

Indian Funds Mismanaged by U.S. Government

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A federal judge says he wants to resolve a 12-year lawsuit over government mismanagement of Indian lands this June.

In a decision last month, U.S. District Judge James Robertson said government accounting for billions of dollars owed to Indian landholders has been "unreasonably delayed" and is ultimately impossible.

At the same time, Robertson said the task is not hopeless, and he asked lawyers for both sides to lay out their cases again at a status hearing on Wednesday.

The suit, first filed in 1996 claims the government has mismanaged more than \$100 billion in royalties held in trust from Indian lands dating back to 1887.