Geisler: Absolutely

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Adam Geisler: All right. Well, um again, thank you. Mr. Brown and the Eastern man and Cherokee for for joining us in other beautiful part of the country. You guys haven't had a chance to get out there. Um! I again. I'll do a going once again. Raised hand feature, if you'd like to provide comments here

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Adam Geisler: going twice, and we're going to go three times on to question number



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Adam Geisler: Looks like we have one more, and then we're going to move on to question three uh Larry uh Jake's. You wouldn't mind going and going ahead and coming off you and a name, title tribe, and then we'll jump into the questions. Thank you so much, Larry Jocks for planning.

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Larry Jacques: Um. I'm just wondering if uh ntia can provide maps uh that would be accessible to the by, the States. That would be also first verified by the tribes showing the States which areas

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Larry Jacques: the the tribes are going to be eligible for all of the tribal benefits of whatever. The program of the Nga program is with the spectrum of

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Larry Jacques: Ah Pbcp, or or whatever it is. Um. So you know, if we've got a letter designating our lands by this secretary, or we have a Jason or or or near Um. I think that the States would feel way more comfortable. For example, in the like,

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Larry Jacques: in our collaborations with me, for example, in the future, and with other programming, if they knew that the geographic region was truly accepted. If what's what's written? And then there's like what

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Larry Jacques: you know. You guys are.

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Larry Jacques: Are you going to actually accept so just that way that everyone was clear on what geographies and Tia actually accepts?

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Larry Jacques: And if we could verify that before putting that map out, that would be delightful, too.

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Larry Jacques: Thank you.

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NTIA: So maps are not my expertise.

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We focus on spectrum, which is a little different. My understanding for what it's worth, and Adam may well know more than I do about this

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NTIA: is that the Fcc. Is responsible for putting together the maps, and that our broadband experts are working with the

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the unmapping mapping. And now you've exhausted my knowledge of broadband maps.

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NTIA: This is the I would think, and again, Adam, on the point. I think your question, too, is broader about the geographies and the recognition of tribal lines. I think that's probably it goes beyond me

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NTIA: our scope for our expertise, but it's. I think it's something we could bring to attention,

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NTIA: for example, to the broadband team Here

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Adam Geisler: we can, so

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we will certainly make these concerns known to others at ntia.

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Larry Jacques: I I I appreciate that, you know. Ah, I think

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NTIA: when we they first in the spectrum. Ah! Was it the two point something, Gigahertz. Ah, you know why the Wi-fi. Thank you. They are our our telecom guys. They They looked at that, and they said, Well, if it's only good for our geography, you know, and we have,

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Larry Jacques: you know, just a you know, a few acres of land, and what's the point of doing it. And then, you know, obviously, there's some,

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Larry Jacques: and I think that's what I think that probably meant was that that's where we could have our tower at that Our geography as far as like. Where the um you know the the the signal could probably be. You know.

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Larry Jacques: How do I want to say that that we could probably hook up people, you know, outside of our tribal lands as long as we had the tower on the

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Larry Jacques: but it wasn't clear, and the people who read it. I I think you know. I guess I just want to see some as far as the spectrum that goes. Ah, also some some clear language On what does that actually mean? And what is the limitations of?

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Larry Jacques: Oh, okay,

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Larry Jacques: where we can connect, Because for us only eight percent of our tribal members live on reservation. Most of them live on preservation,

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Larry Jacques: but they're right next door,

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NTIA: right?

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NTIA: So can we connect to our can. We added this

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to be. This seems to touch on a problem that others have mentioned, that that that seems to be a recurrent,

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NTIA: a current issue which is

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right, no communication in sufficient communication or unclear communication the

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NTIA: right and and

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NTIA: be recurring it be one you're touching upon right now, and that is something that that clearly should be addressed.

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Larry Jacques: I appreciate it. Help? Thank you so much.

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Adam Geisler: Yes, sir, Mr.

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Adam Geisler: Mr. Jokes, and I think one other item that you raised here was was the nuance of, I, I think, just the what tribal land boundaries in general. Right the Susse Marie tribe

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Adam Geisler: uh, while a small trustland footprint uh, I I know, and working with you to many, many other tribes that a lot of your um. Your population lives adjacent on non-trust lands that you're trying to serve in your efforts. And so I I hear you loud and clear in trying to understand

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Adam Geisler: um, for, like where the boundaries start and end for being able to access spectrum. Ah! To be able to serve your entire population. And I think maybe that's one thing, Scott, we should probably lean out of this is in addition to the other points that you, for you guys have already caught on to and raise. But I think it's it's thinking about

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Adam Geisler: the ability for tribes to serve their populations. Um, when you have instances of properties that are um, maybe going through trust conveyance, or maybe the tribe, a lot of tribes are in process purchasing back to property. Um! But their tribal citizens are living on that property while they're waiting for those to be conveyed. So they sometimes run into these jurisdictional issues, I think, like we also heard from. I think this quarterly gave us an example on Tuesday about not being able to put the tower, use a tower adjacent

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Adam Geisler: to the reservation, but had to put the Tower on reservation to be compliant with two point five deployment rules. So I think that's the other piece that i'm just going to pull out of this.

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NTIA: I I actually had missed that point.

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NTIA: Thank you. First

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recognizing it. I'm pointing it out.

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Adam Geisler: Absolutely.

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Adam Geisler: Alright. Thank you.

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Thank you.

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NTIA: Here, madam. I just had maybe some clarifying a question or something. I wanted to ask Mr. John.

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NTIA: So to Adam's point, as you talk about the mapping part of this, and you know, wanting to be

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I've been consulted or provided information about the map.

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NTIA: Is it true that the item behind the broadband mapping obviously is that there are areas rural areas that are underserved and not certified?

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NTIA: You know where those areas are. And there's the idea that you that those maps are inaccurate. If you're developing the map,

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NTIA: you guys, you know, in your capacity, would understand, perhaps, who does or what areas do have access, and whatever do not. So in to ensure that those access those maps are accurate. The idea is to consult with the folks on the ground to ensure that they are accurate.

