



T R I B A L N A T I O N S

Pre-Offer Outreach Spirit Lake Tribe



www.doi.gov/buybackprogram

Today

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- ☐ What about the Spirit Lake Reservation?
- ☐ What happens if I get an offer?

What is the Buy-Back Program?



Former President Barack Obama with the late American Indian Leader Elouise Cobell

\$1.9 billion

- fractional interests
- in trust or restricted land
- at fair market value
- from willing sellers
- within a 10-year period

Purchased interests held in **trust**
for the **Tribe** with jurisdiction

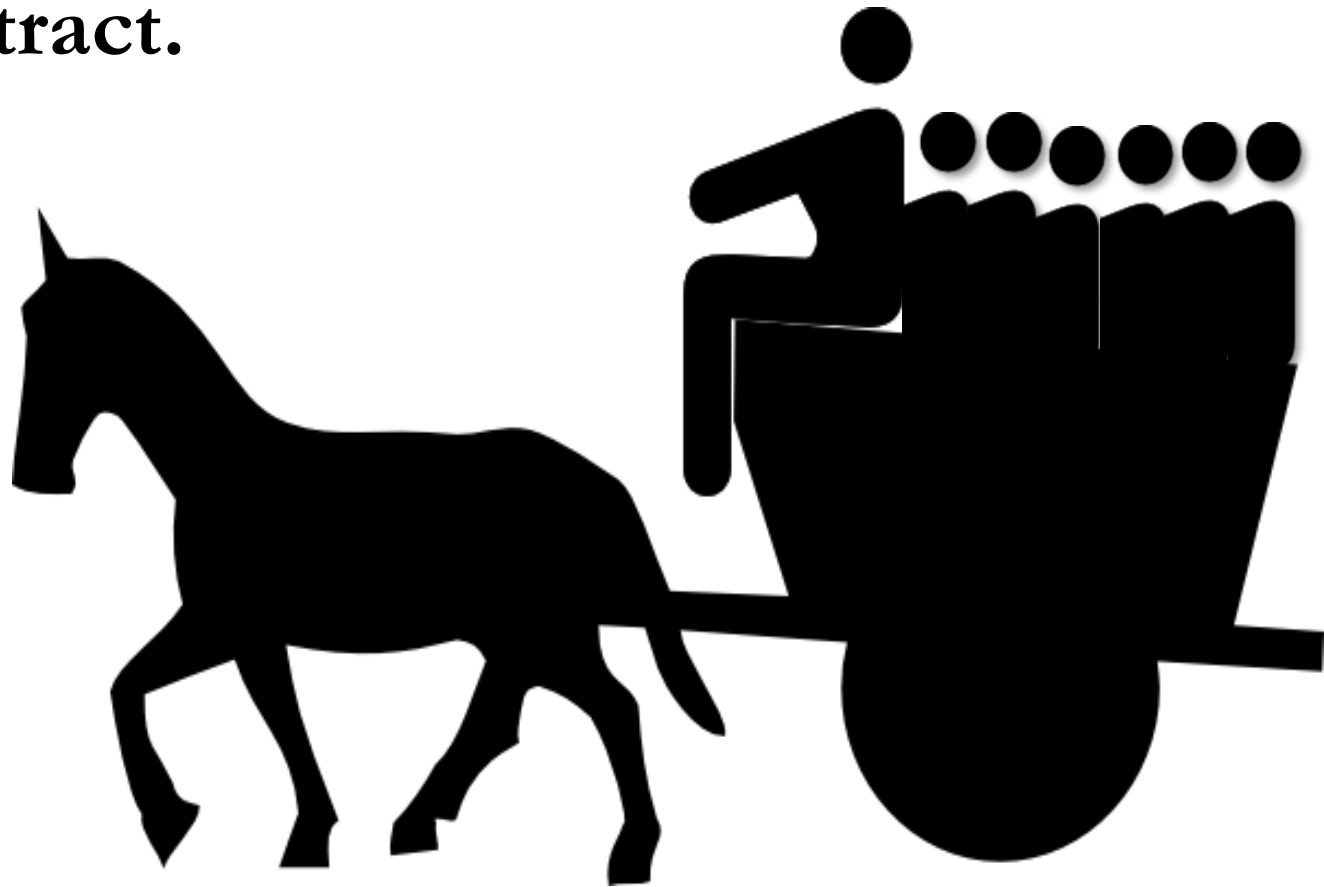
What is an Allotment?

A **Tract** or **Allotment** was assigned to an individual Indian landowner.



What is Fractionation?

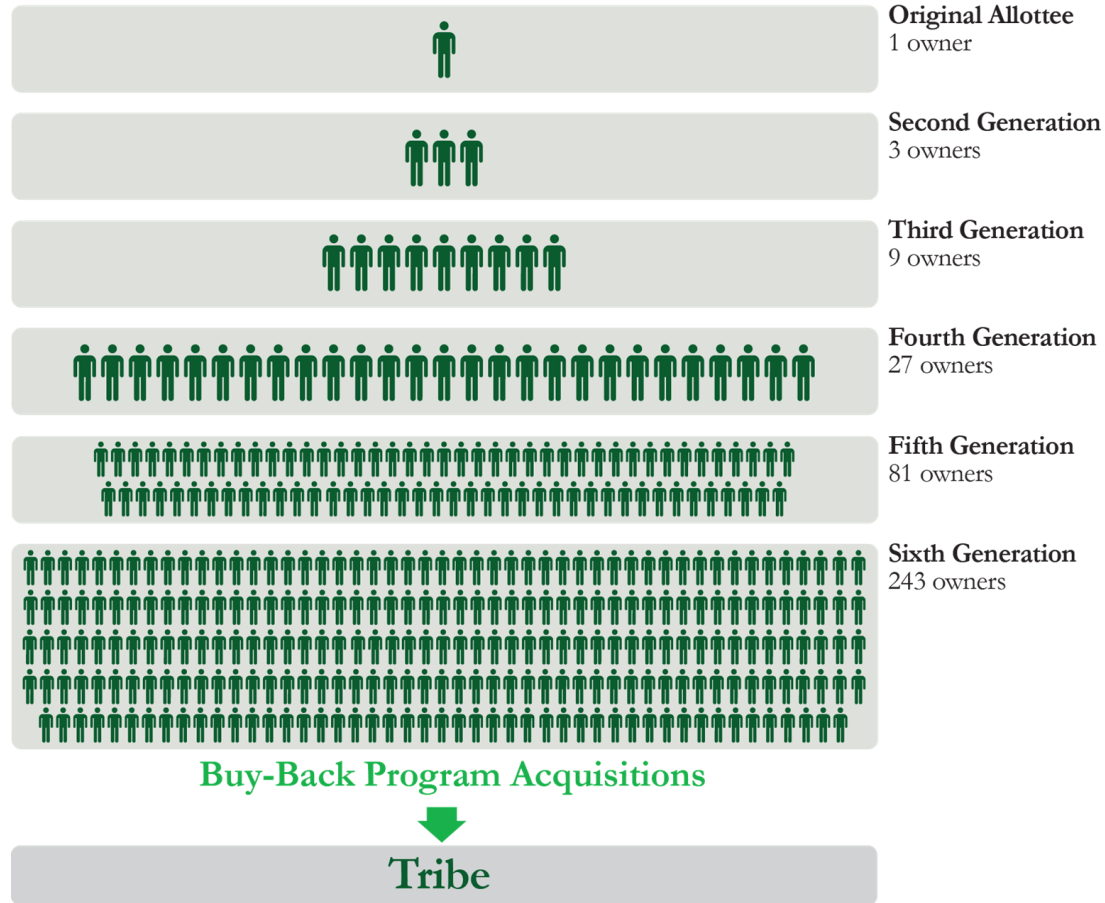
Multiple landowners
on a single tract.



