

- New Orleans, Louisiana Public Listening Session, 1 p.m.–3 p.m. CDT, June 12, 2012

- Washington, DC Public Workshop, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. EDT, June 22, 2012

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to: Saman Hussain at telephone number 202.254.5508, or by email at [saman\\_hussain@ios.doi.gov](mailto:saman_hussain@ios.doi.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Saman Hussain at telephone number 202.254.5508, or by email at [saman\\_hussain@ios.doi.gov](mailto:saman_hussain@ios.doi.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 2011, President Obama announced the United States' commitment to the global Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI). Given the significant role that the Department of the Interior plays in collecting revenue for resource extraction on federal lands, the President named Secretary Ken Salazar as the senior U.S. official responsible for implementing of the United States Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI). Currently, the Federal Government collects revenues on behalf of some tribes and individual allottees (amounting to \$538 million in the Federal Fiscal Year (ending on September 30, 2011) and then distributes the revenues through others.

In February, we sent a Dear Tribal Leader letter, inviting tribes to provide initial comment on USEITI and formation of the Multi-Stakeholder Group responsible for overseeing its implementation. Later that month, we also published a notice in the **Federal Register** seeking public comment on formation of a multi-stakeholder group to implement USEITI (74 FR 11151). In that notice, we stated that we would hold a series of public listening sessions to provide additional opportunities for public comment. In March, we held listening sessions in St. Louis, Missouri; Denver, Colorado; Houston, Texas; and Washington, DC. The Consensus Building Institute (CBI), an independent third-party facilitator, analyzed the input from these four public listening sessions, interviews with potential stakeholders, and written comments that we received. This input has formed the basis of CBI's independent stakeholder assessment and findings regarding options for establishing the U.S. Multi-Stakeholder Group, which will be responsible for implementing USEITI.

The CBI stakeholder assessment is available online at [www.doi.gov/EITI](http://www.doi.gov/EITI). Alternatively, you may request a copy of the assessment from Saman Hussain whose contact information is listed above in this Notice. We encourage tribes to participate in the public

comment period through June 29, 2012, to provide feedback on the stakeholder assessment and recommended options for establishing the U.S. Multi-Stakeholder Group. During the public comment period, five public listening sessions, a public webinar, a public workshop, and a tribal consultation session will be held. Details on participating in the webinar will be available from Saman Hussain and online at [www.doi.gov/EITI](http://www.doi.gov/EITI).

For further information on EITI, please visit the USEITI Web page at <http://www.doi.gov/EITI>.

Dated: May 21, 2012.

**Amy Holley,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Secretarial Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the Secretary is announcing that the Secretarial Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform (the Commission) will hold a public meeting on June 11 and 12, 2012. The Commission has gathered input and information from two public meetings and has requested feedback on five questions regarding the development of a comprehensive evaluation of how the Department of the Interior manages and administers its trust responsibilities to American Indians and Alaska Natives. The five questions can be found at <http://www.doi.gov/cobell/commission/index.cfm> under "Tribal Outreach Letter." The Secretarial Commission's charter requires the Commission to provide well-reasoned and factually based recommendations for potential improvements to the existing management and administration of the trust administration system. The Commission is committed to early public engagement and welcomes your participation in these important meetings.

**DATES:** The Commission's public meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. on June 11, 2012, and will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. on June 12, 2012. Attendance is open to the public, but limited space is available. Members of the public who wish to

attend should respond by June 7, 2012, to: [trustcommission@ios.doi.gov](mailto:trustcommission@ios.doi.gov).

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held at the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, 4400 Masthead Street NE., Room 145, Albuquerque, NM 87109. The meeting will be held in a federal facility. We encourage you to respond to [trustcommission@ios.doi.gov](mailto:trustcommission@ios.doi.gov) by June 7, 2012, and plan on arriving early with your photo ID to adhere to building security requirements.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Designated Federal Officer, Lizzie Marsters, Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW., Room 6118, Washington, DC 20240; or email to [Lizzie\\_Marsters@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Lizzie_Marsters@ios.doi.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As part of President Obama's commitment to fulfilling this nation's trust responsibilities to American Indians and Alaska Natives, the Secretary of the Interior appointed five members to serve on the Secretarial Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform, established under Secretarial Order No. 3292, dated December 8, 2009. The Commission plays a key role in the Department's ongoing efforts to empower Indian nations and strengthen government-to-government relationships.