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NTIA: Stephanie, is that accurate from your perspective, Mr. Jacques.

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So yeah, I mean, yes, there's there's

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Larry Jacques: luckily there's I mean, there's there, I mean not. Luckily there's the the problems there's mapping issues all over the place. Um, man beyond just like us, understanding. What we believe is is not served underserved, you know, adequately served, you know. I think there's definitely disagreements with uh,

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NTIA: with where we believe that those areas are. But the question I was particularly about was the mapping on. Are we eligible for our particular

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NTIA: um benefits that we get as tribes? If we are doing work that is near reservation adjacent, or, if you know, if I'm. Two miles off of the reservation

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NTIA: is, the work going to be covered is like a Will the grant be approved for for us, or will this particular service be eligible for us? So there's mapping on,

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NTIA: and language associated with? I assume with, You know, with what you guys are doing, That's probably going to not one hundred percent match up

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Larry Jacques: with with what our reservation is, and where our people actually are at. And so I think there's a lot of question they have regarding,

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Larry Jacques: you know, is the trust responsibility to the travel government. The people of the tribe? Or is it to these very small geographic regions where just a fraction of us, you know, exist?

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NTIA: Um So if there's any chance it as you guys are are doing your wording to be as liberal as possible with um, right? So you're talking way beyond just the broadband maps. I was thinking you were talking about early on It's a much broader issue. But

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NTIA: yeah, oh, yeah, I mean, we could spend months talking about the mapping issue. But yes,

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Larry Jacques: I mean, yeah. But you know There, there's there, There's the Fcc. Mapping stuff.

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Larry Jacques: It is a small business is a fraction, but

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NTIA: you know, but it like. So there's no point in us fighting for something that we're ineligible to ultimately receive

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Larry Jacques: so I guess i'd start with eligibility, and then

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Larry Jacques: you know some of the things to I, you know, associated with the the

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Larry Jacques: just like to find some, you know, and i'm not sure about the spectrum side. But sometimes, when we are going to create a project, the project has to be financially sustainable, which I I, I I get the purpose of that. But unless we take uh over some like, unless we can get enough people

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Larry Jacques: uh that are subscribing to a service, or they're utilizing something, it's hard to get payback, so unless we can go off of our reservation and uh connect our tribal members wherever they happen to be, it's hard to make projects financially safe

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Larry Jacques: stable.

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Larry Jacques: So if we loosen the wording on that as well, too, so that you know the tribes can decide what's sustainable or not

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NTIA: understood. Thank you

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Adam Geisler: all right, Scott. I think we're ready to move on to question Number three.

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NTIA: Great, and thank you for all that information. That was That was great discussion. I know we. We took a lot out of it on Question Number three,

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NTIA: the one initiatives on tribal land, for example, that's best. I'll note on our Tuesday consultation with the

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NTIA: also heard a competition of pilots from that bedroom pilot for partnerships, the tribal government

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NTIA: that would enable more robot

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NTIA: quicker implementation of spectrum sharing

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NTIA: from access.

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Adam Geisler: All right again. We're going to ask everybody to use the raised hand feature.

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Adam Geisler: It's Josh: i'm not sure if the hand is a legacy hand or a new hand.

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Adam Geisler: There we go. Legacy?



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Adam Geisler: Um, all right. Well, uh, so we have question three up. What initiatives on tribal lands or partnerships with travel government should be considered. That would be that would enable more robust and quicker implementation of spectrum sharing to meet spectrum access needs,

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Adam Geisler: and again raised hand feature, please, and we'll go ahead and call on you Once we see your hand up in the queue.

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NTIA: We had this question, Peter, for spectrum sharing, but I mean, if he took that word out and just wanted to, you know, have more conversations on the test as pilots in general on the spectrum.

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Those comments as well.

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NTIA: Okay, Well, look. We don't have to address every question right

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Adam Geisler: at that point. We did get a lot of input on this on on Tuesday that we now have two raised.

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Adam Geisler: I go ahead and call on Chairman Simon, and then we have Mr. Kger. You're in the batters box. I think I saw your hand up as well.

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Adam Geisler: Good Chairman Simon, if you want to take it. If there is an expanded opportunity for pilot programs, you know all trying to get in this. But Middletown rejoice obviously would really like the opportunity. And I tell you that

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NTIA: pilot programs are good. But they're only, you know, a band-aid on trying to get things completed.

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Moke Simon: But I will say, Ah, you know, here locally. Ah, even like I said here locally, in our ah! Our county done a great job after our disasters. We've had over the seven years working collaboratively through the Lake County Bridge production authority which all seven tribal nations are a part of also with the city and the county government.

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Moke Simon: Um, we do have some pilot program. We have a home harving program, one of three in the State of California. We've also got a couple of ingress negress routes, but I think there's opportunities there to really understand what we're looking at now. Every tribal nation is different, just speaking specifically for Middletown Rancheria. Um, you know, and it's Ah Lake County nations. But

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Moke Simon: you know that's That's where i'm at with it. I I think those opportunities are great. Can't get the grants. We want to do it in a pilot program, if that's the opportunity we have. I just put it out there. So don't understand what that is, or what it looks like right now. But sometimes pilot programs do help others understand exactly what we're trying to accomplish. So,

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Moke Simon: anyway, I hope that touches on it. So that's it for me.

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Adam Geisler: Thank you. I I think I think that's that's really clear.

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Thank you.

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Adam Geisler: Thank you, Chairman.

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Adam Geisler: All right. And then I think we had Mr. Kger up with his hand, and maybe it went down here,

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Adam Geisler: Mr. Keeger, if your hand was up we'll come right back to you, and i'm gonna go to Miss Melissa King.

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Melissa King: Thank you, Adam.

