

Native American Rights Fund

Indigenous Peoples' Rights

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Campaign and Advocacy

Ten tribes sought historical accountings of their federally managed trust accounts, funds, and resources.

Status: Archived

NARF represents ten tribes: Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate; Quinault Indian Nation; White Earth Chippewa Nation; Oklahoma Kickapoo Tribe; Comanche Nation; Penobscot Indian Nation; Pueblo of Acoma; Seminole Tribe of Florida; Southern Ute Indian Tribe; and Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. In this case filed April 30, 2013, in the federal district court for the District of Columbia seeking historical accountings of the tribes trust accounts, funds, and resources.

In November 2013, the government filed a Motion to Dismiss the case for lack of jurisdiction. The tribes opposed dismissal. The hearing on the Motion to Dismiss was held July 15, 2015, and on September 17, 2015, the court denied the government's Motion to Dismiss. On October 29, 2015, the parties jointly requested the court to stay further active litigation in this case while the parties engage in settlement negotiations of the tribes trust accounting and trust fund and asset mismanagement claims at the political level, and the court approved the stay on October 30, 2015. The parties then proceeded with their settlement negotiations.

By September 2016, all ten plaintiff Tribes had reached settlement agreements in principle with the United States regarding their claims. By October 2016, all of the settlement agreements had been filed with and approved by the court. By December 2016, all of the Tribes had received their settlement payments, and their claims had been dismissed with prejudice. This case has now concluded.

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