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A plan for the use and distribution of more than $9 million awarded to the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation by the Indian Claims Commission is being published in the Federal Register, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Forrest Gerard announced today.

The award is compensation for reservation land taken by the United States in the early part of this century. The reservation is in North Dakota.

The plan, approved by Congress and made effective March 13, 1978 calls for a per capita distribution of 80 percent of the fund to enrolled members of the Three Affiliated Tribes (the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Tribes).

The remaining 20 percent of the fund will be used for tribal programs, including a land purchase program, legal contingencies, community development and educational scholarships.