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Melissa King: Um. Right now. There is no user lose cause of any spectrum auction. Once the license is granted, there is no obligation to suddenly or build out requirement over a period of time. This allows spectrum to be held over travel, and even when there is no client to build out due to low population density,

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NTIA: thank you. After this is an issue. Actually, that came up repeatedly on Tuesday. The

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The concern was that license holders.

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Ah!

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NTIA: It would not necessarily build out over tribal lands, even on their licenses cover tribal and leading lots of spectrum unused.

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NTIA: And ah! Of all the things we've heard this week in our tribal consultations that seems to me the very top of the list of things we need to talk about when we look into preparing a spectrum strategy.

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NTIA: If there is any one thing we need to do in this area. It's to get more intensive spectrum use,

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NTIA: and if any spectrum is left unused if it's left fallow, that's a true loss for the individuals who could be covered, certainly for for tribes, but for the whole, the whole country frankly. And so that's at the very top of our list of things to look into

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NTIA: and talk about. Thank you for for raising the issue.

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Adam Geisler: Thank you, Ms. King, and we'll have Mr. Mr. Keeger. You are up. You are up

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Nicholas Kager: just gonna kind of echo what Miss King had to say there and then I will again.

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Nicholas Kager: I'll keep hammering away on this initiatives on tribal lens

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Nicholas Kager: force contractors to put their towers on tribal lands, forced

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Nicholas Kager: agencies to build out on tribal lands with tribal authorities. Put us in the driver's seat.

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Nicholas Kager: I will continue to deny and hold up outside agency, cell phone towers and their use of spectrum within the exterior boundaries of our reservation. If it is not directly benefiting us to the fullest extent possible.

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Nicholas Kager: We have towers up there that disrupt our traditional stories,

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Nicholas Kager: you know they. They they change the way that we tell our children about the world which changes us as a people, and if we cannot tell our tribe how it is benefiting us directly, then all it does is take from us

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NTIA: understood

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Adam Geisler: all right.

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Adam Geisler: And again, it's okay to be providing comments on each of these. That's why we're here. So I believe that

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Adam Geisler: I do not see any more hands in the queue,

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Adam Geisler: so i'll just do it one more time. Going once going twice.

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Adam Geisler: We're gonna move on to question Four.

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Adam Geisler: Thank you.

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NTIA: Thank you. As our fourth question is, what, if anything,

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NTIA: an Nti do to develop,

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NTIA: present, and diversify the spectrum workforce within tribal nations

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to ensure an enduring, capable, and inclusive work for you.

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Adam Geisler: Right hand feature. Um, and I guess I well, while we're just giving it a second here we did here uh on Tuesday from uh from Some folks have responded to this question regarding working with, uh the tan of programs that many of you are engaged in working um with any. We all up

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Adam Geisler: um workforce initiative. Um Ah! Programs that might be in place. Ah Taro always comes to mind as a as a possibility here. So again, just to kind of get the the juices percolating. I I did want to just throw that out of some of the things that we heard on Tuesday.

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Adam Geisler: But i'm wondering, and it This is a big deal uh right. A lot of folks have have uh come to ntia talking about workforce, preparing the next generation for tomorrow's jobs. Um! So this is a good opportunity for those of you that that want to orally weigh in um to go ahead and share any ideas or or thoughts you might have

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Adam Geisler: ah related to strengthening our workforce Diversity um related to spectrum deployments, and ensuring that we're inclusive in that work and not missing it.

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Adam Geisler: A big component of our of our nation, which is Indian country. Obviously,

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Adam Geisler: so we'll pause. There. Are there any hands raised at this time?

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Adam Geisler: You guys just a second. So you're probably contemplating there,

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Adam Geisler: Mr. Phoenix. It looks like you came off mute in there. Okay, there's your hand, all right, hey? Good afternoon again. So uh, just uh, I would ask right up the back, you know. Obviously you've already put some homework and ever into this, and you've heard a little bit about it from others already. So what are you thinking about developing and strength to the University of this spectrum workforce on travel nations, and during the capable way, just to hear your ideas of where you're at now that kind of correlates to what maybe one of my ideas.

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james phoenix: I just want to listen.

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Adam Geisler: That's a really good question. I sort of wish I had an answer for you, but I don't.

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NTIA: We are going to be sitting down with our colleagues all across the Federal Government,

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NTIA: including those at Dia. We're going to be sitting down with our colleagues at Ntia,

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NTIA: and we are going to be processing all of the information that's been provided to us already, and the additional information we expect to come in over the next few weeks to try to come up with answers on these workforce issues.

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NTIA: It's clear to us

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NTIA: that

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NTIA: that it,

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this country's workforce, including workforce and tribal nations, the

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needs to be expanded and improved, to be able to deal with next-generation spectrum issues, even with current generation spectrum issues,

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NTIA: and the truth is the three of us sitting here? We do not know what the answer is. That's the whole point of this public outreach process. That's the whole point of us working with colleagues across the Federal Government,

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NTIA: and I'm. Hoping by the time we sit down to prepare this spectrum strategy, which will be done by the end of the year we will have some suggestions,

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NTIA: if not perfect answers as to how to do that.

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NTIA: You know, as I said at the very beginning. We don't know what we don't know, and one of the areas where we can

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NTIA: input all across the country and specifically from tribal nations, is on workforce issues.

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We know it's a problem,

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NTIA: and we need others help. So we can make some suggestions about how to deal with it, and more and more specifically what the Federal Government can do to be of assistance in attacking those problems.

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NTIA: I wish I had a better answer for you today, but I don't.

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james phoenix: No, I just appreciate your honesty and standard. And and that was what I was looking for, because, you know, I know you're in the analysis phase, and You're gathering information, and i'm open things that are coming about. Um, you know, because overall when I just read this question here, I look at it in the big picture. Not just the same, for you know the spectrum workforce, you know. I look at the big holistic tribal big thing like that, and So you do an analysis on this, and and sharing that information with other Federal agencies. So they were kind of uh

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james phoenix: not having to reinvent the wheel, moving forward to help that collaboration working from the top. Now, you know, I mean and and ah trying to gather that information and then bringing us bringing tribes back up so that we're at that level, as you have heard before we're doing that. Ah, government to government, and consider that, and and our Senate, and that's where a lot of us tribal nations come.

