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Secretary Salazar to Visit North Dakota, Meet State and Tribal Leaders, Announce Indian Affairs Economic Recovery Projects

*Will be Joined by U.S. Senators Byron Dorgan and Kent Conrad,
U.S. Rep. Earl Pomeroy and North Dakota Governor John Hoeven*

On Saturday, April 25, 2009, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar will visit North Dakota, where he will be joined by Senators Byron L. Dorgan (D-ND) and Kent Conrad (D-ND) Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-ND) and Gov. John Hoeven, and meet with local leaders and tribal officials. The Secretary will announce Interior's Indian Affairs funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. He also will visit communities hit by recent flooding and confer with state and federal flood response officials.

Event #1 -- Tour of State Emergency Operations Center

- Who:** Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar
U.S. Senator Byron L. Dorgan (D-ND)
U. S. Senator Kent Conrad (D-ND)
U.S. Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-ND)
North Dakota Governor John Hoeven
- What:** Tour State Joint Emergency Operations Center and briefing on flood response coordination efforts
- When:** The tour will begin at 8 a.m. CDT in the Emergency Operations Center
- Where:** The Emergency Operations Center is Building #35 in the National Guard facility on Fraine Barracks Lane, west side of Bismarck, North Dakota, 58506
- Media:** Credentialed media re invited to join the tour and briefing.

Event # 2 – Recovery Act Indian Affairs Funding Announcement at United Tribes Technical College

- Who:** Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar
U.S. Senator Byron L. Dorgan (D-ND)
U. S. Senator Kent Conrad (D-ND)
U.S. Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-ND)
North Dakota Governor John Hoeven
Tribal leaders and College officials
- What:** Announcement of Interior’s Indian Affairs funding to federally-recognized tribes and tribal communities under American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
- When:** The news conference will begin at 10 a.m. CDT
- Where:** United Tribes Technical College, 3315 University Drive, Bismarck, North Dakota. Lower Level Meeting Room of the Jack Barden Student Life Building
- Media:** All credentialed media are invited to join the news conference.

Event # 3 -- Fort Berthold Three Affiliated Tribes

- Who:** Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar
U.S. Senator Byron L. Dorgan (D-ND)
U. S. Senator Kent Conrad (D-ND)
Leaders and officials of the Three Affiliated Tribes
- What:** Media availability on Secretary’s meetings with leaders of Three Affiliated Tribes
- When:** The media availability begins at 12:45 p.m. CDT
- Where:** Three Affiliated Tribes Administrative Headquarters, 404 Frontage Road
New Town, North Dakota. Tribal Business Council Meeting Chambers
- Media:** Credentialed media are invited to participate in this media availability

Event # 4 -- Beulah Coal Gasification Plant

- Who:** Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar
U.S. Senator Byron L. Dorgan (D-ND)
U. S. Senator Kent Conrad (D-ND)
- What:** Briefing at Dakota Gasification Company's Great Plains Synfuels Plant
- When:** The briefing begins at 1:00 p.m. CDT
- Where:** Great Plains Synfuels Plant, 420 Country Road 26, Beulah, North Dakota
- Media:** Credentialed media are invited to join the briefing

Event # 5 -- Fargo Flooding Briefing and Community Meeting

- Who:** Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar
U.S. Senator Byron L. Dorgan (D-ND)
U. S. Senator Kent Conrad (D-ND)
- What:** Media availability
- When:** Media availability begins at 5 p.m. CDT
- Where:** Fargo City Hall, Outside City Commission Chambers, 200 3rd Street North,
Fargo, North Dakota
- Media:** Credentialed media are invited to participate in this media availability

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