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To: ITMA
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Re: April Report

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

I traveled to Browning on April 4 to attend the Blackfeet Listening Conference. Before I left I reviewed the list of emerging issues. The Listening Conference on April 5 and 6 was well attended and the host Tribe was very generous. Since this time I have prepared a preliminary report while the court reporter completes the transcript.

Due to a return bout of the flu I did not attend the April 7 and 8 Tribal and Technical work group meetings in Oklahoma. I worked by phone with Helen to review her issues. I reviewed the materials prepared up to this point, past proposed legislation, and particularly Gary Morishima's chronology.

I contacted Nancy Murillo about Couer D'Alene's possibility of hosting a Listening Conference. She confirmed that they wanted to host a conference but the process would include support from the tribal council. She called again for some details and asked for time to work with the council for a resolution.

I left on April 10 to attend the Technical team work group in San Diego. A day long meeting was held by a small group with Wilson Pipestem chairing the group. On April 20 a technical team meeting was held in DC with a continuing emphasis on principles rather than specific bill drafting. Historical accounting was discussed by Keith Harper.

I returned to Albuquerque on the 27 and attended the Indian Land Working Group Fee to Trust Conference on April 28 and 29.

This month's OST conference will be combined with the meeting on May 4.