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DOI	BIA	Grants to Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities and Dine College	1076-AF08	This rule makes technical changes for consistency with statutory language, clarifies the process of how tribal colleges and universities can receive a grant and the intended use of such funds, and updates the regulation to meet plain language standards.	Completed	Final rule published 6/14/2016 at 81 FR 38585.	Clarification and simplification of language for easier compliance.	Public comment	
DOI	BIA	Federal Acknowledgement of Indian Tribes	1076-AF18	This rule reforms the process and criteria by which the Secretary acknowledges an Indian tribe to allow for faster decisions, reduces the documentary burden, and ensures transparency and predictability through objective standards.	Completed	Final rule published July 1, 2015 at 80 FR 37862.	Reduces documentary burden by limiting time period for which Department will conduct an evaluation.	Public comment, and estimated hour burden reduction under the Paperwork Reduction Act.	Information collection burden reduction of 6,390 hours. Revisions result in a more efficient and transparent review and approval process.

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DOI	BIA	Rights-of-Way on Indian Land	1076-AF20	This rule is necessary to update provisions promulgated in 1968, clarify, and streamline practices and procedures for obtaining rights-of-way across Indian trust or restricted land, and eliminate unnecessary approvals.	Completed	Final rule published November 19, 2015 at 80 FR 72492.	Removal of an approval requirement for surveys that will affect every right-of-way application.	Public comment.	A reduction in burden is expected. This rule eliminates unnecessary BIA approvals and improves the efficiency of the process.
DOI	BIA	Housing Improvement Program	1076-AF22	This rule revises existing regulations governing BIA implementation of the Housing Improvement Program to ensure that those most in need of housing improvement services are eligible for the service provided by the program.	Completed	Final rule published November 10, 2015 at 80 FR 69589.	Leverages other housing assistance programs to better meet housing goals.	Public comment	This rule makes it easier for those in need of housing improvement services to leverage other Federal programs to improve housing on Indian land.

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DOI	BIA	Indian Child Welfare Act Proceedings	1076-AF25	The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) has been applied inconsistently by jurisdiction. This rule provides consistency throughout the country on implementing the ICWA.	Completed	Final rule published June 14, 2016 at 81 FR 38778.	Establishes trigger provisions to clarify when ICWA requirements apply.	Working with DHHS to determine whether more data on ICWA compliance can be gathered.	This rule addresses the widely varying levels of compliance with ICWA across States by establishing uniform standards for compliance. This improves fairness and consistency, decreases legal and other costs to those affected, and makes it easier for those affected to understand the impacts of the regulations.

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DOI	BIA	Forestry Regulations	TBD	This rule will provide updates to streamline the process for obtaining BIA approval for forestry activity on Indian land.	Ongoing	Proposed rule anticipated December 2016.	Streamlined requirements	Public comment	This rule is expected to decrease information collection burdens and remove unnecessary steps in the process for conducting forestry on Indian land.

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DOI	BIA	Tribal Energy Resource Agreements (25 CFR 224)	TBD	The Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act in 2005 authorizes Indian Affairs to enter into Tribal Energy Resource Agreements (TERA) with tribes, which in turn allow tribes to authorize energy rights-of-way and other agreements without the review and approval of the Secretary. To date, no TERAs have been completed. BIA will review the existing requirements and seek feedback on potential improvements.	Ongoing	TBD	TERAs would offer streamlined requirements if DOI were able to implement them through regulations. DOI continues to seek ways to implement them within existing statutory authority.	Public comment	TERAs were meant to reduce burden by transferring the management of energy development to tribal governments, thereby empowering tribes and advancing their self-determination.

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DOI	BLM	Solar/Wind Competitive Process	1004-AE24	The BLM determined that a comprehensive, long-term wind and solar energy development program on public lands requires a robust regulatory framework that establishes a competitive process for awarding rights-of-way under current FLPMA authority.	Ongoing	Currently under review at OIRA. Final rule anticipated September 2016.	Streamlined requirements.	Public comment	The rule's regulatory framework will mitigate uncertainties for developers. Its provisions regarding bids, acreage rents, and MW capacity fees will assist the BLM in collecting fair market value for the use of public lands. Bonding provisions will mitigate potential liabilities that may result from development on public lands.

