# ••• A DECADE OF WORKING TO MAKE INDIAN COUNTRY WHOLE •••



# ••• ILTF MISSION •••

"Land within the original boundaries of every reservation and other areas of high significance where tribes retain aboriginal interest are in Indian ownership and management." In 2002, Indian Land Tenure Foundation (ILTF) was established by a concerned group of Indian landowners, tribal representatives, and land professionals who had witnessed or experienced firsthand the profound challenges and injustices Indian people were facing in respect to the ownership and management of reservation lands. They recognized that the issues related to Indian land tenure—fractionated land title, checkerboarding, severe probate backlogs, lack of tribal control over land data, continued land loss, and many other issues—were only getting worse and needed to be addressed to ensure economic growth and self-determination for Indian communities and to help Indian people maintain spiritual and cultural ties to their land. With financial support from the Northwest Area Foundation, that group developed a long-term vision and plan of action that became the Indian Land Tenure Foundation.

Over the past 10 years, ILTF has invested nearly \$20 million in 140 grants and programs that address Indian land tenure issues through education, cultural awareness, economic opportunity and legal reform. We have worked with 190 Indian nations and Alaska Native villages and have provided educational materials, technical assistance or direct service to more than 50,000 Indian landowners across Indian Country. ILTF's K-12 curriculum "Lessons of Our Land" has been implemented in over 100 tribal and public schools in five states. In partnership with our affiliate lender, Indian Land Capital Company, ILTF has assisted in the recovery of over 30,000 acres of tribal land. We have been truly honored to work with so many dedicated individuals and, despite our ambitious long-term goals, we are proud of what we have been able to accomplish together in such a short time. Some of our activities and partners are highlighted in the pages that follow.

As we look forward to the next 10 years, we see both challenges and opportunities on the horizon. In recent years, a number of legislative acts and court rulings have had a dramatic impact on federal Indian land policy. The 2004 American Indian Probate Reform Act (AIPRA) established a uniform federal probate code that automatically applies to all Indian probates of trust land in the U.S. unless there is a tribal probate code or a valid will in place. And the 2009 Supreme Court ruling in *Carcieri v. Salazar* now limits the authority of the secretary of the interior to take lands into trust under the Indian Reorganization Act. More encouragingly, in 2010, two class action lawsuits brought against the federal government—on behalf of Indian farmers and ranchers in *Keepseagle v. Vilsack* and on behalf of Indian landowners in *Cobell v. Salazar*—were settled in favor of the plaintiffs. In addition, the \$3.4 billion Cobell Settlement allocates \$1.9 billion for the purpose of trust land consolidation—the first time a sum this substantial has been dedicated to re-establishing the tribal land estate.

With the help of our supporters, community partners and tribal leaders, we are hopeful that together we can overcome these challenges and ensure that the opportunities are realized to the benefit of all Indian people and their communities.

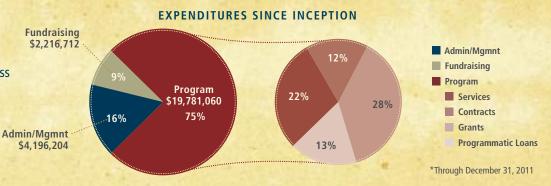
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In the past 10 years, Indian Land Tenure Foundation has invested nearly \$20 million in 140 innovative projects and programs that address land tenure issues in four primary strategic areas: Education, Cultural Awareness, Economic Opportunity and Legal Reform.



# EDUCATION

Educate every Indian landowner about Indian land management, ownership and transference issues so that knowledge becomes power when decisions about land assets are made.

## **BRINGING THE MESSAGE TO INDIAN COUNTRY**

Education is truly the key to lasting, positive change for Indian land tenure. To that end, ILTF has focused much its energy and resources on public education and programs, including publications such as the *Message Runner*, workshops and training opportunities for Indian landowners and an interdisciplinary K-12 curriculum, "Lessons of Our Land," which has been implemented in over 100 public and tribal schools in five states.

## **EMPOWERING INDIAN COMMUNITIES**

The Pine Ridge Reservation in southwestern South Dakota lost over one-third of its land base as a result of the 1887 Allotment Act, when Indian ownership on the reservation went from 2.7 million acres to 1.7 million acres of land. Ownership of the remaining land is now highly "fractionated" (meaning there are multiple owners—in some cases hundreds or thousands of owners in single parcels of land), making it almost impossible for landowners to use the land in a beneficial way that returns full value to the owners.