How Fractionated is the Reservation?

877 owners on a single tract at the Reservation.

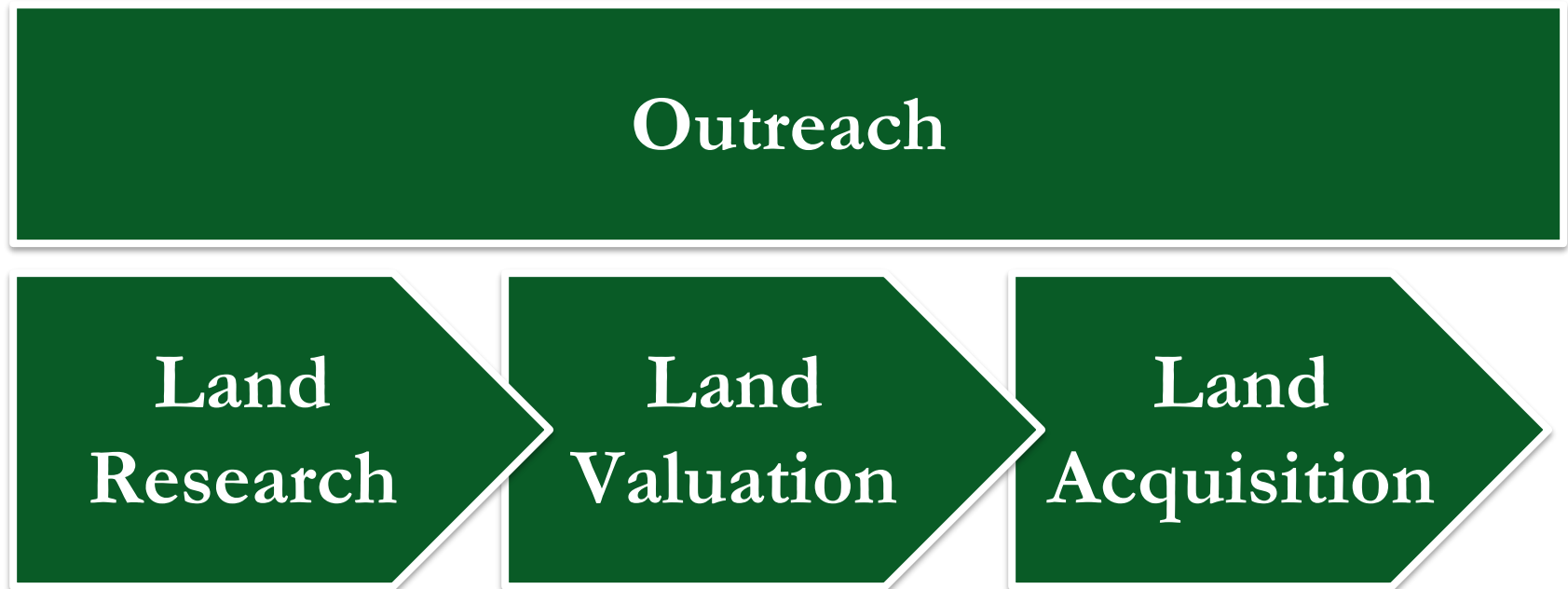
18 most fractionated Reservation in Indian Country.



