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Energy Development Seminar Planned for Indian Trust Beneficiaries

Oklahoma Wind Energy Development Project May Include Indian Lands

The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) and the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes are sponsoring a seminar about the development of wind energy resources on individual Indian and tribal lands. The meeting will be held Thursday, August 6, in the Watonga, Oklahoma area that is being commercially developed for a wind farm.

“Approximately 11 individual Indian tracts, along with a section of tribal lands, are within the wind farm development area,” said Acting Special Trustee Donna Erwin. “We are pleased to support the tribes with this educational outreach to Indian trust beneficiaries.”

The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. and is scheduled to conclude about 4:45 p.m. Topics that will be covered include developing a wind project, leasing issues for landowners, and pursuing energy projects for tribal economic development.

Scheduled to speak are Jason Du Terroil, a representative from Iberdrola Renewables, the project developer; Professor Shannon Ferrell with the Oklahoma State University Extension Service; and Roger Knight from the Department of the Interior’s Office of Energy and Mineral Development. Additional presenters will include staff members from OST’s Office of Appraisal Services and from Oklahoma’s Department of Commerce and its Great Plains Technology Center. The session will be moderated by OST’s Fiduciary Trust Officer Henry Ware, Concho Agency.

This event is open to Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribal members who have an interest in trust lands. For additional information, contact OST’s Concho Agency at 1-405-422-7017 or 1-405-301-9084.

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