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Office of the Special Trustee Announces Special Trustee Visit to Upper Midwest

Special Trustee Vince Logan visits field offices in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan; meets with tribal leaders and community youth.

WASHINGTON, DC – The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians announces the itinerary for the Special Trustee’s next visit to the field. Special Trustee Vince Logan will be visiting the Upper Midwest from September 1, 2015 through September 3, 2015.

The Office of the Special Trustee maintains field offices throughout the country. These connect Native communities and beneficiaries to OST and the services it provides, including the issue of beneficiary checks, financial education, appraisals, and much more. Mr. Logan’s visit to the OST’s office in the upper Midwest is part of an ongoing campaign to recognize the important work performed by these offices, as well as to meet with local tribal leaders and engage in an open dialogue about Trust issues.

“It’s very important that I visit our Fiduciary Trust Officers and their staff,” said Logan. “I’m responsible for each and every one of the OST field employees, so it helps when I get to talk to them in-person to find out how they’re doing and what they need to be successful as well as engage with our beneficiaries.”

The Special Trustee will begin September 1 with a visit to Red Cliff, where he will meet with newly elected Tribal Chair, Brian Bainbridge, and other members of the Red Cliff tribal government. While there, Mr. Logan will also visit the community’s new library. Youth issues, particularly financial education, are of special interest to Mr. Logan, and his office recently contributed several editions of OST’s new financial education comic series, The Empowerment Saga, to the Red Cliff library. Following the Red Cliff visit, the Special Trustee will travel to Ashland, WI, where he will meet with Jewel Taber, head of OST’s operation in Northern Wisconsin, and her Great Lakes Agency team, as well as visiting representatives of the BIA at the Great Lakes Agency.

On September 2 Special Trustee Logan will travel to Bemidji, MN to visit Roger Heger, Fiduciary Trust Officer and head of OST’s Minnesota Agency team. While there Mr. Logan plans to familiarize himself with the area and the concerns of local Native communities, including those on the Leech Lake, Red Lake, and White Earth reservations.

Mr. Logan will conclude this trip, on September 3 through the Upper Midwest with a visit to the Isabella reservation in central Michigan, where he hopes to meet with community leaders and young people.

Mr. Logan will continue his travels through the country as the year progresses with tentative trips scheduled to North Dakota, Montana, and Washington. Mr. Logan is also scheduled to give the keynote address to the National Intertribal Tax Alliance Conference in Niagara Falls, NY this coming September.

“Engaging with tribal leaders is the best way I have to keep abreast of the issues that are affecting our beneficiaries today,” said Logan. “I learn how specific topics affect our beneficiaries differently every time I go to a different part of the country.”

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Media Availability

The Special Trustee is available for interviews during his local visits. For more information and to schedule a time for media availability with the Special Trustee, please email Genevieve Billia at Genevieve_Billia@ost.doi.gov, or call at 202-208-4289.