



AGENDA

ITMA

Great Plains Meeting

ON

FRACTIONATED OWNERSHIP OF INDIAN TRUST LANDS

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Best Western Ramkota Hotel

2111 N. LaCrosse Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

December 2, 2008

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

THE ITMA INITIATIVE TO ADDRESS ISSUES OF FRACTIONATED LAND OWNERSHIP

ITMA seeks to generate active tribal participation in fashioning approaches to address the issue of fractionated land ownership throughout Indian Country. ITMA has hosted dialogue sessions with tribes and appropriate Indian organizations throughout the regions where the 219 allotted reservations are located to assemble knowledge and insights that have already been generated from their years of dealing with natural resources and land-based issues from their various perspectives. In addition, ITMA hosted a day-long discussion on the fractionated lands problem and obtained input at ITMA's 18th Annual Conference held in October 2008.

From these sessions, ITMA will present to the Federal government and Congress the perspectives and issues presented by tribes and Indian land owners, and recommendations for dealing with fractionation issues in consideration of tribal economies, jurisdiction, and self-governance.

ITMA will host a national Tribal Leaders and Representatives Meeting January 8 & 9, 2009 in Phoenix, AZ to present the final report and obtain tribes' input and direction.

Please visit ITMA's website for related information: www.itmatrustfunds.org

ITMA MEETING ON “FRACTIONATED LANDS”

1:00 p.m. OPENING & WELCOME.....ITMA Chairman Mervin Packineau
Three Affiliated Tribes

INVOCATION.....

INTRODUCTIONS.....

ITMA PROJECT REPORT & PURPOSE OF MEETING

.....**Mary Zuni-Chalan**
ITMA Executive Director

GREAT PLANS TRIBAL CHAIRMEN’S ASSOCIATION

.....**Chairman Ron His Horse Is Thunder**
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

Fractionated Lands Session.....Majel Russell, Esq.
1:30 – 5:00 p.m. ITMA Legal Council

HISTORY OF THE FRACTIONATED OWNERSHIP OF TRUST LANDS

Power Point presentation on the history and background of the fractionated land ownership problem and how it got started, how many lands were allotted, and where we are today.

OVERVIEW OF PREVIOUS EFFORTS TO RESOLVE FRACTIONATED LANDS

An overview of previous legislative, Administrative and tribal efforts to deal with fractionated lands. Discussion on American Indian Probate Reform Act (AIPRA) and recently released DOI ‘probate related’ Regulations.

POSSIBLE STRATEGIES AND TOOLS AVAILABLE TO DEAL WITH FRACTIONATED LAND OWNERSHIP

Available alternatives and tools for tribes and individuals to consider in dealing with fractionation issues. Description of options contained in AIPRA for consolidation prior to and at probate, and management of private trusts.

4:00 p.m. REVIEW OF ITMA FRACTIONATED LANDS PROJECT – OPEN DIALOGUE ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM TRIBES

A summary of recommendations from Indian Country, Indian organizations and Indian individual obtained through recent dialogue sessions. ITMA seeks reaction and additional recommendations from meeting participations.

- *Legislative options to further address fractionated land ownership*
- *Adequate funding for consolidation efforts*
- *Tribal management authority over land consolidation*
- *Options to address lands held by ‘Where About Unknown’ persons*
- *Options to address unclaimed property*
- *Options to address appraisal concerns*
- *Creation of incentives to induce willing sellers*

5:00 p.m. ADJOURNMENT