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james phoenix: So I just wanted to put that out there, and that was just my two cents to you. So thank you.

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Adam Geisler: I very much appreciate it. Thank you.

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Adam Geisler: drop off. Can I just ask you a follow up?

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Adam Geisler: Oh, maybe we lost him. Chairman Phoenix.

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Adam Geisler: There he is. Sorry.

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Adam Geisler: Yeah, go ahead. Did you mind if I just ask, because I have noticed that the workforce needs are tackled differently, depending on what part of the country that i'm in um right? So i'm. There's a circuit writer program, for example, that folks are doing up out of Alaska related to utility powers with broadband, and they're using a model that works for them up there, California, at least in Southern California. I know the tanner program as A. As a very big footprint. What are you using in Nevada? Or maybe maybe it's a resource.

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Adam Geisler: So the you know, tribal council of Nevada or others? What resources are you using right now to train? I mean more broadly the workforce where you plug in when your travel members, your community members and citizens are looking for assistance. How do you tell?

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james phoenix: Yeah. So with that here in Nevada, at the Pyramid, I



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james phoenix: you know we have. Our tarot is fundamentally, you know. Ah! In our in our government structure. Ah, but that's been something that we have struggled with continually. Ah, not only on this reservation, but some of the smaller ones in this region over here. Ah, to really have that good workforce. Ah, a lot of times we're relying on our human resources, you know, just to try to help, you know, recruit and and doing these types of things just generally speaking, to the answer that question, you know, and it's pretty tough,

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james phoenix: you know, because um a lot of times we don't have either the funding or we don't have the actual staff, so you know, to take the time and manage all that stuff, you know, from a leader's perspective.

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james phoenix: You know it. It's just to the other work day. You're like man. I'm done, and i'm not even halfway through. What are the the primary priorities that I need to accomplish? I just don't have enough staff to do that. So we're just surviving. But if we had the ideal uh structure made up like that, we didn't probably accomplish a lot of things, but it's just unfortunate and different means from different reservations as you've probably experienced.

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Adam Geisler: So do you think there were to be? And i'm not. You, Haven't just asking this? I'm not saying we know that there's funds available. But yeah, in the event that there were dollars to become available to help support your training activities, would you want to see those dollars going for those resources. Going to your Tarot office, then. Is that what I heard? It's strengthening your terra. I know most trying to have a terror offices where i'm asking.

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james phoenix: Yes, you know it. It would be like you had heard earlier, you know, to have those funds come to us, and that we wouldn't manage those funds either way. You know whether you're the grantee or wherever the grant or doing all that stuff,

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james phoenix: you know. Ah, but yeah, almost definitely. And then, you know, it allows us to um be creative and find ways to ah fall along with that criteria, to to develop that, and they framework that up, and then sit along to the next reservation,

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james phoenix: you know, and that's what I look at is, you know the big picture for just my region here in Nevada, you know, because everyone has a similar problems, you know, and there's just a way forward, and I think that it would be a way to do it is to put it in a terrible

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Adam Geisler: appreciate that feedback

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for my colleagues from the spectrum shop.

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Adam Geisler: Um, the tarot is the tribal employment's rights office. Um that that many tribes uh have in place. So there's there's kind of like our uh a tribal version was a tribal version of uh a workforce Rights Office is what it is uh for for uh workforce rights and training. So I just wanted to for that. I know we're recording this for.

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Adam Geisler: Thank you, Chairman Phoenix, for the female. Go ahead, German, and just one more thing on top of that when you you open the door there, Adam, in regards to knowing what you don't know, and and just in respect to you know here, you know, really understanding the government structure of what you know, how we operate, and that is a good framework. So you can kind of see our like from our lands. I analyze from your angle what is it? You know what we have to work with, and then you can maybe understand what are our strengths and weaknesses.

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james phoenix: You know our opportunities there and our threats to us so that we can really, you know, you can really take a picture for, and I think that'll help you understand a little bit more as you continue to go on with this analysis things, and again I appreciate your efforts. So that's my two sense. Thank you.

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james phoenix: Thank you, Chairman.

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NTIA: Thank you, sir.

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Adam Geisler: All right. It looks like Scott. You have Chairman Simon up next his hand up. Chairman Spyman.

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Moke Simon: Thank you again for done coming on this item. Yeah, I think the former chairman did a good job of explain whether it's terror office, some of us

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Moke Simon: smaller tribes in Northern California. It's just direct funding opportunities through the grant whatever granting agency it is to look at that, because, as we're talking about about building out the

spectrum and coming our own utilities for us, we're in the infancy stages of that. So, having an opportunity for internship programs, because we're usually going to be starting these things with non-tribal workforces, bringing in the talent, and then learning from there. So, having those opportunities, I think, are real important.

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Moke Simon: Each tribes different. Um, you know, because some of the programs that they're out there they're income-based, and if you have tribal members that are already working under a good Ah, you know tribal wage that we set here on the rancher is for ourselves to get people to work, you know, in the workforce it becomes a challenge. But I think the internship programs really good, as most of the business we start. Um, you know we're usually hire, like, I say, non

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Moke Simon: tribal folks to come in, train us and then look to replace them with the ultimate tribal member. Um. And and I think it works really well. Everybody understands what the process is, but everything we do or create here with our tribal nation is for the next generation to look and see at those new opportunities. Ultimately, I just say, when I grew up as a young man,

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Moke Simon: probably broadband and Internet wasn't even in a conversation. So, having the important opportunities for internship programs to be part of the granting agencies when we're writing these Grants, I think, is real important, because when you look at that sustainability issue that's it. And i'm always very clear. My Internet, and my computer skills or spectrum skills are pay you. If it doesn't work unplug it, plug it back in hopefully. It comes on. Um. But the the new generation of our young folks

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Moke Simon: just need to be trained like, I said.