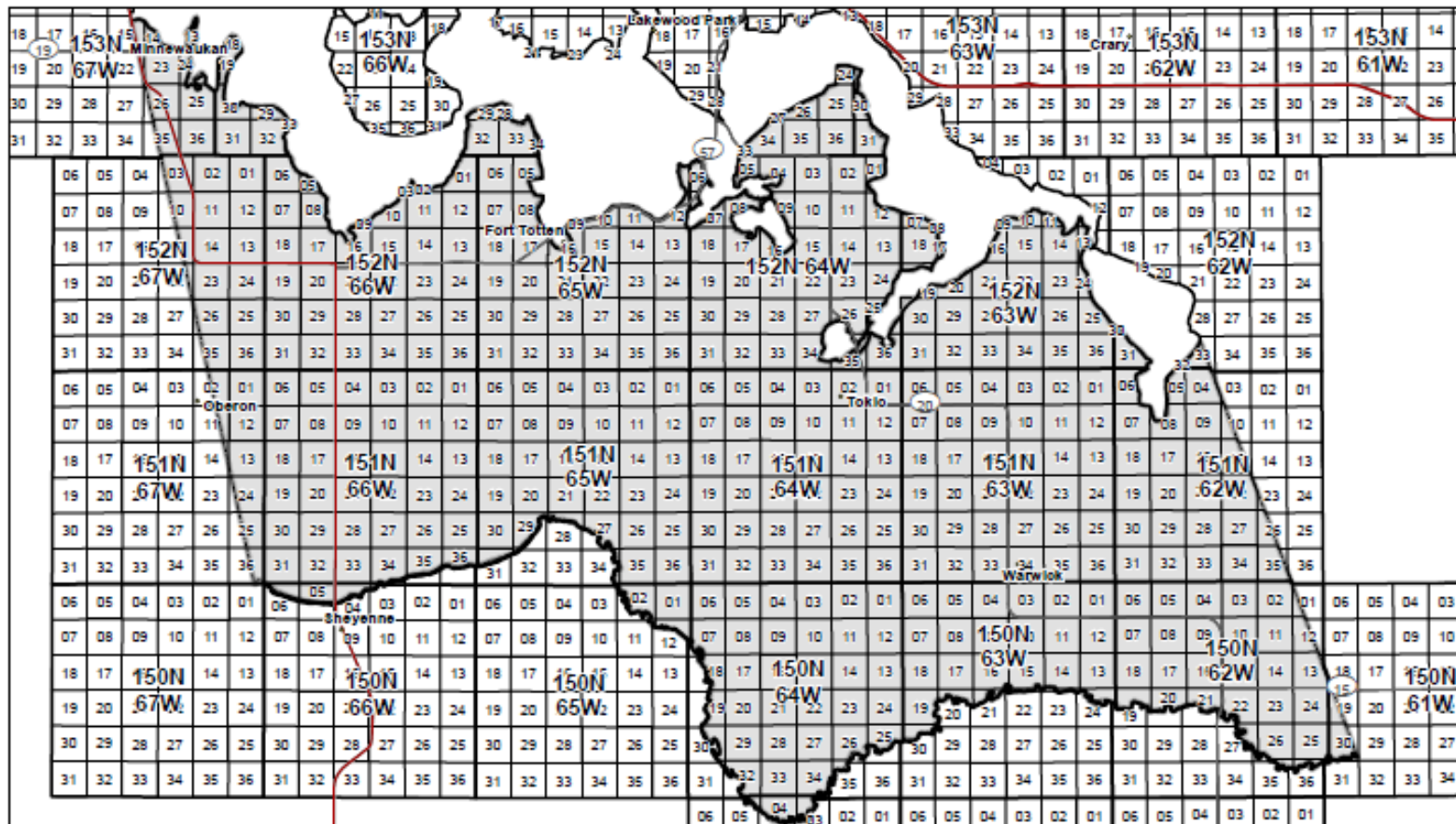
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Fractionation of a possible allotment of land over six generations, assuming only three heirs per generation.

How does the Buy-Back Program Work?



Spirit Lake Reservation



FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY SPIRIT LAKE SIOUX INDIAN RESERVATION NORTH DAKOTA

All data in map are projected to:
Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) Zone 14N;
Horizontal Units: Meters;
North American Datum 1983 (NAD83);
Geographic Reference System 1980 (GRS80).

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Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Land Title Records
Lakewood, Colorado

Plot Date: August 2016
Base Vector Data: ESRI Data and Maps 2008
Reservation Boundaries Compiled from
US Census and BIA Data 2007

- Reservation
- Township
- Section
- Highways
- Secondary Roads

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Spirit Lake Reservation

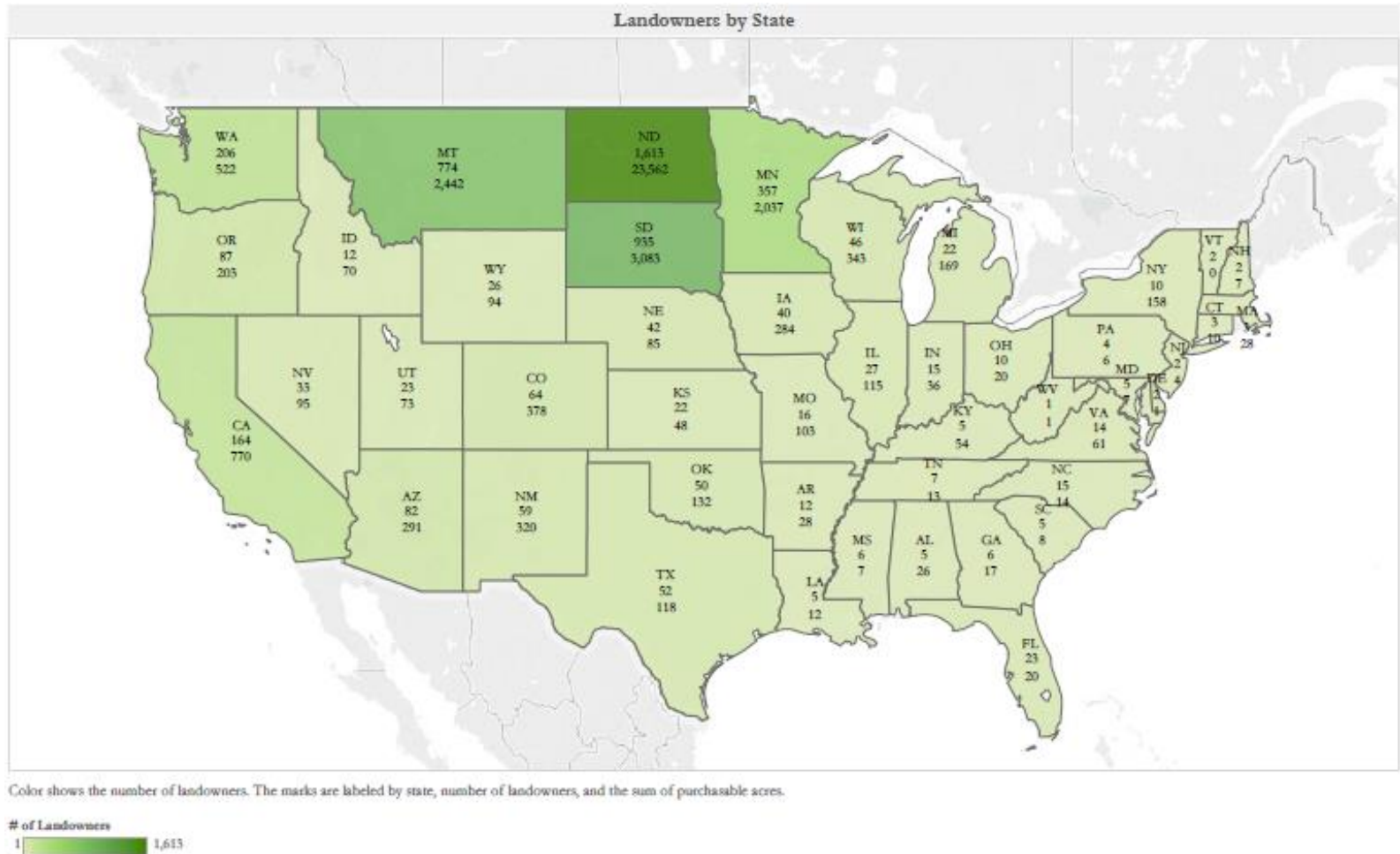
- Offers tentatively scheduled **fall 2017**
- Unique landowners: **5361***
- **421** Whereabouts Unknown (WAU) landowners

