

You May Be Eligible to Receive Money

Cobell Settlement Meeting On Wednesday, March 31

Members of plaintiffs' litigation team will be visiting the Northern Arapaho Tribe this week to explain the Cobell Settlement and answer questions. The meeting is for potential IIM accountholders and owners of trust land, but anybody is welcome. Among other things, they will be talking about the \$3.4 billion dollar settlement, the land consolidation fund, and the Indian education scholarship fund. The scheduled event is as follows:

Date: Wednesday, March 31, 2010

Location: Great Plains Hall

15 Great Plains Road – Arapahoe, WY

Time: 12:00pm to 4:00pm

Background: A Settlement Agreement has been announced between Individual Indian Money (IIM) beneficiaries and the Secretary of the Interior, the Assistant Secretary of the Interior-Indian Affairs, and the Secretary of the Treasury in a long-running class action lawsuit, *Cobell v. Salazar*. The lawsuit claims that the federal government mismanaged individual Indians' trust accounts. Under the terms of the \$3.4 billion Settlement, the federal government will create a \$1.4 billion Accounting/Trust Administration Fund and a \$2 billion Trust Land Consolidation Fund. The Settlement also creates an Indian Education Scholarship fund of up to \$60 million to improve access to higher education for Indians.

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