



## Ross Swimmer visits Rosebud and Pine Ridge during first snowfall

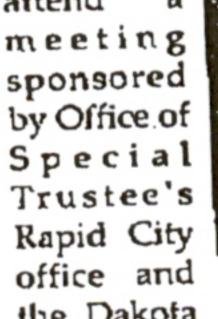
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Ross ROSEBUD Swimmer, Director of the Office of Special Trustee in Washington, DC toured Kyle with Bat Pourier of Muddy Creek Oil of Pine Ridge and then traveled to the Rosebud checked into Rosebud Casino Quality Inn on Tuesday night. His itinerary was delayed by the early snow storm which dumped up to 3-4 inches of new snow on the Rosebud. He was accompanied by Jim James, Regional Director of the OST fiduciary office of Albuquerque, N.M.

He was scheduled to drive

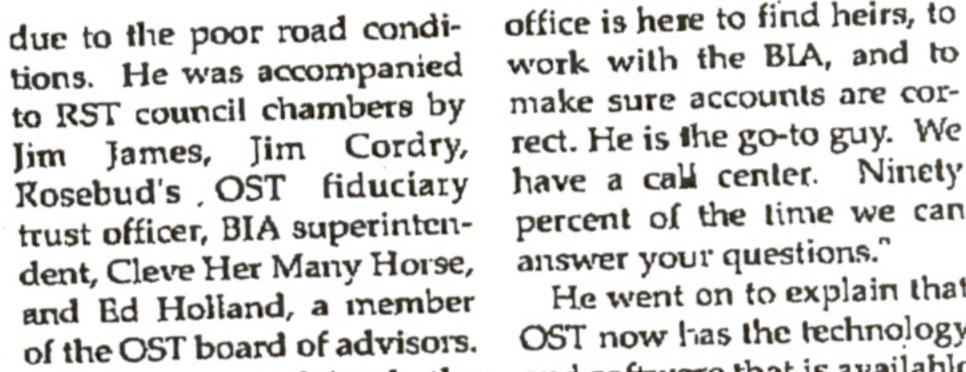
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Ross Swimmer the Dakota Plains

Legal Services at the Journey Museum on Wednesday evening.

Swimmer addressed the Rosebud Sioux tribal council on Wednesday morning during an informal meeting with council members present. No quorum had been assembled and it was most likely



Swimmer explained the services as offered by the Office of Special Trustee to tribes, the BIA and individual account holders. He said, "Indians never had a trust officer. All banks have a trust officer. In the past, you went to the BIA. That's not the way to run a trust in a business that has 277,000 account holders, and \$3 billion in assets....The trust

office is here to find heirs, to work with the BIA, and to rect. He is the go-to guy. We have a call center. Ninety percent of the time we can answer your questions."

He went on to explain that OST now has the technology and software that is available to tribes and the BIA. They can easily pull up records that contain the heirs, probate information and ownership and anything else that affect an account.

RST co-incil representatives Robert Moore, Marian Young-One Star, and Fern asked Bordeaux-Boltz

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## Swimmer

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Swimmer questions about the Tribal Land Enterprise program, land appraisals and about Bear Butte. Former RST President, Webster Two Hawk, also had a question about dividends and he had submitted the question in writing to Swimmer.

waiting for a list of the 'needs' so we can provide money and technical assistance. We are happy to support TLE. It needs a new director....TLE is a good program. The Senate Affairs Committee on Indian Affairs staffers are looking at TLE as a model program."

Antelope council representative, Robert Moore, spoke to Swimmer and asked a favor. He noted that the sacred Bear Butte is protected by a bill from the state of South Dakota, but that the Governor allowed the bill to be gutted in favor of a micro-brewery. Moore the new that noted Secretary of the Interior was there riding a Harley in Sturgis and asked that Swimmer take a message back to Washington, DC that Bear Butte is sacred to Lakota people. Swimmer replied, "I read about Bear Butte. I assume the tribe memorialized it with a resohution. I would be happy to back 🤰 take that Washington. In deference to the Secretary, he was there. We'll was his first outreach. Can make it compatible, the

, encroachment."