*Excludes interests held in joint tenancy, life estate, probate, interests held by WAUs, non-compos mentis or minors

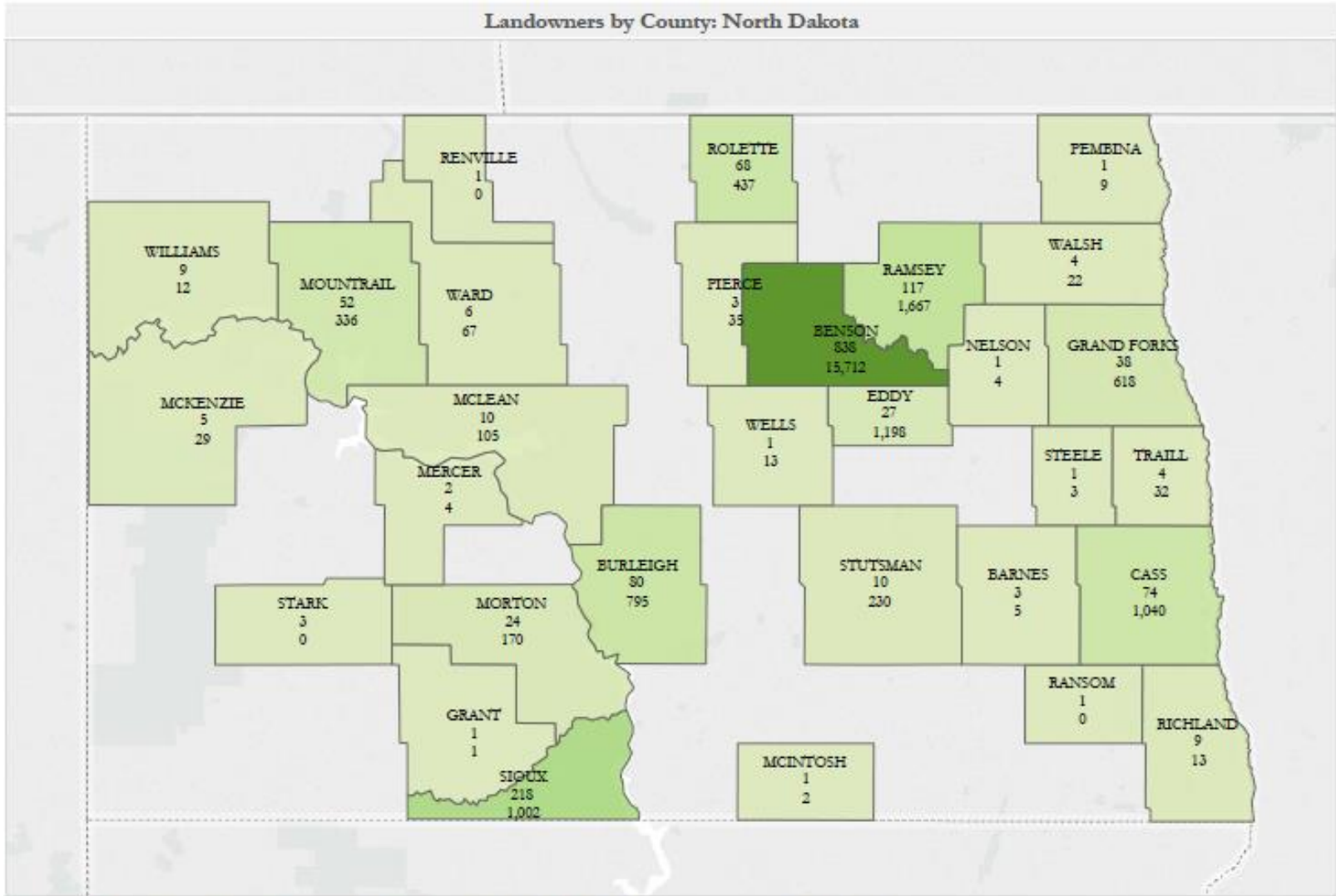
Spirit Lake Reservation

- Landowners live in 48 **states** and 3 foreign countries
- Majority of landowners located in North Dakota (30%) and South Dakota (17%)

