

Update on ATNI Trust Reform Bill

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History of ATNI Efforts

- “Indian Trust Asset Reform Act” developed by ATNI Trust Reform Committee
- Work dates back to 2005
- First introduced by Rep. Mike Simpson in late 2012
- House bill is H.R. 812 and has 10 bipartisan cosponsors
- Senate bill is S.383, introduced by Idaho Senators Mike Crapo and Jim Risch

What the Bill Does

- **Management** — allows tribes to direct how trust assets are managed through into agreements with Interior
- **Forestry** — allows tribes to conduct forest management activities without BIA approval if they choose to
- **Report** — requires Interior to consult with Indian country and prepare a report on OST
- **Appraisals** — allows tribes and individuals to obtain their own appraisals and complete transactions much faster

Status and Future

- NCAI, USET, Intertribal Timber Council, and several tribes from across Indian country have all endorsed
- Senate Committee on Indian Affairs approved by voice vote on July 29, 2015
- House Natural Resources Committee expected to consider soon
- Could use a Democrat cosponsor on Senate bill
 - Senators Murray and Cantwell both have been asked to cosponsor
- **Send letters or emails to Senators Murray and Cantwell asking them to co-sponsor S.383, the Indian Trust Asset Reform Act**