

2014 Current Fiscal Year Report: Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2014

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Commission on Indian Trust
Administration and Reform

3b. GSA

Committee No.

76878

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

11/27/2013

6. Expected Renewal Date

11/27/2015

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

09/30/2014

9. Agency

Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation

Req to Terminate?

No

10b.

Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific

Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

13.

Effective Date

07/13/2013

14.

Committee Type

Continuing

14c.

Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

1

16b. Report

Date

12/10/2013 Report of the Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

17a.

Open

1

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Start

End

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$11,910.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$175.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$12,085.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.02	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its
purpose?**

The Commission will provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior regarding trust management. This includes a thorough evaluation of the existing management and administration of the trust activity administration system to support a reasoned and factually based set of options for potential management improvements. This activity further includes a review of the manner in which the

Department audits the management of the trust administration system, including the possible need for audits of management of trust assets.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Following the solicitation of nominations and in consultation with trust beneficiaries, the Secretary shall appoint the Commission Chair and four members who, collectively, shall have experience and/or expertise in trust management, financial management, asset management, natural resource management, Federal agency operations and budgets, as well as experience as account holders and in Indian Country.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Commission will meet approximately 2-4 times annually, and at such other times as designated by the DFO.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The duties of the Commission shall include: A. Conducting a comprehensive evaluation of the Department's management and administration of the trust administration system, including a review of the report of a management consultant hired in accordance with Secretarial Order 3292; B. Reviewing the Department's provision of services to trust beneficiaries; C. Reviewing input from the public, interested parties, and trust beneficiaries, which should involve conducting a number of regional listening sessions; D. Considering the nature and scope of necessary audits of the Department's trust administration system; E. Recommending options to the Secretary to improve the Department's management and

administration of the trust administration system based on information obtained from these activities, including whether any legislative or regulatory changes are necessary to permanently implement such improvements;F. Recommending options to the Secretary on the need for and scope of audits on the effectiveness of all management reforms implemented as a result of Secretarial Order 3292 and the Department shall consider these recommendations in performing an audit of the effectiveness of such reforms; and G. Considering the provisions of the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 providing for the termination of the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, and making recommendations to the Secretary regarding any such termination.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

The Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform submitted their report to the Secretary of the Interior on December 10, 2013. The Commission has fulfilled its duties and obligations as outlined in the Charter.

Designated Federal Officer

Sarah Harris DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Anderson, Robert	11/30/2011	12/30/2013	Professor of Law and Special Director of the Native American Law Center, University of Washington	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
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Hall, Tex	11/30/2011	12/30/2013	Chairman, Inter Tribal Economic Alliance	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Leeds, Stacy	11/30/2011	12/30/2013	Dean and Professor of Law, University of Arkansas School of Law	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sharp, Fawn	11/30/2011	12/30/2013	President, Quinault Indian Nation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Zah, Peterson	11/30/2011	12/30/2013	Advisor to the President on American Indian Affairs, Arizona State University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 5

Narrative Description

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What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements



Other



Outcome Comments

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None



Unable to Determine



Under \$100,000



\$100,000 - \$500,000



\$500,001 - \$1,000,000



\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000



\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000



Over \$10,000,000



Cost Savings Other



Cost Savings Comments

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

6

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Secretarial Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform, Final Report - December 10, 2013 PowerPoint presentation provides an overview of the six recommendations. The PowerPoint and Final Report can be viewed at <http://www.doi.gov/cobell/commission/index.cfm>. The Trust Commission provided the following recommendations: 1 - Review and Amendment of Federal Law 2 - Evaluate Tribal Consultation Policy 3 - Develop uniform Consultation Policy 4 - Trust Administration Re-Structuring 5 - Improve the Management, Oversight, and Accountability of TAS Services and Trust Assets 6 - Procedural Changes

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The Final Report has been provided to the Secretary of the Interior. Each Bureau who has a Fiduciary obligation will need to consider recommendations for implementation under the direction of the Secretary.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

Agency Feedback Comments

The Final Report has been provided to the Secretary of the Interior.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

The Final Report has been provided to the Secretary of the Interior. The recommendations requires a collaborative effort of all Bureau's who have a fiduciary obligation.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

n/a