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Moke Simon: We're all moving towards our own utilities, and at least the smaller tribes I know some of the more. Ah! The bigger advanced tribes are already in those areas, but some of us are taking those new leaps, and it's the next generation where we're going to be able to fill in those very important key positions for ourselves. So for me, our Middletown ratio, it's internship programs which we already have some blanket um programs for all of our businesses we have up and running, so it'd be something easy to put in a grant application. Say, listen,

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Moke Simon: this is a sustainable long-term. Ah! You know opportunities for our tribal membership to continue on the growth of our um spectrum utility you know and everything that we're growing so that's mine would be internship programs during the group, whatever granting agency. And that's what we try and push every time we write a grant to build that workforce and sustain it.

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NTIA: That is a very helpful thought. Thank you,

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Adam Geisler: Chairman Chairman Simon, just as a

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as a just one quick follow up,

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Adam Geisler: you know, and I think it's just a takeaway that i'm getting from your feedback. Here is um, You know. One thing that I think maybe is worth exploring. Scott and the spectrum team is ways that we can incentivize uh internships from industry in this. In this discussion as well.

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Adam Geisler: Um, Chairman Simon, I I I heard you mentioned from the granting standpoint. But what are your thoughts in relationship to to things that we could maybe consider an incentivizing industry on from that path as well, because sometimes it's not always about writing a grant. Right? I'm just. I guess I just want to get your thoughts on. If if if we can't do Rants. Is that an alternative that it would make sense? Or Or if you have other ideas, right?

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Moke Simon: Yeah. Absolutely, anyway. So I let me get your question right here. You're talking about outside agencies that are doing this, incentivizing them to

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Moke Simon: work with internship programs with our tribal members or our tribal workforce to get them absolutely. Whenever I talk to a public utility or other things, whether you're in Northern California, it's. Pg. And E. You have at T and me to come. These are just some of the folks in our area. Absolutely. It's that conversation of all right. Well, we can't get that collaboration going in. Yeah, looking at that, especially when it's on tribal lands,

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Moke Simon: anything being done on tribal lands. You know that's the conversation we're always having, because

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Moke Simon: eventually, like i'll say it again. We want to take over everything on our sovereign properties. I've heard many of these folks saying, running our own utilities, whether it's water super or power, as we're moving forward, even garbage or whatever depending how you're doing that stuff so

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Moke Simon: absolutely. If we could get out from the Federal Government for these agencies that work on our tribal lands, which I've heard many times that would always looking to continue to improve those opportunities for our folks, because

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Moke Simon: whether our members are working for the tribe or another agency. They're working, and that's the most important thing to take care of their families, if it can be with the Travel Agency, and they look at other life sustaining activities. Then that's what we need to do.

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Thank you, Chairman.

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Adam Geisler: I'm just looking at the queue here, Scott, i'm not sure if you have any other follow-ups there.

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Adam Geisler: I think we understand the point, and thank you, Adam, for

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the question out a little bit further is very helpful.

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Adam Geisler: Thank you

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all right. Well, I we're on question for the,

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Adam Geisler: and I think that the the last one is going to be a little bit more open-ended, but um and i'm not seeing any more hands on question for so i'll just say going once going twice

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Adam Geisler: three times. All right. We'll go on to the the next and final question.

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NTIA: Thank you, Adam. And this final question again, as that have indicated

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pretty wide open. Are there any other questions raised by

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NTIA: the Ti's request for comments or Rs that are of interest to tribal nations. And again, I would just add, you know,

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NTIA: catch all there any other issues you would like to bring up, and for our consideration. Thank you

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it this way. If there's anything you would like to tell us about spectrum issues

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NTIA: that we Haven't managed to ask you a question about. So far we are more than happy to hear what

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NTIA: to hear what you have to say

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Adam Geisler: perfect, all right. So we have. Ah, Jill! Ah, Wagner in the ah wet ready to go ahead and speak, and Francis from the Shisham Bannock tribe. You're in the batters box. So Ah, Jill Wagner, if you want to go and come off from you by name, tribe,

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Adam Geisler: name, title, tribe, and then the question, Please,

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Jill Wagner: Jill Wagner, I am also a th feel for the Cord Lane tribe. I work with Nick. So he just came in and said, You're on death.

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Jill Wagner: So just this morning I became aware of the broadband bill going through Congress. I believe shepherded by Congressman culture.

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Jill Wagner: It may have gone to hearing this week. I'm not sure it doesn't have a number yet, but it's the goal of it is to categorically exclude any broadband infrastructure from Nepa and NhpA Review. If it is in an existing right of way,

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Jill Wagner: not disturbed soils, which is already bad. Um, I don't like that, either, but this would be in an existing right of way, and i'm wondering if and Tia is aware of that, and how that may nullify this entire effort should it go through.

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NTIA: So I am sure that our legislative office here is on top of that any legislation that's introduced that affects communications,

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the the kinds of things

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NTIA: thoroughly reviewed by our legislative office, and then the administration will almost always end up taking some kind of view on legislation.

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NTIA: Don't. See how this would have effect, based on your quick description the spectrum strategy we're working on. But

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certainly people here will be tracking that in any other legislation that affects communication

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Adam Geisler: right? And I think um

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Adam Geisler: I have not heard of this piece.

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Adam Geisler: Yeah, I I heard that there's thirty-three bill. I kind of listened in on the hearing yesterday and I heard there was thirty-three bills pending regarding broadband legislation that were introduced in the house. But um you know again none of those are gospel. So they're approved and we definitely track those as they're moving through. Understand, Jill, I think I missed Miss Weckner while you're raising the issue.

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Adam Geisler: Um, obviously that that gets into um renegotiating easements and and leasing fees, and all those other things that would, you know

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Adam Geisler: you know it. It would mean that this office and the tribe would not be notified of this because it wouldn't Trigger, Nepa or Nhba, and Nhba has frankly been about the only way. The tribe hears about non-trial projects on this reservation in.