The Commission will complete a comprehensive evaluation of the Department's management and administration of the trust assets within a two-year period and offer recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior on how to improve in the future. The Commission will:

- (1) Conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the Department's management and administration of the trust administration system;
- (2) Review the Department's provision of services to trust beneficiaries;
- (3) Review input from the public, interested parties, and trust beneficiaries, which should involve conducting a number of regional listening sessions;
- (4) Consider the nature and scope of necessary audits of the Department's trust administration system;
- (5) Recommend options to the Secretary to improve the Department's management and administration of the trust administration system based on information obtained from the Commission's activities, including whether legislative or regulatory changes are necessary to implement the improvements; and
- (6) Consider the provisions of the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994

providing for termination of the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST), and make recommendations to the Secretary regarding termination.

The following items will be on the agenda:

#### Monday, June 11, 2012

- Welcome blessing
- Status update on settlement
- Review and report on Commission operations
- Trust Relationship Subcommittee report and panel session
- Trust Models Subcommittee report and panel session
- Discussion of comments received to-date in response to questions in Commission Outreach letter
- Public round robin session to share perspectives regarding any of the previous panel discussion questions
  - Do you have any recommendations or suggestions that would improve the government-to-government relationship between the Department of the Interior and tribes with respect to trust administration?
  - Are there any other trust administration models the Commission should examine as it looks towards improving the Department of the Interior's trust administration and management?
- Commissioner reflections from round robin
- Review agreements and action items for the day

#### Tuesday, June 12, 2012

- Status update on BIA consultations, preliminary overview of comments
- Trust Management and Administration Subcommittee report
- Trust Management and Administration Panel Session presentation and discussion
- Commission work plan—discuss updates, including updates to subcommittee charge
- Public round robin session to share perspectives regarding any of the previous panel discussion questions
  - Do you have any recommendations to improve or streamline delivery of services to trust beneficiaries? This includes matters related to financial management and accounting functions, as well as natural resource management functions.
  - Do you have any recommendations to improve or strengthen trust management and/or administration based on information gathered in the course of litigation and settlement of the recent tribal

breach-of-trust cases announced in early April of this year?

- Given that the sunset provision in the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 was predicated on OST's oversight and reform responsibilities, and that OST now has additional operational duties, should the Commission recommend sunseting the OST?
  - Suggested topics for next meeting
  - Review action items and meeting accomplishments
  - Closing blessing, adjourn

Written comments may be sent to the Designated Federal Officer listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above. To review all related material on the Commission's work, please refer to <http://www.doi.gov/cobell/commission/index.cfm>. All meetings are open to the public.

Dated: May 19, 2012.

**David J. Hayes,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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#### **Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge, Lake County, OR; Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), intend to revise the comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) for Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge (Refuge). An environmental impact statement (EIS) evaluating effects of various CCP alternatives will also be prepared. We provide this notice in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and our CCP policy to advise the public, other Federal and State agencies, and Tribes of our intentions and to obtain public comments, suggestions, and information on the scope of issues to consider in the planning process.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by July 24, 2012. We will hold public meetings to begin the CCP planning process in various communities in the vicinity of the Refuge. Meeting dates, times, and

locations will be announced in news releases, planning updates, and on our Web site: [http://www.fws.gov/sheldonthartmntn/Hart/refuge\\_planning.html](http://www.fws.gov/sheldonthartmntn/Hart/refuge_planning.html).

**ADDRESSES:** Information about the Refuge is available on our Web site <http://www.fws.gov/sheldonthartmntn/Hart/index.html>. Send your comments or requests for information by any of the following methods:

*Online:* [http://www.fws.gov/sheldonthartmntn/Hart/refuge\\_planning.html](http://www.fws.gov/sheldonthartmntn/Hart/refuge_planning.html).

Follow the web link to our online comment form.

*U.S. Mail:* Project Leader, Sheldon—Hart Mountain National Wildlife Refuge Complex, P.O. Box 111, Lakeview, OR 97630.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Aaron Collins, (541) 947-3315, ext. 223.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Introduction**

With this notice, we initiate our process for revising the Refuge CCP. This notice complies with our CCP policy and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), to (1) advise other Federal and State agencies, Tribes, and the public of our intention to conduct detailed planning on this refuge and (2) obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to consider in the EIS and during development of the CCP.

##### **Background**

###### *The CCP Process*

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) (Refuge Administration Act), as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose for developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year plan for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System (Refuge System), consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and our policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify compatible wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCPs at least every 15 years in accordance with the