Spirit Lake Reservation

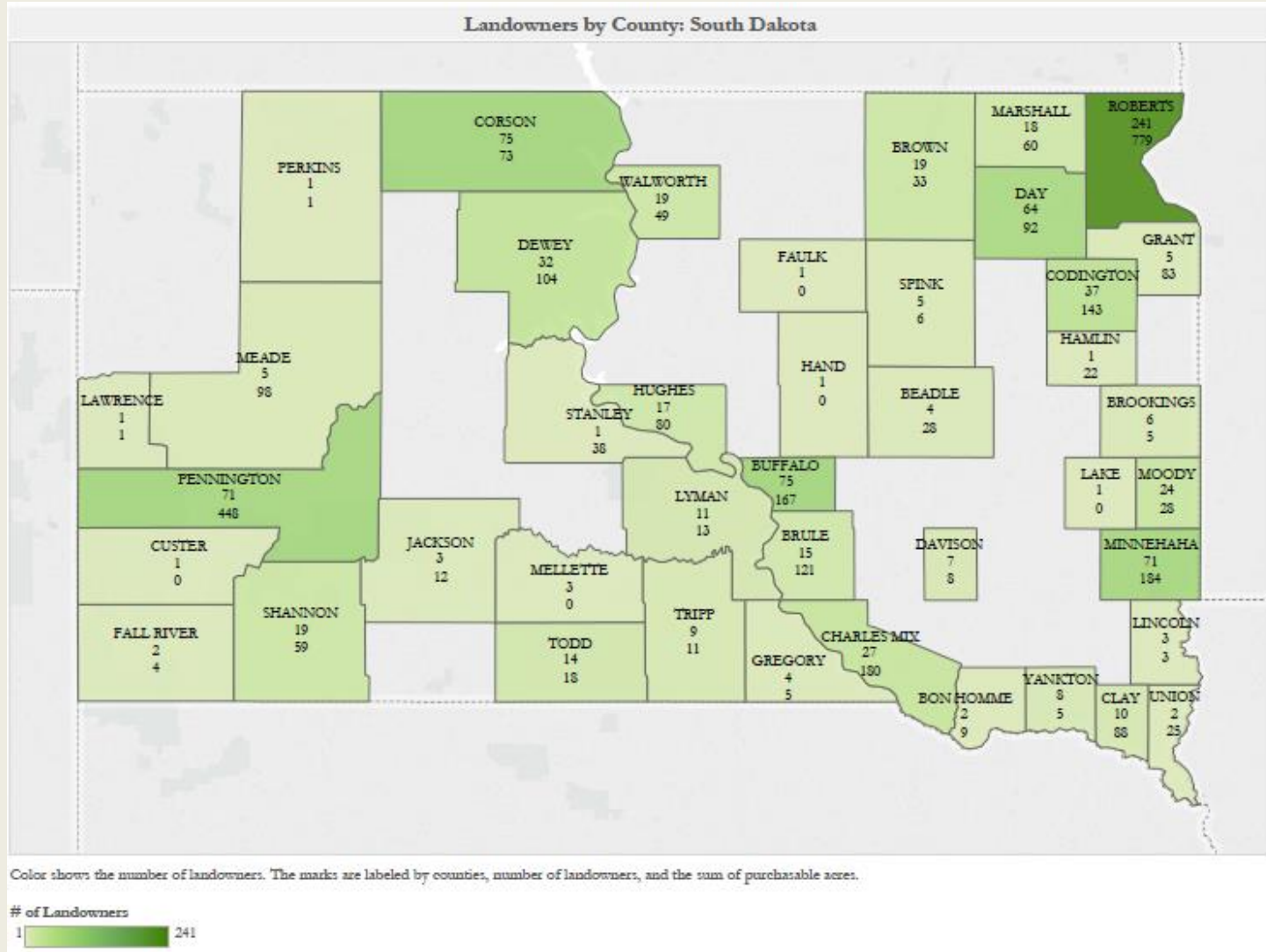


Spirit Lake Reservation



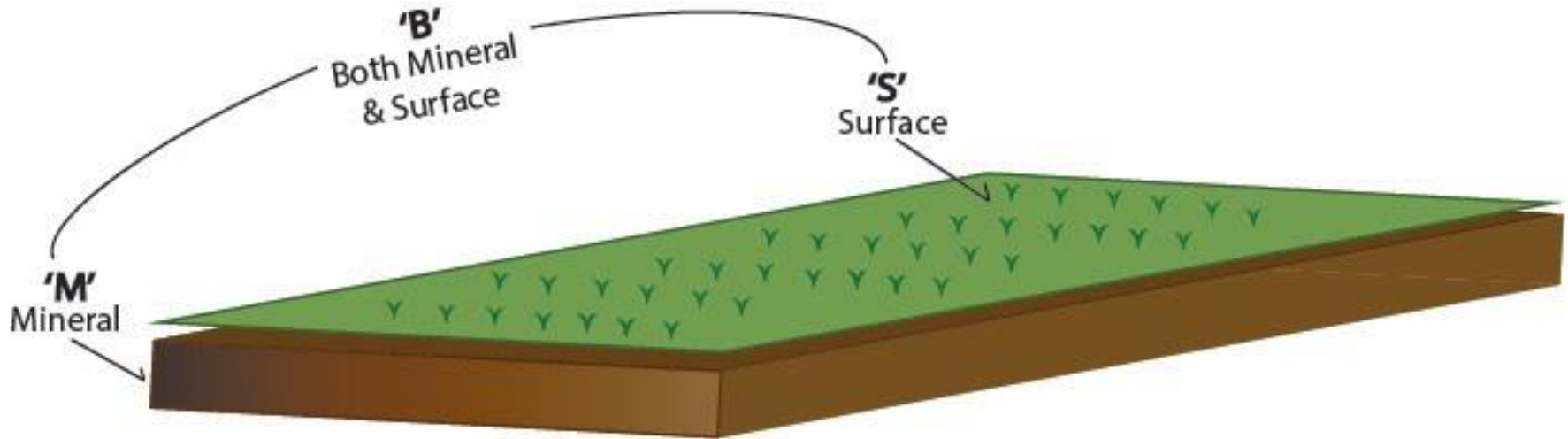
Color shows the number of landowners. The marks are labeled by counties, number of landowners, and the sum of purchasable acres.