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Jill Wagner: So by by circumventing those we wouldn't know on the reservation that any of this is happening

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Adam Geisler: through the and you're referencing your notification through the Tcns process. Correct

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Jill Wagner: notification through any process seems to only happen if it's triggered by Neva or Nhpa

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Adam Geisler: Gotcha.

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Adam Geisler: Okay, Thank you for the clarification.

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Adam Geisler: All right. I think we're going to keep going. Scott. Francis, with the Shishombeanic tribe, which I believe is also out of.

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Adam Geisler: I don't know another beautiful spot. If you've never had a chance to get out there, and they have an amazing powwow about every summer. Ah, probably said more than I need to, Francis. But love love your back country. The floor is yours. Name title and tribe, please.

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Frances Goli, Shoshone-Bannock Tribe: Lovely? Well, thank you for the shout out on our festival annual festival.

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NTIA: Hello! My name is Francis Dole, and I represent the Shishombeanic tribes in tribal broadband. So one of the things I wanted to bring up was that during the Fcc. Two Point five Gigahertz tribal priority window. We were one of the seven tribes that were denied, and I believe Mountain Retchair was also one, because we had no available, unassigned two point five spectrum available.

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Frances Goli, Shoshone-Bannock Tribe: Therefore, during the pandemic, our tribal community, we were unable to deploy an emergency wireless for our community, and that was really hurtful for our community. However, one lsp has a monopoly, and it's purchased multiple licenses and recently purchased um licenses during the auction, and provides like subpar service to our tribal community. Therefore I want to know. I wanted to say it earlier, but that makes it very difficult for us to

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Frances Goli, Shoshone-Bannock Tribe: our upcoming broadband projects, because now we're going to have to lease licenses from a third-party company.

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Frances Goli, Shoshone-Bannock Tribe: I was just wondering what are your plans for something like that? I don't know if other tribal nations are in the same boat as us, where a company has the ability and the funds to suck up all of those licenses

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NTIA: so obviously, as you all know, the two point five Gigahertz licenses were awarded by an Fcc.

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NTIA: And what we've heard both today and from our initial tribal consultation earlier in the week,

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NTIA: specifically focusing on two point five gigahertz that some licenses were awarded that are not being fully used

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to provide service on tribal lands, and that is certainly something we are going to take a look at and discuss with our Federal colleagues, including those at the Commission.

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Adam Geisler: So ah! Like Ah, Ms. Golly, how do you think we should resolve, I guess, would be That would be the you know. I I think, that the right we're here to listen, and I obviously don't want to be too cheeky here. But I but I you know I guess I am curious,

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Adam Geisler: you know, if you were being or queen for a day, how would you wave the one to make the issue go away, or to resolve it?

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Frances Goli, Shoshone-Bannock Tribe: You know, in our instance, down here in southeastern Idaho. We are not like as rule as people might think, as other tribal nations are. We do have a lot of companies outside that are trying to get on the lands. However, there is one company that has a monopoly

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Frances Goli, Shoshone-Bannock Tribe: on our tribal land, and they are allowed to purchase and auction some of these licenses and spectrum licenses, and we don't have an opportunity, or the funds, or the ability to even get in on this we do have a few licenses radio frequencies that we use for emergency services. But it would be nice to have, maybe a representative from Fcc. And saying, Hey, you know, you know, on your on tribal lands. Maybe there is a process where we could get in there and get some of

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Frances Goli, Shoshone-Bannock Tribe: those licenses, so we could serve our tribal community, I believe Nes Perce mentioned something also is that we really want somebody to back us up on this.

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Frances Goli, Shoshone-Bannock Tribe: These companies, with large funds don't take up everything, and then we have to go through them in the future. So we'd be nice to get some support um and some authority, because we Don't, we're not in a place of authority to suck up these licenses and tell them no while on our tribal lands.

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Adam Geisler: So just to clarify, I think what i'm hearing you say is when it comes down to the spectrum over your lands you want to be able to have. I mean, what what is what you're describing is almost like a first writer refusal or um, the ability to use to use what you need to to connect your community.

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Adam Geisler: Yes, within the reservation.

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Adam Geisler: Okay, that would be great.

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Adam Geisler: All right. They thank you for the clarification there,

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Adam Geisler: and if I may, if I may follow up,

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Adam Geisler: here's uh two

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NTIA: on on Tuesday. I rate. I raised it with some others, but i'm curious to know whether it's one right. You would like access to the spectrum to provide your own services in the second day

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NTIA: that the Fcc. License see

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NTIA: that service area does not, you know, not, provide adequate service.

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NTIA: One of my questions is if you have explored Pvr, the citizen broadband radio services, you know i'm from two point five gigahertz. So up at three point five gigahertz, and I raise that because of the general on the right axis

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NTIA: framework there, which is similar to on life spectrum. But I think probably a little more useful for these types of purposes things like Private four private five networks and things like that. I'd be curious if you're familiar with that at all.

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Frances Goli, Shoshone-Bannock Tribe: Um, yes, a little bit, but it would be nice if we could get a higher spectrum on our lands. Yes, I do believe that three point five would be good, or even the five Gigahertz, would be fantastic for us to deploy our broadband services, because we are not going to have the funds to continue to lease these licenses from a third-party company that currently holds them, and possibly is not using them

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Adam Geisler: Well, if there are any other follow ups,

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Joseph Carella: go ahead and go on to the next uh the next hand. We have about twenty minutes left, so we're right on track here. Um! It looks like we have Mr. Joseph Carella, if you would go ahead and come off with you, Mr. Prella, and give your name, the title and the tribe you're you're speaking on behalf of today.

