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FROM THE DIRECTOR
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting the Boundary Validation Program (BVP) in order to provide an opportunity for you as the Tribal Chair to review the Census Bureau's boundary data for governmental units. This is an important opportunity for you to ensure that we have your correct legal boundary, name and governmental status. The Census Bureau uses the boundary information to tabulate data from the 2010 Decennial Census and the American Community Survey.

The BVP package includes a BVP form and a CD containing a complete set of maps for your reservation and any off-reservation trust land. **Please review our depiction of your legal boundary, as well as any addresses along your boundary, for accuracy and return the completed BVP form within ten days of receipt if the information is correct.** The maps should reflect the legal boundary for your governmental unit effective on January 1, 2010. The BVP form can be returned via fax (1-800-416-3262), in the enclosed postage paid envelope, or scanned and e-mailed to <geo.bas@census.gov>.

The BVP is administered in parallel with the 2010 Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS). If the legal boundary for your governmental unit is incorrect, please work with your BAS contact (printed on the enclosed BVP form) to submit changes or corrections to the January 1, 2010 boundary. Your BAS contact should already have received a BAS package that includes a complete set of maps and submission instructions. The submission deadline for the BAS is March 1, 2010. If we receive changes from you before March 1, 2010, you will have an additional opportunity to review the updated maps and verify the boundaries for your government prior to the final data tabulation for the 2010 Decennial Census. If we receive changes from you after March 1, 2010, we will use your response to correct the boundary, but we will not have sufficient time to send you an updated map before we finalize the data tabulations.

If you need any assistance with this request, please e-mail <geo.bas@census.gov>, telephone (1-800-972-5651), or visit our website at <<http://www.census.gov/geo/www/bas/bashome.html>>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert M. Groves".

Robert M. Groves
Director

Enclosures