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WASHINGTON – The Secretarial Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform has added a public meeting on Dec. 10, 2013, to its schedule, which will be held via webinar. The meeting will gather public comments to help the Commission complete a comprehensive evaluation of the Department of the Interior's administration of nearly $4 billion in Indian trust assets and will offer recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior about how to improve in the future.

Because the federal government shutdown in October created delays in wrapping up the evaluation, the Commission report and recommendations will be discussed and voted on during the Dec. 10 public webinar. Time will be allowed to take public comments. Members of the public who wish to participate in the webinar should register by Dec. 9 at https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/704255144. Upon registering, instructions on how to join the meeting will be sent to the participant's email address.

The Secretarial Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform was established in 2011 to conduct a comprehensive evaluation within a two-year period of the Department's management and administration of nearly $4 billion in American Indian trust assets and to offer recommendations on improvements in the future. Building on progress made with the historic Cobell Settlement, the Department of the Interior wishes to provide accountable, transparent and customer-friendly management of these substantial funds and assets.

For more information about the Dec. 10 webinar and the Commission's work, visit http://www.doi.gov/cobell/commission/index.cfm. All Commission meetings are open to the public.

Written comments may be sent to the Designated Federal Official to the Commission at the following address: Sarah Harris, Chief of Staff to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C St., N.W., Room 3071, Washington, D.C. 20240, or by email to trustcommission@ios.doi.gov.

WHO: Secretarial Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform Members to be Present:

- Fawn Sharp (Quinault), Chair
- Tex G. Hall (Three Affiliated Tribes), Member
- Stacy Leeds (Cherokee Nation), Member
- Dr. Peterson Zah (Navajo Nation), Member
- Robert Anderson (Minnesota Chippewa Tribe-Boise Forte Band), Member

Sarah Harris, Chief of Staff to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs and Designated Federal Officer for the Commission, DOI

WHAT: Public meeting of the DOI Secretarial Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform via webinar.

WHEN: Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2013, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (EST).

ONLINE ACCESS: Members of the public interested in participating in the webinar should register by Dec. 9 at https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/704255144. Upon registering, instructions on how to join the meeting will be sent to the participant's email address.
