

ORDER NO. 3208

SIGNATURE DATE: January 5, 1999

**Subject:** Reorganization of the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians

**Sec. 1 Purpose.** This Order reorganizes the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (Office of the Special Trustee) to strengthen and clarify certain management responsibilities relating to the supervision of field units and coordination of the High Level Implementation Plan.

**Sec. 2 Authority.** This Order is issued in accordance with the American Indian Trust Fund Management Act of 1994 (Act), P.L. 103-412 (25 U.S.C. 4001 et seq), and Section 2 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 stat. 1262), as amended.

**Sec. 3 Organization.**

a. The Immediate Office of the Special Trustee is managed by the Special Trustee, who reports directly to the Secretary, and is responsible for carrying out Section 303 of the Act. A Deputy Trustee for Policy reports to the Special Trustee.

b. There is hereby established in the Office of the Special Trustee the position of Principal Deputy Special Trustee (Principal Deputy). The Principal Deputy reports to and acts in the absence of the Special Trustee and serves as the Chief Operating Officer with full responsibility for policy execution, budget formulation and execution, and day to day operating responsibilities for the Office of the Special Trustee. The Principal Deputy is responsible for oversight of the High Level Implementation Plan.

c. The Office of Trust Funds Management, headed by a Director, previously transferred to the Office of the Special Trustee by Secretary's Order 3197, shall report to the Principal Deputy.

d. The Office of Trust Litigation Support and Records, headed by a Director who reports to the Principal Deputy, is hereby established in the Office of the Special Trustee. The Office is responsible for Indian trust records management, and for providing accounting, reconciliation, research, settlement and litigation support related to the management of Indian trust assets, including document production and records management responsibilities.

**Sec. 4 Implementation.** The Assistant Secretary - Policy, Management and Budget is responsible for implementing this Order including the appropriate transfer of personnel, funds, programs,

records and property.

Sec. 5 **Effective Date.** This Order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until its provisions are converted to the Departmental Manual or until it is amended, superseded or revoked, whichever comes first. In the absence of the foregoing actions, the provisions of this Order will terminate and be considered obsolete on January 3, 2000.

/s/ Bruce Babbitt

Secretary of the Interior

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