



Introductory letter to all Tribes and Tribal officials:

I am a tribal fee-to-trust (FTT) professional providing ancillary project management experience to tribes who are resolute to asserting their inherent right to tribal jurisdictional authority and sovereignty through land acquisitions.

In recently reading an editorial titled “*Work with Burns Paiute Tribe on land-into-trust bid*” (dated: 11/21/14), I was compelled to make contact with all tribes and their affiliated organizations. It is imperative that tribes understand the DOI BIA has *discretionary authority* over FTT requests, and until a property is actually “*in trust*“, the BIA has absolutely no (*trust*) responsibility. In fact, BIA is federally-prohibited from providing FTT processing services to tribes outside of review/approval of required compliance items, which makes the successful FTT efforts as result of the due diligence provided by **Native Nations Land Service** in accordance with DOI *FTT Handbook Release #13-90, Version III (rev 4), Issued: 06/16/14*, all the more crucial. *see attached: DOI FTT Quick Ref Guide

As an enrolled Colville (*Nez Perce, Okanagan, Moses-Columbia*), with a combined 20 years real estate, broker, management, Tribal and BIA experience, in addition to an depth knowledge of the constantly changing federal standards process, in synchronicity with personal attributes of perseverance, persistence and tenacity I would be an excellent fit to assist tribes in strengthening their self-governance with proactive, professional and experienced representation on FTT matters. One of my more recent work examples **FTT converted in a record 8 months is a 296 acre site** where Omak Resort/Casino is currently under construction for *The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation*. My project management areas of expertise include:

- Successful land purchase negotiations, including BPA funded (critical habitat area) acquisitions of over 20,000 acres of Tribal land assets.
- Tribal land management, conservation easement implementation, tax exemption qualifications, remediation measures and land- into- trust conversion of residential, agricultural, commercial, timber, water rights, conservation/mitigation properties. *Including federal standards compliance with;*
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- 602 Departmental Manual 2 (602 DM2)-Hazardous Substances
- National Historical Preservation Act (NHPA)
- U.S. Department of Justice Title Standard

I have the legal licensed real estate background, FTT achievement record, practical and cohesive Tribal, BIA, State and County relational experience, and the passion to be an outstanding team member assisting tribes with achieving their FTT goals. My participation in *Indian Land Working Group, Indian Land Tenure Foundation, National Tribal Land Association*, conferences has kept me well informed of our land issues nationwide. Hoping you will find me well qualified, I would like to reiterate my strong interest in further discussing this opportunity and my qualifications for providing FTT services your tribe would benefit from. I invite you to view my informative website on FTT issues and contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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