Trust Commission

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Subject: Sunset of Office of Special Trustee- announced as Commission responsibility

Dear Commissioners: During the last meeting of the Tribal Interior Budget Advisory Council, questions arose from tribal leaders regarding how and when the Office of the Special Trustee was going to be terminated, and where its funding and functions were going to be transferred. Interior responded that these questions would be answered by the new tribal trust commission. Thus, the 60 or so tribes present are expecting your commission to take the lead on this issue and have expressed a desire to be involved in your deliberations. Because this issue is clearly going to impact the FY 2013 budget decisions now on Capitol Hill and on tribal planning for the Cobell Land Consolidation Program, please make these tribal consultations a priority as you organize your efforts over the next few months. Thank you.