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DOI	NPS	Commercial Filming and Similar Projects and Still Photography Activities – Location Fee Schedule	NA	The location fee schedule implements Public law 106-206 and will be used by DOI bureaus and the U.S. Forest Service to provide a fair return to the United States for the use of Federal lands for permitted commercial filming, similar projects, and still photography activities.	Ongoing	December 2016	Streamlined requirements. This will provide one schedule across all land management agencies.	Public comment	The fee schedule will provide a fair return for use of Federal land and will provide the commercial filming industry with consistent predictable fees for their activities.
DOI	FWS and NMFS	Implementing Changes to the Regulations for Designating Critical Habitat	1018-AX86	This final rule amends existing regulations governing the designation of critical habitat under section 4 of the Endangered Species Act. A number of factors, including litigation and the Services' experience over the years in interpreting and applying the statutory definition of critical habitat, highlighted the need to clarify or revise the current regulations. This is a joint rule between the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA, Commerce).	Completed	Final rule published February 11, 2016 at 81 FR 7414.		Public comment, EO 12866 interagency review.	Increased clarity, consistency, and certainty associated with how the Services designate critical habitat would reduce the transaction costs incurred by the regulated community (e.g., Federal agencies, States, Tribes, local governments, industry, private landowners).

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DOI	FWS and NMFS	Policy for the Designation of Critical Habitat Under Section 4 of the Endangered Species Act	1018-AX87	This final policy articulates the purpose of critical habitat, provides a clear interpretation of the statutory definition of "critical habitat," and describes a comprehensive approach for designating critical habitat under section 4 of the Endangered Species Act. This policy helps provide clarity and consistency in the designation of critical habitat in an effort to ensure that the purposes of the Endangered Species Act are fully met. This is a joint policy with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA, Commerce).	Completed	Final policy published February 11, 2016 at 81 FR 7226.		Public comment, EO 12866 interagency review.	Increased clarity, consistency, and certainty associated with how the Services designate critical habitat would reduce the transaction costs incurred by the regulated community (e.g., Federal agencies, States, Tribes, local governments, industry, private landowners).

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DOI	FWS and NMFS	Definition of "Destruction or Adverse Modification" of Critical Habitat	1018-AX88	This final rule amends the existing regulations governing section 7 consultation under the Endangered Species Act to revise the definition of "destruction or adverse modification" of critical habitat. The previous regulatory definition has been invalidated by the courts for being inconsistent with the language of the Endangered Species Act. This is a joint rulemaking with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA, Commerce).	Completed	Final rule published February 11, 2016 at 81 FR 7214.	NA	Public comment, EO 12866 interagency review.	Increased clarity, consistency, and certainty associated with how the Services define "destruction or adverse modification" of critical habitat would reduce the transaction costs incurred by Federal agencies and non-federal applicants and reduce the potential for further litigation that can have financial impacts on the Services as well as Federal and non-federal applicants.

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DOI	FWS and NMFS	Revised Petitions Regulations	1018-BA53	The Endangered Species Act and implementing regulations set forth standards for identifying what constitutes a petition to list, delist or reclassify a species and the procedures for processing a petition. The Services are proposing to change the regulations at 50 CFR 424.14 pertaining to the petition process to provide greater clarity to the public on the petition submission process, including coordination with the affected States, and expanded content requirements and guideline that will assist petitioners in providing complete petitions.	Ongoing	Final rule anticipated September 2016.	NA	Public comment, EO 12866 interagency review.	The public will have better instructions on how to submit a petition and include necessary information; the Services will gain efficiency in processing petitions and producing 90-day findings as a result of the higher quality and completeness of petitions received; coordination with State partners will be improved.

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DOI	FWS	50 CFR Part 14- Importation, exportation, and transportation of wildlife.	1018-AZ71	Revision of port structure and declaration processes to accommodate changes under the International Trade Data System (ITDS). To be incorporated in planned updates of 50 CFR Part 14 [Subpart A (definitions), Subpart B (ports), Subpart E (inspection and clearance of wildlife), Subpart F (declarations), Subpart H (marking), Subpart I (licenses and fees), Subpart J (humane transport)].	Ongoing	Proposed rule anticipated October 2016.	NA	Public comment	Once completed, electronic collection through ITDS promises to provide businesses engaged in international trade with a coordinated government response on admissibility of a shipment or allowance for export. We anticipate these rule changes will simplify the wildlife inspection process and resolve current areas of confusion.

