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MEETING
NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 21, 2023
1 p.m.– 2:30 p.m. EST

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES' TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PLACES
BULLETIN**
Office of Native American Affairs and Office of Federal Agency Programs

Background. First issued in 1990, the National Park Service (NPS) issued the Traditional Cultural Places (TCP) Bulletin (“Bulletin 38”) to provide guidance on nominating buildings, structures, objects, sites, and districts believed to have traditional cultural significance for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The TCP Bulletin was updated in 1992 to address concerns that properties of importance to Indian tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations (NHOs) were being excluded from listing by virtue of the fact that religious properties are not typically eligible for listing in the National Register. It was again updated in 1998 to re-state that TCPs are not a new property type nor an additional level of significance.

From 2011 to 2013, in response to ever-increasing requests for additional assistance on TCP identification and evaluation, NPS hosted listening sessions around the country to gather comments. NPS hosted webinars and participated in conferences and meetings with federal and state agencies, Native Americans, Native Hawaiians, Native Alaskans, and preservation organizations. From 2014 to 2017, NPS developed a revised draft that included plain language and successful nominations as examples. In mid-2017, the update initiative was halted. NPS is now relaunching that effort to revise the [TCP Bulletin](#). The 2017 draft has been further revised to enhance plain language and include additional examples and images.

Consultation and Coordination. NPS will be engaged in [ongoing outreach and coordination](#) through April 2023, including regional virtual meetings with Indian tribes, NHOs, Alaska Native Corporations, and State Historic Preservation Officers, as well as sessions with Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, interagency partners, and Federal Preservation Officers, and two general public engagement meetings. NPS is accepting comments on the current draft through April 30, 2023. The National Register anticipates publishing an updated draft Bulletin in the *Federal Register* for a 60-day public commenting period later this year.

National Register staff has coordinated with the ACHP on the updated Bulletin. The Offices of Native American Affairs, Federal Agency Programs, and General Counsel provided comments in April and September 2022 on the draft document and met with National Register staff on multiple occasions. The ACHP plans to develop additional information on taking effects to TCPs into account in the Section 106 review process once the revised Bulletin is finalized.

Action Needed. National Register staff will provide a presentation to members on the updated Bulletin and the status of outreach. Members are encouraged to ask questions and provide feedback, as appropriate.

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