Spirit Lake Reservation

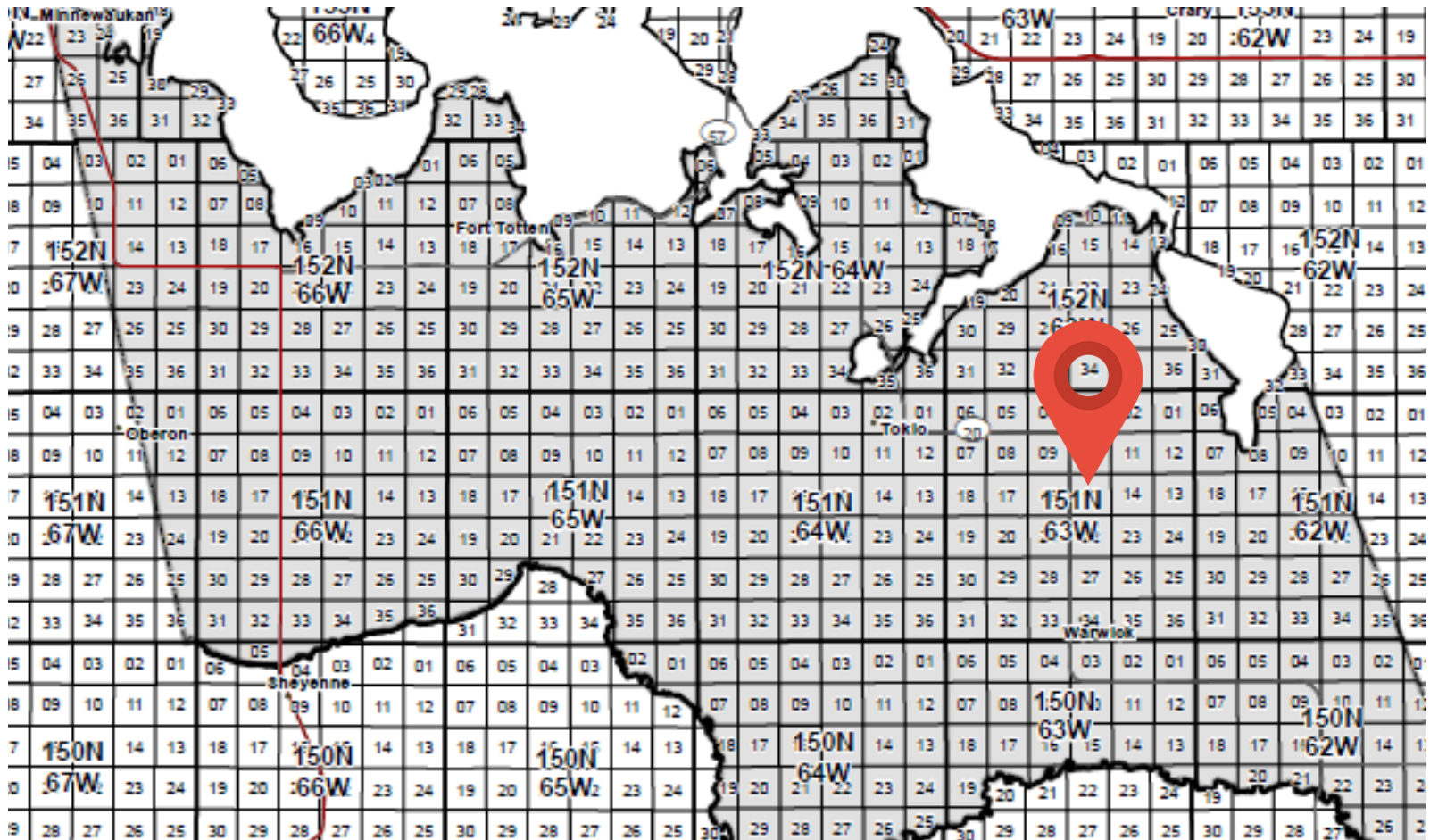


Things to consider...

What interests do I own?



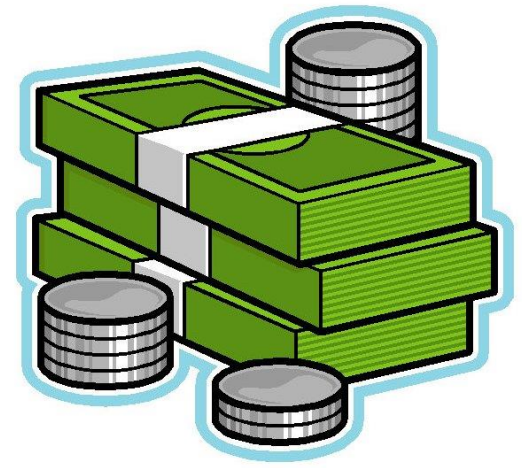
Where is my land?



Do I earn income from my land?

How is my IIM account disbursed?

Do I have a financial plan?



What are my other options?

- Estate Planning
- Co-Owner Purchase
- Gift Deed
- Life Estate
- Land Exchange



How can I learn more about my land?



1-888-678-6836

Trust Beneficiary Call Center

What happens if I get an offer?

Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations
14800 Landmark Blvd Suite 300
Dallas, Texas 75254

(TEMP) - RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

JOHN DOE
PO BOX 000
WOUNDED KNEE, SD 57794



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Time Sensitive Materials Enclosed

What is in the offer packet?

1. Cover Letter
2. Instructions
3. Deed
4. Purchasable Interest Inventory
(Parts 1 and 2)
5. Map(s)
6. Self-Addressed Return Envelope.

1. Cover Letter

45 days from cover letter date to return the documents

Up to 60 days to process after the receipt of complete documents

Total offer amount (fair market value) and base payment of \$75



United States Department of the Interior
Land Buy Back Program for Tribal Nations
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

02/05/2015



In Reply Refer To: 344U000000
Grantor Identification Number

JOHN DOE
P.O. BOX 000
WOUNDED KNEE, SD 57794

Dear JOHN DOE:

We are pleased to include you in the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Buy-Back Program), which is part of Class Action Settlement Agreement often referred to as the Cobell Settlement. The intent of the Buy-Back Program is to consolidate highly fractionated tracts of Indian land, allowing for better utilization of the land for social, economic, or cultural purposes benefitting the tribal community. Interests purchased under the Buy-Back Program will be transferred to the Tribe in trust.

Offer Amount. This package is an offer to purchase your ownership interests in certain fractionated trust or restricted Indian lands. The offer includes fractional ownership interests with their corresponding Fair Market Value, and is non-negotiable. Please note that this offer may not include all of your ownership interests, as not all Indian trust or restricted lands have been valued or identified as eligible for purchase under the Buy-Back Program. You may choose to sell some, all, or none of your interests included in this offer. If you choose to sell all of your listed interests, you will be paid \$6,937.57. An additional base payment of \$75.00 will be included with final payment if you sell any or all interests included in the offer. You will no longer receive lease revenues or other benefits derived from those interests you sell.

Voluntary and Time-Limited Program. Participation in the Buy-Back Program is voluntary; if you are not interested in selling your fractional ownership interests, please disregard this letter and enclosures. However, if you are interested, this offer is active for 45 calendar days from the date of this letter. You must return your completed documents on or before 03/23/2015. If you do not, the Buy-Back Program may not be able to purchase your interests and you might not receive another offer due to limited funding.

Taxation and Other Benefits. Payment for any ownership interests you choose to sell will be deposited into your Individual Indian Money (IIM) account after we approve the sale. Under the Claims Resolution Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-291, Section 101(f), this payment is considered tax exempt. Also, for a one year period starting on the date you receive payment, the payment will not impact benefits you receive or are eligible to receive under any federal or federally-assisted program. If you receive non-federal benefits, contact the providing office to see if your benefits could be impacted by the payment. Be sure to make the office aware of the Claims Resolution Act of 2010, or provide a copy of this letter.

Package Contents. Enclosed you will find Instructions for completing the required documents, a one-page Deed, an Inventory of your interests eligible for sale, Maps showing the general location of the tracts of land in which you own an interest, and a Business Reply Mail Envelope for returning your completed documents. Please read the instructions carefully before filling out your documents.

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2. Instructions

Do use black or blue ink

Do fill in bubbles adjacent to selected tract(s) or sell all tracts listed

Do not mark or alter bar code at bottom of page(s)

Do not use white out or make corrections on inventory or deed.

Please read all of these instructions carefully before completing any of the enclosed documents.

