Public Notice and Comment Summary

During the 30-day public comment period ending July 6, 2021, six comments were received. Comment letters came from three individuals and three organizations. The comments were generally in support of updating the directive, with some recommendations for changes.

Comments in support of the directive generally appreciated bringing the Public Lands Corps and Resources Assistants Program in better alignment with current policy as well as streamlining administrative program requirements.

Concerns raised within the scope of the directive related to onboarding former participants within the two-year timeframe of eligibility, that Public Lands Corps participants lack Federal status, availability of demographic data, and clarification of allowable provisions or expenses.

Multiple concerns raised outside the scope of the directives were related to programmatic direction, annual program goals based on evolving agency priorities, and financial operations issues related to invoicing.

One comment highlighted inappropriate use of Federal resources for such programming.