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Overall Program Results

Land Consolidation

• Consolidated more than 2 million equivalent acres of fractionated land
• Purchased more than 689,000 interests on nearly 40,000 tracts (approximately a 23% reduction in fractional interests)
• Mailed offers to landowners with interests at 36 locations
• Increased tribal ownership to at least 50% on more than 13,681 tracts
• Paid more than $1.1 billion to individuals who chose to sell

Implementation Costs

• Expended 25% of the $285 million authorized for implementation costs (6% of payments to landowners)
• Entered into agreements with 46 tribes

Scholarship Fund

• Transferred 100% of the Scholarship Fund ($60 million); Indigenous Education, Inc. administers the Scholarship Fund
Results with the Blackfeet Nation

- 52% reduction in fractional interests

- 320,000 equivalent acres restored to the Blackfeet Nation

- 1,596% increase in tracts with >50% tribal ownership (from 161 tracts in May 2016 to 2,731 tracts in February 2017)
Increase in Tribal Ownership

BEFORE implementation (Nov 2015)  AFTER implementation (Feb 2017)
Key Topics for Tribal Input

1. Strategies to address fractionation
   - Funds remaining
   - Long term

2. Off-reservation lands
How can we maximize the number of interests consolidated with the funds remaining?

- Leadership evaluating progress and considering factors such as:
  - Land value, interest size (e.g., <25%), and control. Assume a $5,000 budget, what is best offer to reduce fractionation?

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- Revision to the schedule of locations (add, remove, or return to locations)
Program acquired 689,000+ interests (23% reduction)

1.2% estimated annual growth without Program

Actual fractional interests through March 2017
How can we best address fractionation in the long term?

- Potential ideas include:
  - Legislative and policy changes to provide opportunities for more effective probate processes
  - Additional estate planning tools
  - Expanded land consolidation
Off-reservation lands

• Given limited resources, the Program requests input on the relative priority of dedicating resources to off-reservation tracts when there is a significant amount of fractionated land located within reservation boundaries.

• Tribal jurisdiction must also exist to include off-reservation tracts. The Program also requests input on the approach for determining tribal jurisdiction as outlined in the Federal Register Notice dated April 12, 2017 (FR Doc. 2017-07417).