IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ELOUISE PEPION COBELL, et al.,)))	
Plaintiffs,)	
v.)	No. 1:96CV01285(TFH)
)	
KEN SALAZAR, Secretary of)	
the Interior, et al.,)	
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Defendants.)	
)	

ORDER ON JOINT MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT, MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF CLASS REPRESENTATIVES' INCENTIVE AWARDS AND EXPENSES, AND PETITION FOR AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES OF CLASS COUNSEL

WHEREAS, the Court entered an order preliminarily approving the Settlement Agreement on December 21, 2010, and held a Final Approval Hearing on June 20, 2011; and the Court having heard and considered all submissions in connection with the proposed Settlement and the files and record of these proceedings, including the objections submitted, responses thereto, the Parties' Joint Motion for Final Approval of Settlement, Plaintiffs' Motion for Approval of Class Representatives' Incentive Awards and Expenses, and Plaintiffs' Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses of Class Counsel, as well as the arguments of counsel;

It is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:

1. The Settlement was agreed to only after extensive factual investigation of the Parties' respective positions and significant and protracted litigation for more than a decade. The

Settlement resulted from vigorous arms-length negotiations, undertaken in good faith by counsel with significant experience in complex litigation including class actions.

- 2. Reasonable and adequate notice was provided to all class members pursuant to the parties' notice plan, which was approved by this Court by Order entered December 21, 2010.
- 3. Congress, exercising plenary authority, regarding relations between the United States and Native Americans, passed legislation clearly intending to resolve this litigation via the Settlement reached by the Parties, currently before the Court. Accordingly, the Settlement warrants final approval.
- 4. The Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate within the meaning of Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as modified by the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 and the Court has determined that the settlement satisfies all Constitutional due process requirements as it relates to absent class members.
- 5. The Motion for Final Approval of Settlement is granted, and the Settlement Agreement is hereby approved.
- 6. The persons listed in Attachment A to this order timely and validly requested exclusion from the Trust Administration Class in this Settlement. These individuals are hereby excluded from the Trust Administration Class, and are not otherwise bound by this Order.
- 7. Plaintiffs' Motion for Approval of Class Representatives' Incentive Awards and Expenses is granted.

James Louis LaRose:

a.	The	incentive	fee	awards	for	the	Class	Representatives	is	approved	in	the
follow	ing a	mounts:										
Elouis	e Cob	ell:										

	Penny Cleghorn:			
	Thomas Maulson:			
	b. The costs and expenses	of the Class Repres	sentatives are ap	proved. The costs and
	expenses shall be reimbursed	in the amount of	\$	and shall be paid to
	Blackfeet Reservation Develop	ment Fund.		
8.	Plaintiffs' Motion for Award	of Attorneys' Fee	s and Expenses	s of Class Counsel is
grante	d. An award of attorneys' fees	and expenses in th	ne amount of \$_	
shall b	pe paid to Class Counsel in accor-	dance with Section	J of the Settleme	ent Agreement.
	SO ORDERED.			
			Thomas F. Ho	~
			United States 1	District Judge