

ELOUISE PEPION COBELL, et al.,
Plaintiffs,
v.
KEN SALAZAR, Secretary of the Interior,
et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. 1:96cv01285(JR)

The Department of the Interior Office of Trust Records hereby submits its status report for activity in February 2010. A copy of the report is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on March 15, 2010 the foregoing *Notice of Filing of February 2010 Status Report by the Department of the Interior Office of Trust Records* was served by Electronic Case Filing, and on the following who is not registered for Electronic Case Filing, by facsimile:

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ACTIVITY REPORT
OFFICE OF TRUST RECORDS
February 1-28, 2010

PROGRAMMATIC:

- Indexing

OTR staff completed indexing of 721 boxes in February 2010. The total number of boxes completed through February 2010 is approximately 199,235.

- Movement of Records

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Office of the Special Trustee (OST) moved 942 boxes of inactive records from various field locations to Lenexa, Kansas, for indexing and subsequent storage at the American Indian Records Repository (AIRR) during this reporting period.

- Boxes Requiring Remediation

The Acting Superintendent, BIA Rosebud Agency, informed OTR that eight ledger books and four cubic feet of records at the Agency have mold and require remediation. The Agency has requested funding from the BIA Central Office to remediate the records.

- Site Assessments Statement

During the month of February, OTRA performed two records management assessments, one each at the following locations: Eastern Navajo Region BIA office and Eastern Navajo Region OST IIM Field office. OTRA issued three records management assessment reports, one each for the following locations: Northwest Region BIA office; Northwest Region OST IIM Field office; and OST, Office of Appraisal Services, Northwest Region.

- Records Training

In February 2010, OTR provided records management training for 36 BIA/OST records contacts and 9 tribal employees. OTR did not provide training on vital records for this month. OTR provided electronic records management training for 37 OST employees.

Note: The December 2009 report stated that OTR provided records management training for 45 BIA/OST records contacts, but the actual number was 51.

- **Litigation Support and Research Requests**

OTR continued to provide significant support to the Office of the Solicitor, Office of Historical Trust Accounting and its contractors, the Department of Justice and its contractors, and tribal attorneys and their contractors. OTR continued to receive requests for information regarding litigation-related document requests. Many of these requests have very short deadlines.

During February 2010, OTR AIRR staff provided responses to 225 non-litigation research requests from BIA and OST.

ADMINISTRATIVE: General administrative activities continued.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS: None.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I express no opinion on the content of the Site Assessments Statement described above.



Ethel J. Abeita
Director

I declare under penalty of perjury that the content of the Site Assessments Statement described above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I express no opinion on the contents of other sections/subsections of the report.



Larry Morrin
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