From 2007 to 2012, ILTF awarded several small grants to Village Earth, a nonprofit focused on sustainable community development, to address the problem of fractionation on Pine Ridge through the development of educational materials, including a land planning map book and an online mapping tool, and community-based outreach. The project seeks to build the capacity of traditional Lakota tiospayes (family groups) to recover, restore and manage their traditional land base. Working with Village Earth, many Pine Ridge tribal members have volunteered to participate in the effort by sharing information with their local communities.

"I wanted to try to provide some kind of answer for these people ... so that these oyate [people] can survive, so that they can understand that they are an important part of their own tiospaye [family group]."

Calvin White Butterfly, Community Volunteer

"For young people in my community, I want them to know about those stories, so when they go and stand there, they know about their relatives, that this is how they used this place, and this is what they did here, that they could imagine ... what it was like for their relatives a long time ago."

Julie Cajune, Salish Educator and Curriculum Specialist

# SPEAKING TO OUR YOUTH, OUR FUTURE

In 2008, ILTF funded the adaptation of its K-12curriculum, "Lessons of Our Land," to reflect Montana tribal histories and cultures and to implement the curriculum in classrooms state-wide.

Montana public schools educate nearly 150,000 students each year, with Indian students making up 12 percent of the student population. Montana has been on the front line of an emerging trend in state legislatures' and education departments' mandatory inclusion of Indian nation histories and cultural components into classroom materials. In 1999, the Montana Legislature passed the Indian Education for All Act, requiring all public schools throughout the state to include coursework in the history and culture of Indian tribes in the state.

The Montana-based curriculum was developed by Salish educator and Montana native Julie Cajune (pictured left). Cajune conducted extensive research and interviews with tribal elders and historians from Montana's 12 tribes who reside on seven reservations throughout the state. The resulting product is a rich and varied source of lesson plans and materials, including photographs, slideshows, maps and a Montana tribal lands Jeopardy-like game. All of the lessons align with Montana's state-wide content standards.

## CULTURAL AWARENESS

Use Indian land to help Indian people discover and maintain their culture.

# **RESTORING CULTURAL TIES TO THE LAND**

Land is a critical base for spiritual practices, beliefs and worship. Land can be a keeper of memories, a portal to the spirit world or a place to go for guidance and strength. In addition, the land supports traditional cultural practices such as hunting, fishing, farming and harvesting wild foods. Maintaining strong ties to the land is necessary for preserving religious beliefs and cultural traditions for future generations. ILTF is committed to helping Indian nations document and protect their cultural and sacred sites and promoting American Indian cultural awareness among tribal members and the general public.

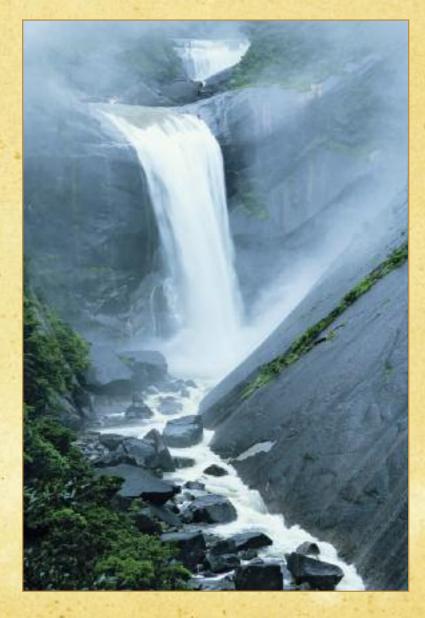
# **ELDERS SHARE THEIR STORIES**

The Snoqualmie Indian Tribe is one of the many Indian nations who make up the larger group of Coast Salish peoples. Since time immemorial, the Snoqualmie have hunted deer, elk and other game, fished for salmon, and gathered berries and wild plants for food and medicinal purpose in the Puget Sound region. Snoqualmie Falls has always been at the center of the Tribe's spiritual traditions and is regarded by the Tribe as its birthplace.

In 2008, ILTF provided a grant to the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe for the Sacred Lands Project to produce an educational video of recorded interviews with tribal elders recounting the history, culture and spiritual beliefs of the Snoqualmie. The video is used by the Tribe to educate tribal members about the places sacred to the Tribe and their historical and cultural importance.