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DOI	FWS	Migratory Bird Hunting; 2016-17 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations	1018-BA70	A new schedule will be used for setting annual migratory bird hunting regulations. The current early and late season regulatory actions will be combined into a single process--based on predictions derived from long-term biological information and established harvest strategies-- that will establish seasons much earlier than the current system.	Completed	Final rule on frameworks published March 2016 (FR 17301-17335); Correction published April 2016 (FR 21480-21481). Proposed rule for tribal seasons published May 2016 (FR 34225-34240). Final rule for seasons and bag limits published July 25, 2016.	State agencies can select/publish their season dates much earlier than the current system (around 4-6 months).	There will be increased opportunity for public comment (longer comment periods).	There will be greater predictability with respect to hunting seasons and harvest limits. Fewer meetings will be required to establish seasons, lowering administrative costs by 40% per year and substantially lowering the Service's carbon footprint due to a decrease in travel.

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DOI	FWS	Section 7 Net Conservation Benefit	N/A	This programmatic biological opinion will streamline the process under section 7 of the ESA regarding Federal agency actions and consultations for projects that are intended to restore habitats when the effect of the project on listed species will be beneficial.	Ongoing	September 2016	This biological opinion would streamline the section 7 process.	We anticipate internal coordination and review.	This biological opinion would help expedite implementation of restoration projects, thereby reducing costs and promoting the recovery of listed species.
DOI	FWS	Migratory Bird Subsistence Harvest in Alaska; Use of Non-Edible Bird Parts in Authentic Alaska Native Handicrafts for Sale; 50 CFR 92	1018-BB24	We proposed changes to the permanent subsistence migratory bird harvest regulations in Alaska that would enable Alaska Natives to sell authentic native articles of handicraft or clothing that contain inedible byproducts from migratory birds that were taken for food during the Alaska migratory bird subsistence harvest season.	New	Proposed rule published June 2016 (FR 39618-39623). Comment period closed 8/16/2016.	NA	The Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council (which includes FWS) developed the proposal. Public comments will inform the final rule.	Alaska Native tribes will benefit by being allowed to incorporate inedible bird parts into their authentic handicrafts or hand-made clothing and sell the products.

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DOI	FWS	Eagle Permits; Modifications to Regulations Governing Take to Protect Interests in Particular Localities	1018-AY30	The Service is refining its management objectives for bald eagles and golden eagles, and proposing revisions to eagle nonpurposeful take permit regulations and eagle nest take regulations.	Ongoing	Proposed rule published May 2016 (FR 27933-27976). Final Rule anticipated December 2016.	As part of the 5-year-review process, FWS will determine if trigger points specified in the permit have been reached that would indicate that additional avoidance, minimization, or other mitigation measures as described in a permit should be implemented to potentially reduce eagle mortalities.	FWS published a notice of intent to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement and held five public scoping meetings around the United States; and sent a letter to tribes inviting consultation.	The revisions are intended to add clarity to the eagle permit regulations, improve their implementation, and increase compliance, while providing strong protection for eagles.

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DOI	FWS	Policy Regarding Voluntary Prelisting Conservation Actions	1018-AY29	We are finalizing policy to facilitate mitigation for actions that may affect currently unlisted species that could in the near future be listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act.	Ongoing	October 2016	The purpose of this policy is to incentivize voluntary conservation efforts. Such voluntary actions, if carried out at a sufficient scale, could contribute to precluding the need to list the species, or can serve as a compensatory measure for the detrimental effects of another action undertaken after listing.	Public comments and coordination with State wildlife agencies will inform the final policy.	FWS believes this policy will allow us to reduce the transaction costs associated with ESA compliance.

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DOI	ONRR	Lease Sale Payment Terms	1012-AA16	ONRR is amending and clarifying regulations concerning oil, gas and coal lease sale payment terms. In the direct final rule, ONRR will amend those sections that identify payment options to DOI stating that directions for payment will be specified in the lease sale offering terms.	Ongoing	September 2016	Goal is to increase payment flexibility and to promote further use of electronic payment methods. DOI can notify potential bidders of their payment options during the pre-sale notification process, which occurs 90 days prior to the lease sale date. This will promote DOI's effort to consolidate revenue streams as well as promote electronic payments, which the Treasury highly encourages.	N/A	This will provide the flexibility to transition to bidders making payments directly to ONRR. There will be cost savings associated with ONRR directly collecting the rent and bonus revenues instead of BLM collecting them and sending the rent and bonus collections to ONRR via IPAC.