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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – As part of President Obama's commitment to fulfilling this nation's trust responsibilities to American Indians and Alaska Natives, the Office of the Secretary of the Interior will convene the Secretarial Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform's third public meeting on June 11-12, 2012.

The five members of the Commission will meet, along with the Designated Federal Officer for the Commission, to move forward on their comprehensive evaluation of Interior's management and administration of the nearly $4 billion in trust assets. The Commission is charged with providing recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior at the end of their two-year tenure on how best to improve the Department's trust management and administration. Building upon the progress made with the historic Cobell Settlement, the Commission will help establish a new era of trust administration, stressing responsive, customer-friendly, accountable and transparent management of these substantial funds and assets.

Attendance is open to the public. Members of the public who wish to attend must RSVP by June 8, 2012 by e-mailing trustcommission@ios.doi.gov.

For more information, please visit: http://www.doi.gov/cobell/commission/index.cfm.

WHO: Fawn R. Sharp, Commission Chair (Quinault Indian Nation) Dr. Peterson Zah, (Navajo Nation) Stacy Leeds, (Cherokee Nation) Tex G. Hall, (Three Affiliated Tribes) Robert Anderson, (Minnesota Chippewa Tribe-Bois Forte Band) Lizzie Marsters, Designated Federal Officer for the Commission, Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary, DOI

WHAT: 3rd meeting of the Secretarial Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform

WHEN: Monday, June 11, 2012, from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. (MDT) and Tuesday, June 12, 2012, from 8.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. (MDT)

WHERE: Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians 4400 Masthead Street NE Albuquerque, NM 87109 505-816-1000

PUBLIC: Attendance is open to the public, but limited space is available. Members of the public who wish to attend should RSVP by June 8, 2012 to: trustcommission@ios.doi.gov

MEDIA: Members of the news media are invited to attend the meetings. For further information, contact: trustcommission@ios.doi.gov