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WASHINGTON – The Secretarial Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform will hold its final public meeting on Nov. 20, 2013, via webinar. The Commission is completing a comprehensive evaluation of the Department of the Interior's management and administration of Indian trust assets within a two-year period and will offer recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior of how to improve in the future.

During the webinar Commission members will review and approve Commission recommendations and accept public comments. Members of the public who wish to participate in the webinar must register by Nov. 19 at https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/774101625.

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

For more information about the Nov. 20 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., MS-3070-MIB, 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: Final public meeting of the DOI Secretarial Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform via webinar.

WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2013, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. (EST).

ONLINE ACCESS: Members of the public interested in participating in the webinar must register by Nov. 19 at https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/774101625.