1. Review the enclosed documents, including:

- **Deed:** The Deed must reflect your legal name, correct ID number and date of birth, and your current mailing address. If any of this information is incorrect, DO NOT complete and return your documents. Instead, contact the Trust Beneficiary Call Center (Call Center) at 1-888-678-6836 or your local OST office to update the information and obtain new documents. If your name has recently changed, be prepared to provide documentation to the Call Center, such as a marriage certificate or divorce decree.
- **Exhibit A-Purchasable Interests Inventory (Inventory):** The Inventory lists the interests you own in tracts of trust or restricted land which the Buy Back Program is offering to purchase, and the Fair Market Value of each interest. There are two parts to the Inventory: a SUMMARY and corresponding DETAIL page(s). Select the interests you wish to sell on the SUMMARY as explained below. A legal description of each tract and additional information you may find useful is provided on the DETAIL page(s). Use the "Item" number for cross reference between the two parts of the Inventory.
- **Map(s):** Showing the general location of the tracts of land in which you own an interest.
- **Business Reply Mail Envelope:** Allows you to return your completed documents free of charge.

2. If you want to sell *some but not all* of your listed interests, select the interest(s) you wish to sell by filling in the bubble ☐ next to the Item number on the SUMMARY part of the Inventory. You must use black or blue ink and fill in the bubble(s) completely. Example: ☒

3. If you want to sell *all* of your listed interests, fill in the bubble at the top next to "Sell All Tracts Listed Below." You do not need to fill in the rest of the bubbles.

4. After you have selected the interest(s) you wish to sell, take the Inventory and the Deed to a Notary Public. You must sign the Deed in front of a Notary Public. Be prepared to provide legal identification such as your Driver's License or other Federal, State, or Tribal identification.

5. DO NOT make handwritten corrections, use white-out, or place any other marks on the Inventory or Deed. If you make a mistake on or misplace your documents, or if your personal information is incorrect on the Deed, contact the Call Center or visit your local OST or BIA office to obtain replacement documents. Any alterations you make to the Inventory or Deed will result in delay and may prevent us from processing your sale. If you make alterations that prevent processing, you might not have another opportunity to sell your interests under the Buy Back Program.

6. Return the original signed and notarized Deed and all pages of the Inventory in the enclosed Business Reply Envelope no later than the date provided in your cover letter. Copies cannot be accepted. You may wish to make a copy of the documents for your records. If you return copies or miss the return deadline, we may not be able to process your sale and you might not have another opportunity to sell your interests under the Buy Back Program. DO NOT include any additional notes, letters, or documents with your Deed and Inventory; this will delay or prevent processing.

7. Please remember that it is your choice whether to participate in the Buy Back Program. Be sure of your decision and use great care in completing your documents before returning them. Once the sale is processed and title transfers to the Tribe, it cannot be reversed.

3. One-Page Deed

Name and address
correct?

Requires a Notary.

Notary will require a
valid ID.

Consider making a
copy for your records.

Return all original
pages with barcodes.

Land Buy Back Program for
Tribal Nations

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
DEED TO INDIAN LAND

Offer No: 100
Deed ID: 344 4000000001

THIS DEED is entered into by and between JOHN DOE, Identification No.: 344U000000, DOB: 00/00/0000, residing at PO BOX 000, WOUNDED KNEE, SD 57794, referred to herein as Grantor, and the United States of America in Trust for the Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota (344), referred to herein as Grantee.

The Grantor, for and in consideration for the dollar amount(s) shown on the attached Exhibit A, sells and conveys unto the Grantee the interests in real estate, excluding improvements, shown on the attached Exhibit A, under the jurisdiction of 344 – PINE RIDGE, to have and to hold said interests unto the Grantee United States of America in Trust for the OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE forever. The Grantee accepts said interests subject to existing encumbrances.

This conveyance is made pursuant to the provisions of the Indian Land Consolidation Act Amendments of 2000, Public Law 106-462, as amended by the American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004, Public Law 108-374, and the Claims Resolution Act of 2010, Public Law 111-291.

Grantor and his or her heirs, executors, and administrators, hereby agrees that he or she will forever warrant and defend the title of the Grantee in said premises against the claim of all persons, claiming or to claim by, through or under him or her only.

JOHN DOE (SEAL)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this _____ day of _____, 20____

before the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid,

personally appeared: JOHN DOE

to me personally known to be the identical person who executed the within instrument of writing, and such person duly acknowledges the execution of the same and acknowledges the execution of the same as his or her free and voluntary act.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal on day and year hereinabove written.

(Notary Seal Here)

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY: Any person who, knowingly and willfully, uses any false writing, makes any materially false statement, fraudulent representation, covers up a material fact, or commits fraud, is subject to federal prosecution, fines and no more than five years imprisonment as provided in 18 USCS § 1001.

4. Purchasable Interest Inventory (Part 1 - Detail)

Details of
each Tract ID
listed on the
Inventory
Summary

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BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Exhibit A - Purchasable Interests Inventory (PII) DETAIL

Date: 02/05/2015
Page: 1 of 1

Offer Number: 100
Deed ID: 344 4000000001

Grantor ID: 344U0000000
Grantor Name: DOE, JOHN

Item	Tract ID	Tract Name	Tract Acreage	Owner Interest	Interest Value	Scholarship ¹ Contribution	Tract Appraisal Date
1	344 M 0000	BEAR FOLLOWS	320.000	.0003819444	\$95.49	\$10.00	11/19/2013
	State County	Sec Twn Rng Meridian	Legal Description	Resource			
	SD JACKSON	6 035.00N 031.00W	Sixth Principal E	Minerals Only			
2	344 0001	FAST RUNNER	320.000	.0023437500	\$468.75	\$10.00	11/19/2013
	State County	Sec Twn Rng Meridian	Legal Description	Resource			
	SD JACKSON	9 036.00N 032.00W	Sixth Principal W	Surface Only			
3	344 0002	SALLY BLUE SHIELD	160.000	.0333333334	\$6,373.33	\$318.67	11/19/2013
	State County	Sec Twn Rng Meridian	Legal Description	Resource			
	SD BENNETT	20 102.00N 078.00W	Fifth Principal NE	Both (Mineral and Surface)			

¹ The Claims Resolution Act of 2010 authorized matching contributions up to \$60 million, made to the Indian Education Scholarship Fund for each ownership interest purchased. A zero dollar amount in this column indicates that the Fund has reached \$60 million and no further contributions are being made.

