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Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, and Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, Kevin Gover will unveil the Trust Assets Account Management System this Friday in Billings, Montana at the Billings BIA Area Office.

TAAMS is a major component in fixing the Indian Trust Funds System. The Billings Area will serve as the pilot of this project which is scheduled for completion early in 2001.

Reports covering the Indian Trust Funds issue and the Cobell case, should be especially interested in this event because TAAMS plays a large role in the current effort by the Department of the Interior to finally fix the broken Indian Trust Funds management system which was created by the Dawes Act of 1887.

In addition to the TAAMS program in the morning, Assistant Secretary Gover will also be traveling to the Crow reservation where we will witness the Real Bird re-enactment of Little Big Horn and tour the Little Big Horn battlefield. This Friday will be the 123rd anniversary of Crazy Horse's victory over Custer.

The morning events will take place at the Billings Federal Building-Courthouse. A Motor coach will be available for transportation to the Crow reservation.