Policy Statement No. 2015-04  Subject: Notice of Expiring Grazing Permits, Reimbursement for Value of Range Improvement Projects, and Term Length of Permits

The Board of Trustees of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration met in open, public session on May 28, 2015, and by majority vote declares the following to be an official policy of the Board:

1. Applications for grazing permits on trust lands which are not subject to an existing grazing permit may be solicited through any other method the agency determines is appropriate. All expiring grazing permits shall be posted on the agency’s website by January 1 of the year in which the permit expires. Notice of expiring grazing permits may be found on the agency’s website may also be published.

2. An Applicant submitting a competing bid for trust land subject to an expiring grazing permit, where a range improvement project has been authorized by the agency and constructed at the expense of the existing permittee, must, in addition to the amount submitted for the competing bid, submit an amount determined by the agency to reimburse the holder of the authorized range improvement project.

3. Authorized range improvement projects will be valued using methods deemed appropriate by the agency. In the event that trust land encumbered by an authorized range improvement project is sold, exchanged, withdrawn from use, or is otherwise made unavailable, the permittee will be reimbursed for the value of the range improvement project through means determined by the agency.

4. The maximum term of a grazing permit will be 15 years. No extensions will be allowed.

By the Board:

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Chairman