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4. Purchasable Interest Inventory (Part 2 - Summary)

Only interests
eligible for purchase
under the Buy-Back Program

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Exhibit A - Purchasable Interests Inventory (PII) - SUMMARY PAGE: 1 of 1

DATE: 02/05/2015 Grantor ID: 344U0000000 Offer ID: 100

Grantor Name: DOE, JOHN

Base Payment: In addition to payment for interests you elect to sell, you will be compensated in the amount of \$75.00 for time spent completing this package.




Directions: Use black or blue ink and fill in the circle(s) completely. Example: ●


*To sell all of your listed interests, fill in the circle next to "Sell All Tracts Listed Below."

*To sell some of your listed interests, fill in the circle next to each item.


☐ **Sell All Tracts Listed Below - Total Offer for All Owner Interests:** \$496.95

You do not need to fill in the below circles if you've filled in the above Sell All circle.

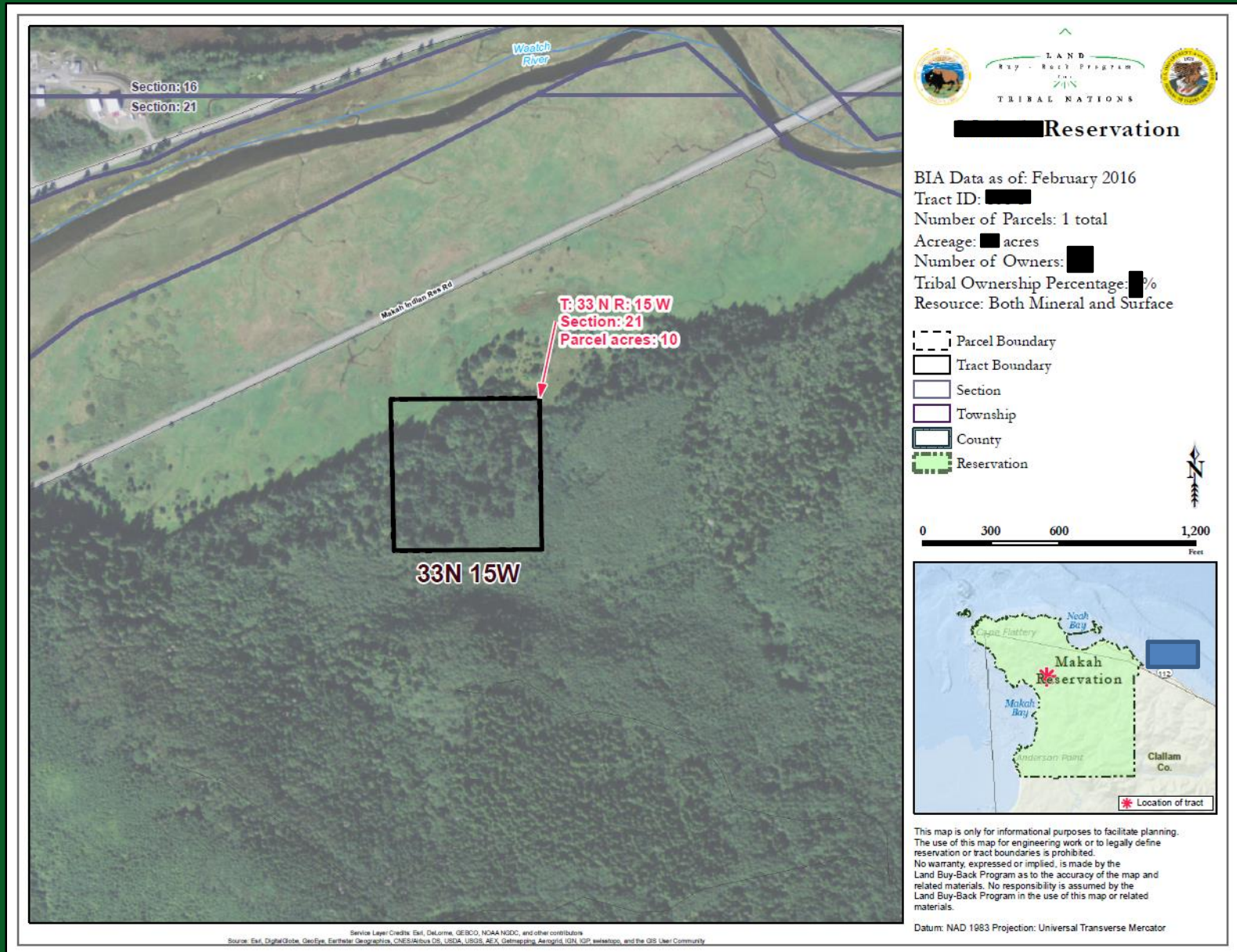
Sell	Item	Tract ID	Interest	Interest Value	
<input type="radio"/>	1	344 M 0000	.0003819444	\$95.49	
<input type="radio"/>	2	344 0001	.0023437500	\$468.75	
<input type="radio"/>	3	344 0002	.0030000000	\$23.2567	



100:344U0000000:A:A:07:345:R003



5. Map



Acknowledgement Notice

Confirm transaction is complete

Amount matched to
Scholarship Fund

Base payment
amount

Total payment
deposited into IIM account



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02/20/2015



In Reply Refer To: 344U000000
Grantor Identification Number

JOHN DOE
P.O. BOX 000
WOUNDED KNEE, SD 57794

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT NOTICE – LAND BUY-BACK PROGRAM

Dear JOHN DOE:

Thank you for your participation in the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations. The recent sale of your fractional ownership interest(s) through the Program will help to reduce fractionation of Indian lands, allowing for better utilization of the land for social, economic, or cultural purposes benefitting the tribal community.

This notice confirms the completion of your sale. A payment of \$7,012.57 for the ownership interest(s) you sold has been deposited into your Individual Indian Money (IIM) account. The deposited amount includes a \$75.00 base payment for your time and effort. Based on the sale of your interest(s), the Buy-Back Program will make a contribution of \$353.67 to the Cobell Scholarship Fund, which provides financial assistance to Native American students.

Title to the ownership interest(s) you sold has transferred in trust to the Tribe with jurisdiction over the Reservation. It is important to note that the interest(s) you sold will no longer be reflected on your Quarterly Asset Statement.

Feel free to contact the Trust Beneficiary Call Center at 1-888-678-6836 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Director, Acquisition Center

Think Carefully

Once the sale is approved and title transfers to the Tribe, it **cannot be reversed.**