"The falls, it's a spiritual place. It's a beginning. We used to go to the waters and pray under Indian ways and bless our children, our elders, people who needed healing. We did that. Now you use baptism and other different words and we still do that, we still go there in our troubled times for our guidance and help."

Elsie Erickson, from the Sacred Lands Project



# ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Increase economic assets of Indian landowners by gaining control of Indian lands and creating financial models that convert land into leverage for Indian landowners.

# **REALIZING THE ECONOMIC POWER OF OUR LAND**

Indian Country has seen funding sources come and go with largely unsuccessful efforts to reduce poverty and create sustainable economic development on Indian lands. Contrary to popular belief, only a small percentage of Indian nations and tribal members have benefitted substantially from casino revenues. By supporting land acquisition through our affiliate lender, Indian Land Capital Company, and by promoting sustainable economic development through projects such as National Indian Carbon Coalition and through partnerships with other Native organizations and Indian nations, ILTF will decrease the economic imbalance plaguing Indian communities while restoring Indian use and control of Indian land.

"The importance of buffalo to the Lakota way of life can't be underestimated. It sustained our people and many other tribes for thousands of years. We want to help return health to the diets, economies and ecosystems of Indian communities by bringing buffalo back."

Karlene Hunter, CEO, Native American Natural Foods



# **RETURNING BUFFALO TO THE GREAT PLAINS**

Before buffalo were nearly driven from the Great Plains forever, the Lakota relied on this sacred animal—Tatanka—to meet their basic needs for food, shelter, clothing and ceremony. In this way, the buffalo sustained American Indian people for thousands of years. Through establishment of the Tanka Fund, we are helping the buffalo to return to its rightful place.

The Tanka Fund was founded by Native American Natural Foods (NANF), makers of the Tanka Bar, in partnership with ILTF in 2011. The Tanka Bar and other Tanka products are made from Indian-raised buffalo meat, cranberries and other natural ingredients and are based on traditional wasna recipes.

Karlene Hunter, NANF CEO, and company president Mark Tilsen, wanted to do more to help Indian producers who were interested in entering buffalo production but did not have the capital to get started. So they approached ILTF with the idea to create the Tanka Fund as a way to bridge this gap by making dedicated resources available to support new Indian producers and to generate awareness about the benefits of restoring buffalo to Indian communities.

"The whole legal framework about Indian land and Indian tribes in the United States is very, very flawed. You wouldn't like it and you wouldn't believe it if I told you the law provides that the federal government can absolutely take Indian land at will without paying any compensation, without due process of law, for any reason whatsoever. ... The federal government can't do that to anyone else in the United States—only an Indian tribe."

Robert T. (Tim) Coulter, Executive Director, Indian Law Resource Center

# **LEGAL REFORM**

Reform the legal mechanisms related to recapturing physical, cultural and economic assets for Indian people and strengthening sovereignty of Indian land.

## **REFORMING THE SYSTEM THAT CHALLENGES IT ALL**

Today, approximately 56 million acres of reservation land are owned by Indian nations and people and held in trust by the federal government. Because of this trust status, approval by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is required for nearly all land use decisions, such as selling, leasing, farming, building a home or starting a business. This adds multiple layers of red tape that can severely hinder land use and management. In addition, the federal government has not always fulfilled its obligations as trustee. In fact, its gross mishandling of the trust system has led to the loss of billions of dollars of income, mostly from improperly managed agricultural, forestry and mineral leases on these lands and the resulting proceeds.

Also troubling is the fact that the lawmakers who devised the allotment of Indian land in the late 1800s did not account for how these lands would be transferred to subsequent generations. As a result, when an allottee died, ownership was divided amongst all of the living heirs, but the land itself was not physically divided. After more than a century of ownership interests being transferred in this way, the title to much Indian land is now severely "fractionated," meaning there can be hundreds or sometimes thousands of owners of one single parcel of land. Because the BIA holds these lands in trust, and gaining consent from co-owners to do anything with the land is nearly impossible, Indian land often ends up unused or by default is leased to non-Indian farmers and ranchers by the BIA.