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Joseph Carella: Yes, my name is Joseph Carella, C. A. R. E. L. A. I'm. Working with the Susan Marie Tribe of Chihuahua Indians, and the wi-fi band of Kumaii Indians

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Joseph Carella: for a stuff I want to complement the fcc for on the two point five Gigahertz tribal spectrum

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Joseph Carella: for normalizing the obligations for utilization of the two point five gigahertz spectrum to match the non-tribal, if I remember the tribal estimate the tribal obligations for performance and utilization. Were much shorter

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Joseph Carella: but you modified that to match the non-tribal items. Very good

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Joseph Carella: number two. I'd like to suggest that following the the previous speaker that tribes be given an opportunity for utility at an at a discounted rate, not a market rate.

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Joseph Carella: Ah! To use a commercially owned spectrum over their lands, not asking for an exclusive But I would be asking for a preference at a discounted rate, so that the tribes don't have to pay commercial market rates.

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Third point I would make is that the

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Joseph Carella: precedent that was set over the two point, five gigahertz, and allowing the tribes to seek

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Joseph Carella: a preferential claim on new spectrum, should be followed in any additional spectrum in the one point five additional gigahertz

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Joseph Carella: bands that you are looking to make available, and I think that should be followed here as well in the higher ranges at millimeter, wave, et cetera. And then the final point I would make is

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Joseph Carella: final point I would make is

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Joseph Carella: a technical question. Around the bands, the buffer bands around any particular segment, with the improvements in technology and things becoming much more digital rather than analog.

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Joseph Carella: Will there be a greater proportion of those one point five. Ah, gigahertz worth of bans utilized that Don't require as large buffer bans. That is purely a technology question not related to tribes. But I feel it must be asked.

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Joseph Carella: Thank you.

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NTIA: Yeah, Thank you. Thank you for those points on my might work

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NTIA: backwards at least, maybe. Look at that last question you both. I think that is an interesting development, I think, from from the Ngi's perspective and a lot of fans. We are looking at things like, you know, out of that emission level you know better. Receiver performance. Things like that, that, I think, is certainly help with things like having less.

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Joseph Carella: You said Buffer zones, or uh um or garbage right card band the world, or I. I think I think technology improvements are better. And frankly, we know we need to do a better job of that, because

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Joseph Carella: spectral environment is obviously getting a lot more congested. I'm going to look at my colleague here.

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Joseph Carella: They might have, they might have there

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NTIA: of the last question. Now the one thousand five hundred Megahertz, as we are considering the band that might be identified there we go through a

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NTIA: of the band to kind of determine what are the appropriate services, and how to implement those

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NTIA: um when we make a

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that is a major consideration, and when we do decide, perhaps, how to

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NTIA: how to potentially repurpose that spectrum, we will then take into account, making sure that we've done our due diligence to ensure that it's implemented in the most efficient way possible.

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Joseph Carella: Right? And I think I

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NTIA: one of the key things we're trying to do with the national spectrum strategy,

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technology, new technology

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NTIA: that might led us to make more use of fallow spectrum, such as guard bands to the degree. For example, as Derek mentioned that receivers receivers get better. You don't have to have guard bands that are as wide, and therefore you have an additional spectrum that can be used

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for providing services,

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and one we're very much looking at,

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Joseph Carella: Right? I think that would allow for a more effective use, more efficient use of that one thousand five hundred megabytes, Megahertz discussions because you could get greater utilization, and especially if it's in fewer bands. I realize that's a hard problem.

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Joseph Carella: Thank you for considering the technology concerns onto the tribal concerns any comments or follow-up questions to my statements.

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NTIA: Yeah. And and And thank you for that Again, My, I think the wheels are are spinning up here. I'd be thinking about more issues there, including frankly this the even on the transmitter side, as we get into being, forming all the new technologies where you can.

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NTIA: You know you can aim your a certain way and avoid. And then a second part being on dynamic spectrum sharing right? So I think that that creates. That's another opportunity to, you know. Actually pack more purposes in there. So it's also to that end. You know, artificial intelligence and machine learning, lots of capabilities and technologies that exist to allow us to kind of take them, take advantage of spectrum to ensure that we're utilizing.

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NTIA: Certainly, as we see more applications that come online. You know, there's also the idea that system-dependent system

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Joseph Carella: kind of built with coexistence, if you will in mind that that particular system are built such as they can.

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NTIA: Certainly technology, we believe, will help us along this way to ensure that we meet the needs of the American people

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as we elected this, that one thousand five hundred megahertz

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Joseph Carella: Thank you again. Thank you. My team and Mr. Geisler. Thank you.

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NTIA: I also took a good note of your suggestion that you've heard from others that you've like, You know the Fcc. Early filing window, and you're plea to consider that for other fans for that. And again, a lot of that will be. Our discussions with the Fcc.

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NTIA: Have to be. One more thing sure.

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Joseph Carella: Um, You know that I've talked about that that are um

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NTIA: window for receiving comments from the public on the Rc. Closed on Monday today. I think it was. We released a comment from the

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NTIA: from the respondents. So there's an opportunity. If you want to see what kinds of inputs we're getting from that Rfc: that's out there, as well we got over one hundred and forty, maybe one hundred and forty of so come i'm in thirty-four.

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NTIA: Well, that's hard. I'm learning

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NTIA: the one hundred and thirty comments um

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NTIA: from the from the public for a wide range of industries and advocates about how you know what their

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Adam Geisler: uh, I guess I just uh close, Mr. Currell, with Also, we've heard that it's always fun when we get to kick out a little bit on these calls. And, by the way for those of you that want to go there. You can go there with this crew folks here of professionals. We have here at Mtia there that nobody's going to shy away from these conversations, but I just wanted to also highlight. We heard your comment about um

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Joseph Carella: commercial rates versus discounted rates when you're talking about tribes looking to leverage available. Uh, or at least the spectrum of folks. I just kind of rate That's a another point that we capture there. So thank you for raising that.

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Joseph Carella: Thank you. I'm not asking for exclusive use by the tribes I am only asking for, you know, preferential discounted rates because it is an asset that they could utilize,

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Joseph Carella: and that may require some market intervention.

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Joseph Carella: Unders noted.

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Joseph Carella: Thank you.

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Thank you, Mr. Carral.

