



OST Manages Financial Assets of Indian Trust Beneficiaries

OST is similar to a financial institution. The office handles:

- Posting beneficiaries' trust income, generated from land use
- Investing trust funds to earn income
- Disbursing trust funds to beneficiaries
- Maintaining account information, including the proper documentation of financial trust transactions

Monies received on behalf of beneficiaries are reconciled on a daily basis. Transactions are reported regularly and an annual audit of Individual Indian Money and tribal trust accounts is conducted by an independent auditing firm.

Funds Disbursed to Beneficiaries

There are three ways beneficiaries receive trust funds — through the mail by check or electronically by debit card or direct deposit. If you are an Individual Indian Money account holder, you can have your trust funds deposited directly into your financial institution or a debit card through efficient and secure electronic transfers. To learn more, go online to www.doi.gov/ost/iim or call the Trust Beneficiary Call Center, toll free, at 1-888-678-6836.

OST Serves Indian Trust Beneficiaries

OST employs Regional Trust Administrators to oversee trust account management and to supervise Fiduciary Trust Officers (FTOs) nationwide. Approximately 50 FTOs, located across Indian country, serve as primary contacts for beneficiaries.

Throughout the year, FTOs hold outreach meetings for beneficiaries to provide trust and financial skills information and to answer questions regarding fiduciary trust assets and accounts. FTOs also regularly work with employees of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management and Office of Natural Resources Revenue to provide information to beneficiaries on all aspects of their trust assets. Locate your FTO online at www.doi.gov/ost/fto.

FTOs continually look for beneficiaries who have funds in trust but who do not have current contact information on file with OST.

There is more than \$68 million** in trust for almost 95,000** beneficiaries whose whereabouts are unknown. For a list of names of those beneficiaries, visit www.doi.gov/ost/wau. (**as of June 30, 2013)

Contact OST

If you change your address, call the Trust Beneficiary Call Center, toll free, at 1-888-678-6836.

Trust Beneficiary Call Center

1-888-678-6836 toll free

Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday: 7 a.m. – 6 p.m., Mountain Time

Saturday: 8 a.m. – Noon, Mountain Time

Fiduciary Trust Officers

www.doi.gov/ost/fto

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U.S. Department of the Interior Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians

The U.S. Department of the Interior (Interior) has responsibility for the largest land trust in the United States. The Indian trust consists of approximately 55 million surface acres and 57 million acres of subsurface minerals estates held in trust by the United States for American Indians, Indian tribes, and Alaska Natives. Over 11 million acres belong to individual Indians and nearly 44 million acres are held in trust for Indian tribes.

On these lands, Interior manages over 119,000 leases. Funds — from leases, use permits, land sales and income from financial assets — totaling approximately \$487 million were collected for about 387,000 open Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts. Approximately \$1.4 billion was collected for about 3,000 tribal accounts (for over 250 tribes).*

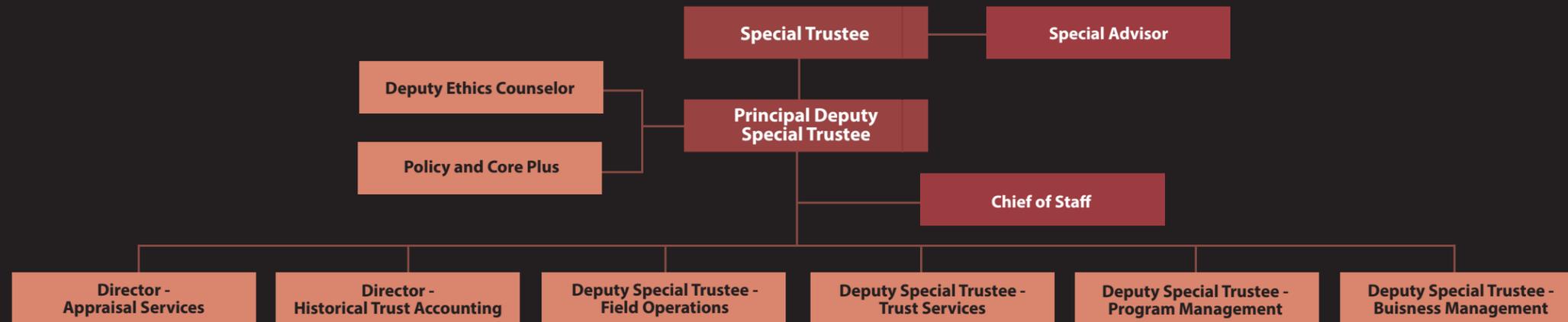
The American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-412) established the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST)

improve the accountability and management of Indian trust funds administered by Interior. The office, led by a politically-appointed Special Trustee, is headquartered at Interior in Washington, D.C.

OST's role expanded in 1996 to include operational responsibility for financial trust fund management, including accounting, investing and disbursing trust funds to individual Indian and tribal beneficiaries. Financial accounting functions are administered in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Office of Appraisal Services, which appraises Indian trust lands, was moved to OST in 2002. The Office of Historical Trust Accounting was realigned to OST in 2007.

OST is also responsible for coordinating reform efforts to improve trust asset management and beneficiary services throughout Interior. The Bureau of Indian Affairs and other Interior bureaus and offices manage trust resource land use assets such as leases. OST staff are located throughout Indian country to serve beneficiaries locally.

*figures as of September 30, 2012



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