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FW: another question

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Wed, May 29, 2013 at 3:53 PM

Another comment to add to the Trust Commission record.

From: Taylor, Tiffany [mailto:tiffany_taylor@ost.doi.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2013 5:49 AM
To: Regina Gilbert
Cc: Patricia Gerard; Bodie Shaw; Lizzie Marsters; Mark Davis
Subject: Fwd: another question

Hi Regina,

Will you please add these comments to the Trust Commission record. I will also share with GT.

Thanks,
Tiffany

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From: **Taylor, Tiffany** <tiffany_taylor@ost.doi.gov>
Date: Wed, May 29, 2013 at 7:41 AM
Subject: Re: another question
To: Koko Hufford <KokoHufford@ctuir.org>

Hi Koko,

I will make sure these comments are submitted to the official record of the Trust Commission and also share with the management consultant that is supporting the work of the Commission. The management consultant, Grant Thornton, is also receiving email comments and remarks at Trust.Commission@us.gt.com.

This email address goes directly to the the management consultant and the information is only shared in aggregate with DOI. Please feel free to share the address with others and encourage their input.

Thanks,
Tiffany

On Tue, May 28, 2013 at 12:01 PM, Koko Hufford <KokoHufford@ctuir.org> wrote:

Tiffany,

I have comments and they are not in any way connected to my position or with Ctuir:

Tribal owners of allotments are not having a true input into the trust reform. I see these land/allotments owners the ones who will have the largest impact by this reform and they are not being heard---maybe better yet they are not being contacted to have a voice.

We have daily contacted with allotment owners and this is what I hear from them on regular basis: problems with farm leases; gift deeds are not being processed in a timely manner; probates are held up and not being resolved; probate hearing are not occurring in a timely manner—years go by without settlement; idle allotment sit for years without being leases or placed back into a FSA program; inability to control what happens with the allotment they have a fractioned share of ownership; scatter site houses was built on their allotment but now a person who is not a relative lives in the houses; the BIA does not properly manage the timber or grazing units; the farm leases are not in compliance—no check balances of compliance; farm crop payments are not deposit into IIM in a timely manner; crop insurance shouldn't I get payments if the farm gets payments?; what is the difference between the BIA and OST—FTO—what is that position?, etc.

Why does the Tribe compact BIA programs and then have to put Tribal resources into these programs to make them work. The scholarship program when more effective and efficient when the BIA ran it. I don't want the Tribe in my business....etc....

My point in my list above is I have not witnessed any improvement with the layer of OST being put in mix just more confusion in who should do what. The compacting of programs by the Tribe causes confusion and concerns.

What could be done to really hear how the trust reform is working—instead of the regional Trust Reform meeting—have staff come to each agency spend a day there to hear actually input from land owners or those having concerns. You want input go to those who really have to live and work with the system. Find out if Tribal members even know what the difference between OST and BIA; ask the what the FTO position is; ask them how things are going with their family members probates; be specific with a list of questions and areas you want find out how things are going.

Don't interview staff or Tribal officers but listen to the Tribal members.

Koko

