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### Media Advisory

#### **Joint Tribal Leaders/DOI Task Force on Trust Reform to Meet July 22-24 in Portland, Oregon**

**WASHINGTON** – The Joint Tribal Leaders/DOI Task Force on Trust Reform will hold its next meeting on July 22-24, 2002 in Portland, Ore. The task force was established in February of 2002 to review and propose plans for improving the Department's management of individual Indian and tribal trust assets.

On June 5, 2002, task force members presented a progress report to Secretary Gale Norton on their efforts to review and evaluate proposals for improving the Department's management of Indian trust funds and assets. The report, which identifies five options for trust management improvement by the Department along with comments and recommendations, was sent to tribal leaders throughout Indian Country for review and comment as part of the Department's on-going tribal consultation process on trust reform.

At this meeting, the national task force will consider the results from regional tribal consultation meetings held by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) during the past two months.

**WHO:** Joint Tribal Leaders/DOI Task Force on Trust Reform

**WHAT:** Meeting to review and propose plans for improving the Department's management of individual Indian and tribal trust assets.

**WHEN:** July 22-24, 2002  
10:00 a.m. (Local time)

**WHERE:** Embassy Suites Hotel-Airport, 7900 N.E. 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Portland, Ore.

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