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Oil Generates New Income for Members of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation of North Dakota

Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) Responds with Specialized Financial Literacy Training

The Tribal government of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation invited trust specialists with the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) to provide training of fundamental personal financial skills and concepts to members of the tribe. The infusion of oil-generated income from trust interests has increased the need for tribal members to be able to make sound personal financial decisions.

“I applaud the Tribal leadership for providing these tools to their members,” said Special Trustee Ross Swimmer.

The First Nations Development Institute, a Native nonprofit organization has developed easy to use training material suitable for individuals at all levels of experience. First Nations and OST will present information regarding recent developments in trust reform and tools to help manage trust assets.

The training is open to tribal members. Workshops are scheduled for:

Oct 6, 2008	Twin Buttes, ND	6:00PM to 9:00PM
Oct 7, 2008	Mandaree, ND	6:00PM to 9:00PM
Oct 8, 2008	White Shield	6:00PM to 9:00PM
Oct 9, 2008	Four Bears Casino	12:30PM to 4:00PM
Oct 10, 2008	New Town, ND High School	9:30AM to 11:30AM

For more information about the schedule and the training, please call Austin Gillette, Fiduciary Trust Officer, Ft. Berthold Agency, at 1-701-627-4475 or OST’s Trust Beneficiary Call Center (TBCC), toll free, at 1-888-678-6836. TBCC operates six days a week—Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to noon, Mountain Time.

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The mission of OST is to perform our fiduciary trust responsibilities to American Indian tribes, individual Indians and Alaska Natives by incorporating a beneficiary focus and beneficiary participation while providing effective, competent stewardship and management of trust assets.