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Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Ross swimmer departs Sunday on a 15- day trip to Indian Country that has him visiting 26 Indian reservations and meeting with more than 125 Indian tribes.

"Since I was sworn in about six months ago, I have spent most of my time in Washington involved in putting my ·staff together and working on administrative matters. This trip will be the first opportunity I have to get out and visit with many Indian tribal governments and talk with them about the issues in Indian Country," Swimmer said.

He will be visiting Indian reservations and tribes in the states of New Mexico, California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska.

Swimmer's first meeting will be June 9 in Ruidoso, N.M., with the Mescalero tribal council. Later in the day he will meet in Albuquerque with the Colorado Utes, the All Indian Pueblo Council, Jicarilla Apache and Navajo Ramah tribes. The evening of June 9 he will be in San Diego, California for a dinner meeting with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) agency superintendents from the Sacramento area office.

Following are the additional dates and places Swimmer will be visiting: June 10, San Diego and visits to the Indian reservations of Viejas, Barona, Mesa Grande, Santa Ysabel, La Jolla, Rincon, Pala and Pechanga and meetings with the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association. Travel to Reno for meeting with the Western Nevada tribal leaders.

June 11, Visit the Pyramid Lake reservation, travel to Sacramento for meeting with BIA employees and meet with the Northern California Agency BIA employees in Arcata; meet with Northern California tribal leaders in Arcata. June 12, Travel to Portland, Oregon for meeting with BIA employees; meet with tribal leaders from Oregon, Washington and Idaho in the Portland area office and travel to Yakima reservation.

June 13, Lummi and Tulalip reservations and dinner with the Colville tribal council.
June 14, Colville reservation and dedication of Colville sawmill; travel to Spokane for meeting with Spokane, Kalispel, Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai and Nez Perce tribes and travel to Polson, Montana.
June 15, Visit the Flathead reservation and travel to Browning.
June 16, Visit Blackfeet, Ft. Belknap and Ft. Peck reservations and travel to Billings for meetings with Rocky Boy, Crow and Northern Cheyenne tribal delegations.
June 17, Visit Wind River reservations, meet with Billings area office employees and travel to Minneapolis.
June 18, Visit Red Lake, Minnesota Chippewa and White Earth reservations.
June 19, Visit Standing Rock Sioux reservations and travel to Aberdeen, S.D. for meeting with Aberdeen area office employees.
June 20, Visit Rosebud and Pine Ridge reservations.
June 21, Visit Winnebago reservation in Sioux City, Iowa, and Omaha reservation in Macy, Nebraska.
June 22, Attend the 114th Annual Niobrara Convocation in Santee, Nebraska, and travel to Washington, D.C.