#### **PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE**

ILTF has long recognized that writing a will is one of the most effective ways for a landowner to consolidate trust ownership interests and prevent the further fractionation of Indian land title. In 2003, ILTF funded four estate planning projects covering a broad geography. The success of these projects led ILTF to create and staff the Institute for Indian Estate Planning and Probate. The Institute, now supported by Seattle University School of Law, continues to provide outreach, education and will writing services for Indian nations throughout the Pacific Northwest and has been involved in the writing of more than 2,000 wills. In late 2011, ILTF launched a three-year will writing initiative to provide free community education and estate planning services for four Minnesota Indian nations: Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.

"Words cannot describe how thankful I am for the completion of my will. I have procrastinated for many years to accomplish this task." Avis C. Poupart, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

## NATIVE LAND LAW

The issues surrounding Indian land tenure are deeply complex and long-term solutions will require legislative and/or legal reform at the federal, state, local and tribal level. One of ILTF's most ambitious projects to date has been to partner with the Indian Law Resource Center to develop a new legal framework for laws related to Native lands and natural resources that accurately reflects what the law is and proposes reforms that clarify what the law should be. Titled *Native Land Law: General Principles of Law Relating to Native Lands and Natural Resources*, the treatise has been published by Thomson Reuters and serves as a resource for practicing lawyers, judges, academics, Indian nations and all people who have an interest in reforming U.S. law to create fairness for Indian nations.

# SPECIAL INITIATIVES

While ILTF primarily funds projects that address our established strategies, sometimes we support other unique and innovative ideas that may not fit neatly into this framework but still fulfill our mission. Some of these projects have included land recovery efforts, advocacy, events and public education projects.

# CHANGING PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS THROUGH MEDIA

In 2005, ILTF produced a full-length documentary, *American Indian Homelands: Matters of Truth, Honor and Dignity—Immemorial.* Narrated by Sam Donaldson and winner of a 2006 Telly Award, the film documents the devastating effects of federal law and policy on Indian land ownership. It includes interviews with many of the people trying to reform the oppressive legal and administrative systems that prevent Indian people from controlling their own lands. One of those people is the late Elouise Cobell, lead plaintiff of *Cobell v. Salazar*, who sued the U.S. Department of the Interior on behalf of 500,000 Indian landowners and won.

"The United States government has breached the trust responsibility and the individual Indian beneficiaries for so long that they think it's normal... the fraud and corruption that has been allowed to happen has got to stop."

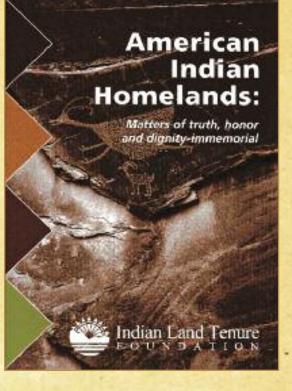
Elouise Cobell, Blackfeet Nation

# NATIVE WOMEN AND YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE

From 2005 through 2008, ILTF provided support to Native Women and Youth in Agriculture to support an annual student essay contest and banquet held during the Intertribal Agriculture Council annual conference. Youth from across Indian Country were invited to submit essays on a series of topics that addressed the importance of land in American Indian food systems and culture. Essay winners won several prizes, including scholarship funds, and read their essays to a crowd of approximately 700 banquet attendees.

"The land and people are sacred to each other and we treat the earth with respect. In return the land gives us food, water, clothes and shelter to survive. Then we give the land blessing and prayers for providing us with many things."

Nehemiah Yazzie, Navajo, Student at Shiprock High School (2007)





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"Networking makes me feel better. I always thought we were in the dark ages but we're actually doing a pretty good job."

Sheri Miner, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe

# **2011 GRANTS AND CONTRACTS**

## **EDUCATION**

## Adam Beach Endowment for Native Arts Scholarships ··· \$8,900

to support scholarships for First Nations People of Canada and American Indian students who attend accredited colleges and universities within the United States of America and who major in performing arts programs.

#### Ball State University - Muncie, Indiana ... \$1,500

to support development of the ILTF curriculum at the college level at Ball State University with commitment to on-going implementation of the course as part of the Native American Indian Studies program.

#### Nichlas D. Emmons - Muncie, Indiana --- \$1,698

to provide consulting services relating to completion of research that will use interviews to better understand and identify factors that promote involvement with traditional Potawatomi customs, tribal life and engagement with the land.

# **Prescott College, Inc.** - *Prescott, Arizona* ... **\$135,000** to support adaptation, implementation and marketing of the California "Lessons of Our Land" curriculum.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Native American Community Development Corporation Browning, Montana … \$43,076 to conclude the Northern Plains Economic Sovereignty Project on the Fort Peck and Fort Belknap reservations.