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Adam Geisler: All right. Well, I think uh Scott and team. I think we're ready to move on to the next speaker, and we have about twelve minutes left. We want to reserve for about two minutes here at the end for just to need the housekeeping. So, uh, Brian Marquel, you are up, and Miss Melissa King, you are in the batters box.

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Adam Geisler: So, Brian, if you could name title tribe before you answer the question first.

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Adam Geisler: Thanks, Adam. Ah, name Brian Miracle, M. A. R. A. C. L. E. And I am working with the Anna Inter Tribal Resource Commission, which represents a

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Bryan Maracle: tribal communities in the Auntner region of Alaska that includes Matasta Gocona Okana

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Bryan Maracle: Taslena, Kludica, Chitn, and Cantwell.

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Bryan Maracle: My comment is pretty easy in that. The National strategy to include the

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Bryan Maracle: executing any

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Bryan Maracle: spectrum, allocation and re allocation to follow the fcc tribal priority window process for any new spectrum that's reallocated or allocated to

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Bryan Maracle: additional uses or future uses

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Bryan Maracle: and quick follow up on

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Bryan Maracle: can the housekeeping include where that individuals can go find those comments that came in associated with the strategy.

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NTIA: The answer is, Yes, we'll touch on all of that as we as we close out, and I will add right here that not only will you have the tramps to review what other people have

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NTIA: said to us, you will have an additional opportunity. After the comment period. Your comment period is closed, the

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NTIA: to send us any additional thoughts you have

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NTIA: in response to what you read on our website. In other words, while our comment window is closing has closed for the public, and is about to close for the tribal consultation that doesn't mean, we're going to stop listening, and you can't be in touch with us. We're going to actually set up an email address where any member of the public

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NTIA: and tribal governments, members of tribal nations can get in touch with us with any follow-up thoughts they have

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Bryan Maracle: ah appreciate that there's a number of bribes that work with. Ah, the State, and just have connection with that would ah love to put in comments, and ah! And be a part of the conversation

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NTIA: absolutely

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Adam Geisler: awesome. Well, Brian, thank you.

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Adam Geisler: Uh, for the feedback, and from joining us from Ah, the great state of Alaska. And I know you guys had a lot of work ahead of ahead of you guys with the TbcP Project underway. So thank you for joining us today.

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Bryan Maracle: Yes, thank you

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Adam Geisler: all right, and we have. Ah, next we have Miss Melissa King and Melissa. If you just don't mind real quick name, title, tribe. I know you prize and comments just wrote by Hick. Thank you.

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Melissa King: Okay, thanks. Adam Melissa, King Nesters tribe Department of Technology services in Idaho

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Melissa King: and and I'm just going to rewrite my notes. Tribes are highly interested in the spectrum over their lives, and we are capable of deploying broadband, and are attempting to make every effort to expand opportunities over our alliance. Access to spectrum is a critical opponent for these plans

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Melissa King: to address these concerns and provide opportunity. Please consider writing into the plan. Tribal Priority windows.

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Melissa King: First write a refusal of licenses over travel lands before auction.

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Melissa King: Consultation before license is awarded consent for build-out over tribal lines before license is awarded and sub-lease or co- use agreements,

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Melissa King: and then time limit for required build out terms, and if none of those are options below that can be included into the national spectrum plan, perhaps a compensation to the tribes for the spectrums over the lands. This compensation could come directly out of the license option, and can be based

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Melissa King: the area covered by the licensee by the license.

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NTIA: Thank you. We have.

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NTIA: You were very precise and clear, and we will make sure those thoughts are shared with other Federal agencies as as we sit down to develop the spectrum strategy.

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Adam Geisler: Thank you. Thank you to Ms. King. Ah! And and for joining us today and being able to write the feedback, and I hope I hope you're doing well, I think. And again thanks for joining us out in Arizona at the Tbln. Here a few weeks back.

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Adam Geisler: Um, all right. Well, uh Scott and team. I think we I don't see any more hands. So i'm just gonna say going once, going twice,

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Adam Geisler: three times. We're gonna Oh, Mr. Kger, I your hand up. I just want to jump in there and again Thank Ms. King for

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Nicholas Kager: speaking out on that that's absolutely things that

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Nicholas Kager: definitely should be implemented.

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Nicholas Kager: Thank you.

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Adam Geisler: Thank you, Mr. Kger, for That's Nicholas Kger for the record from the quarterlyane tribe.

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Adam Geisler: Thank you, Mr. Keeger?

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Adam Geisler: All right. Well, I think we're We're at that point, Scott, where we can go ahead and and close out.

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NTIA: Okay, Well, thank you again. Thank everyone. I want to thank everyone for participating. This is enormously helpful to us

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NTIA: until uh, let's see.

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NTIA: The day is today, till tomorrow. At the close of business. We are accepting formal written comments in response to the tribal consultation at that email address

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NTIA: as you mentioned a few moments ago. You can also have access to the public comments which are now on our website.

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NTIA: My colleague, Sean Spivy, in the Chat, has put the web address to be able to see those comments. But if you didn't see that, or can't see it for any reason, I just

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NTIA: just Google National Spectrum strategy comments that will come right up. And finally, when you get go to our web page, you

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formal period of constant, the formal, the period for written comments on the consultation ends tomorrow night. The

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NTIA: does not mean that it's your last chance to comment. There will be an email address for the public which you may take advantage of and submit any further thoughts you have that you did not express today, or that occurred to you after you see what others have said in the course of this process up until the date the national spectrum strategy is adopted. We're going to do our best to take over all,

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NTIA: and with that I will end it, and thank you all for your time. We are very grateful that you decided to spend a couple of hours with us today. Thank you,

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Adam Geisler: Thanks, Scott. And again

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Adam Geisler: all the tribal leaders. Thank you so much for joining us uh to talk about this important issue. You guys be safe and be blessed, and look forward to seeing you out in the field into the future. If you love to come from all the team here at Ntia. Thank you so much.