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TRIBES RECEIVE FUNDING
TO HELP MMS AUDIT MINERAL ROYALTIES (#40077)

Seven American Indian tribes will receive a total of \$1,106,235 as a result of modifications to cooperative agreements with the U.S. Interior Department's Minerals Management Service (MMS), agency officials announced today.

The funding will continue compensation to tribes for assisting MMS's Royalty Management Program office in conducting audits of companies producing minerals on lands under the tribes' jurisdiction.

MMS routinely contracts with Indian tribes and states for the auditing services. "These contracts typify the kind of partnerships this administration seeks to foster, and helps to fulfill the trust responsibilities of the Federal Government," said MMS Acting Director Cynthia Quarterman. "This kind of activity is a good example of one of the President's primary goals: a government that works better and costs less," she said.

Tribes which will receive the funds during fiscal 1995 are:

Arapaho Tribes. . . . \$42,172
Blackfeet Nation. . . \$83,753
Navajo Nation \$624,881

Southern Mountain Ute Tribe \$97,385
Ute Indian Tribe. \$215,543
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. \$42,500

MMS annually collects and distributes more than \$150 million to Indian tribes and individual allottees.

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