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**McCaleb Statement on Resignation of Special  
Trustee Tom Slonaker**

**WASHINGTON** - Interior Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs extended his gratitude to Special Trustee for American Indians Tom Slonaker, who resigned from his position earlier today. McCaleb thanked Slonaker for his record of public service:

"Tom Slonaker has been a good friend of mine and an effective ally for the people we serve across Indian Country. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors."

McCaleb also extended his congratulations to Donna Erwin, who was named Acting Special Trustee by Interior Secretary Gale Norton today:

"Donna Erwin is committed to our goal of effective trust management and she has a wealth of experience in the public and private sector that will serve her well in this position. She is also a resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico, which is where the lion's share of the Department of Interior's trust activity and the personnel conducting that work are located,"

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