# LEGAL REFORM

Swanson, Drobnick & Tousey P.C.

Woodbury, Minnesota ... \$39,170

to support contract services for the Minnesota Indian Estate Planning Project, a three-year project to provide free community education and estate planning services for tribal members of four Minnesota Indian nations: Bois Forte Band of Chippewa; Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa; Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe; and Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.

# 2011 SPECIAL EVENTS



# TRIBAL LAND STAFF NATIONAL CONFERENCE

In April 2011, ILTF hosted the first ever Tribal Land Staff National Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. More than 100 participants from across Indian Country attended the three-day conference which offered workshops, training and networking opportunities for tribal land professionals. A second conference was held in 2012 which had twice the attendance, and plans are already underway for 2013. One outcome of the conference has been the formation of a new group, the National Tribal Land Association (NTLA), which has taken a leadership role in planning the annual conference. Currently a volunteer-based organization, NTLA has created a board of directors and several committees toward the long-term goal of creating a national membership association to meet the needs of tribal land professionals.

# **2011 CONTRIBUTIONS**

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## **COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN**

\$4,515.25 was donated to ILTF through the 2011 Combined Federal Campaign, the annual workplace fundraising drive conducted by federal employees and military personnel.

#### **FUNDERS**

#### **Blandin Foundation**

\$5,000 for 2011 summer internships; \$500 for the distribution of "Cutting through the Red Tape."

# Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration for Native Americans (ANA) \$120,560 for the Minnesota Indian Estate Planning Project

(first year of a three-year \$402,560 grant).

**Forest County Potawatomi Foundation** \$10,000 for 2011 student internships.

## **Ho-Chunk Nation**

\$1,000 for a meeting to discuss a tribally-based strategy for implementing the Cobell Land Consolidation Program.

## **Margaret A. Cargill Foundation**

\$48,361 for general operating support (\$10,000 of which represents the third year of a five-year \$50,000 grant).

# Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

\$250,000 recoverable grant for support to Native American Natural Foods.

Travelers Foundation \$10,000 for development of new online platform for ILTF's K-12 curriculum, "Lessons of Our Land."

**SEVENTEEN** 

# **2011 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	729,494
Investments	11,758,771
Accounts Receivable	12,093
Grants Receivable	255,954
Funds Held for Others	250,000
Interest Receivable	145,632
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	1,505
Notes Receivable, net of allowance for	1.1.1
uncollectible notes of \$334,744 and 231,169	4,931,944
Property and Equipment, net	770,327
Total Assets	18,855,720

# LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS AND MINORITY INTEREST

Accounts Payable	45,405
Grants Payable	80,364
Recoverable Grants	250,000
Accrued Payroll Expenses	42,302
Accrued Interest	5,000
Deferred Revenue	125,000
Notes Payable	3,500,000
Total Liabilities	4,048,071
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	1,492,170
Temporarily Restricted	13,315,479

Minority Interest	
Total Net Assets and Minority Interest	14,807,649
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	18,855,720

# **REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

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Revenues	
Fundraising Income	25,895
Grants and Awards	820,133
Interest and Investment Income	(284,464)
Other Income	348,139
Total Revenue	909,703
Expenditures	
Salaries/Taxes/Benefits	852,244
Advertising	2,051
Depreciation	57,763
Insurance	6,561
Dues and Subscriptions	6,753
Postage	26,547
Office Expenses	58,508
Professional Fees	37,147
Contracted Services	329,021
Rental	70
Repairs and Maintenance	6,743
Grants	10,400
Travel Expenses	85,650
Utilities	5,567
Board Expenses	41,287
Communications	61,286
Interest	37,525
Other Expenses	152,970
Indian Land Capital Company	348,831
Total Expenditures	2,126,924
Revenue over Expenditures	(1,217,221)

# **OUR PEOPLE**

"Land is the most important resource for tribes and tribal members. Ownership of workable tracts of land provides financial resources, a place of being and cultural history."

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# **BOARD MEMBERS SINCE INCEPTION**

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- + Erick Giles (2006-2011)
- + Arvel Hale (2001-2008)
- + Michael Kotutwa Johnson (2007-2011)
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- + Janet Nicholson (2001-2002)
- + Ross Racine (2001-2011)
- + David Tovey (2001-2008)
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# **INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

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