



United States Department of the Interior  
OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN INDIANS  
Southwest Region – 1001 Indian School Rd NW-Suite 163A  
Albuquerque, NM 87104

July 8, 2014

Dear Landowner:

Our records show that you recently received a purchase offer package from the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations. This offer package pertains to land held in trust for your benefit on the Rosebud Reservation. I am writing to inform you that staff from the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians-Southwest Region will be holding an outreach event during the Pow-wow and Trade Fair in the Grand ballroom of the Isleta Casino Hotel on July 26, 2014. The purpose of the outreach is to offer assistance to landowners living in or near the Albuquerque area who have received Rosebud offer packages. I would like to personally invite you to the outreach event.

Staff will be available from 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on Saturday, July 26th to answer any questions you may have regarding your purchase offer package. **The Isleta Casino Hotel is located at 11000 Broadway SE, Albuquerque, NM 87105, approximately 7 minutes south of downtown Albuquerque at Interstate 25 & Highway 47, exit 215.**

Land fractionation is a serious problem across Indian Country. As individually-owned lands are passed down through several generations, they gain more and more owners. Many of these tracts now have hundreds and even thousands of individual owners. For many owners with fractionated interests, the land has very little practical value. Because it is difficult to gain landowner consensus on the use of these lands, the parcels often lie idle and cannot be used for any beneficial purpose. The Rosebud Reservation is one of the most highly-fractionated land ownership locations in Indian Country.

The Land Buy-Back Program provides individual owners the opportunity to sell their land for fair market value. Sellers will also receive a base payment of \$75 in addition to the appraised fair market value of their lands. All sales will trigger contributions to the Cobell Education Scholarship Fund. Up to \$60 million will go to this fund to provide scholarships to Native American students. I have enclosed for your reference a brochure that provides additional information on the Land Buy-Back Program.

Please note that purchase offers are valid for 45 calendar days. **Owners who decide to accept purchase offers for fractionated lands on Rosebud must submit their completed package by August 16, 2014.**

If you are unable to visit with us at the outreach event, please feel free to contact Fiduciary Trust Officer Peter J. Fredericks at 505-563-3564, or call the Trust Beneficiary Call Center toll free at 888-678-6836 with questions about your purchase offer. More information is also available at: <http://www.doi.gov/buybackprogram/landowners>.

I look forward to seeing you at the Isleta Casino Hotel on July 26th.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Fredericks  
Fiduciary Trust Officer-Field Operations  
Southwest Regional Office