

interests in the land at not less than the appraised value thereof, and the purchaser shall receive an unrestricted patent or deed to the land; and

(3) if the whereabouts of none of the owners can be ascertained, cause such lands to be sold and deposit the proceeds of sale in the Treasury of the United States for safekeeping.

**(d) Approval of exchanges or sales by Secretary**

The Secretary is authorized to approve—

(1) the exchange of trust or restricted land between the tribe and any of its members;

(2) the sale by the tribe of tribal property to individual members of the tribe; and

(3) the exchange of tribal property for real property in fee status. Title to all real property included in any sale or exchange as provided in this subsection shall be conveyed in fee simple.

(Aug. 13, 1954, ch. 732, § 8, 68 Stat. 720; Pub. L. 85-132, § 1(h), (i), Aug. 14, 1957, 71 Stat. 348; Pub. L. 85-731, § 11, Aug. 23, 1958, 72 Stat. 819.)

AMENDMENTS

1958—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 85-731 struck out provision making subsection inapplicable to subsurface rights and directing Secretary to transfer subsurface rights to trustees for management for a period not less than ten years.

1957—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 85-132, § 1(i), substituted “interests in land, wherever located” for “land”, and inserted “purchasers” and “and on trust or restricted interests in land within the Klamath Reservation regardless of ownership” preceding proviso.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 85-132, § 1(h), inserted “one or by” after “on land owned by”.

**§ 564h. Property of deceased members**

**(a) Federal laws inapplicable to probate**

The Act of June 25, 1910 (36 Stat. 855), the Act of February 14, 1913 (37 Stat. 678), and other Acts amendatory thereto shall not apply to the probate of the trust and restricted property of the members of the tribe who die six months or more after August 13, 1954.

**(b) State, etc., laws applicable to probate**

The laws of the several States, Territories, possessions, and the District of Columbia with respect to the probate of wills, the determination of heirs, and the administration of decedents' estates shall apply to the individual property of members of the tribe who die six months or more after August 13, 1954.

(Aug. 13, 1954, ch. 732, § 9(a), (b), 68 Stat. 720, 721.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act of June 25, 1910, referred to in subsec. (a), is act June 25, 1910, ch. 431, 36 Stat. 855, which enacted sections 47, 93, 151, 202, 337, 344a, 351, 352, 353, 372, 403, 406, 407, and 408 of this title, section 6a-1 of former Title 41, Public Contracts, and section 148 of Title 43, Public Lands, and amended sections 191, 312, 331, 333, and 336 of this title and sections 104 and 107 of former Title 18, Criminal Code and Criminal Procedure. Sections 104 and 107 of former Title 18 were repealed and restated as sections 1853 and 1856 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure, by act June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 683. Section 6a-1 of former Title 41 was repealed and restated as section 6102(e) of Title 41, Public Contracts, by Pub. L. 111-350, §§ 3, 7(b), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3677, 3855. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

Act of February 14, 1913, referred to in subsec. (a), is act Feb. 14, 1913, ch. 55, 37 Stat. 678, which amended section 373 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of subsecs. (a) and (b) of section 9 of act Aug. 13, 1954. Subsection (c) of section 9 repealed section 555 of this title.

**§ 564i. Transfer of federally owned property**

The Secretary is authorized, in his discretion, to transfer to the tribe or any member or group of members thereof any federally owned property acquired, withdrawn, or used for the administration of the affairs of the tribe which he deems necessary for Indian use, or to transfer to a public or nonprofit body any such property which he deems necessary for public use and from which members of the tribe will derive benefit.

(Aug. 13, 1954, ch. 732, § 10, 68 Stat. 721.)

**§ 564j. Taxes; initial exemption; taxes following distribution; valuation for capital gains or losses**

No property distributed under the provisions of this subchapter shall at the time of distribution be subject to Federal or State income tax. Following any distribution of property made under the provisions of this subchapter, such property and any income derived therefrom by the individual, corporation, or other legal entity shall be subject to the same taxes, State and Federal, as in the case of non-Indians: *Provided*, That, for the purpose of capital gains or losses the base value of the property shall be the value of the property when distributed to the individual, corporation or other legal entity.

(Aug. 13, 1954, ch. 732, § 11, 68 Stat. 721.)

ALL AMOUNTS REALIZED FROM CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN FOREST LANDS HELD IN TRUST

Pub. L. 94-81, § 1, Aug. 9, 1975, 89 Stat. 417, as amended by Pub. L. 96-596, § 5(a), Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3476; Pub. L. 99-514, § 2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095, provided: “That, for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [formerly I.R.C. 1954, Title 26, Internal Revenue Code], all amounts realized by the trust from the condemnation, pursuant to Public Law 93-102 [section 564w-2 of this title], of the Klamath Indian forest lands held by the trustee for the Klamath Indian Tribe—

“(1) shall be excluded from the gross income of the trust, and

“(2) on the distribution from the trust of the proceeds of such condemnation, shall be excluded from the gross income of each person receiving such distribution.”

Pub. L. 96-596, § 5(b), Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3476, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending section 1 of Pub. L. 94-81, set out above] shall apply to all amounts whether received before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 24, 1980].”

**§ 564k. Loan transfers; collection by tribe**

All loans made from the reimbursable loan fund established by section 531 of this title, and all other loans made from Klamath tribal funds, including loans of livestock made by the tribe repayable in kind, shall be transferred to the tribe for collection in accordance with the terms thereof.

(Aug. 13, 1954, ch. 732, § 12, 68 Stat. 721.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 531 of this title, referred to in text, was repealed by act Aug. 13, 1954, ch. 732, § 12, 68 Stat. 721.

CODIFICATION

Section is composed of second sentence of section 12 of act Aug. 13, 1954. The first sentence of said section 12 repealed sections 531 to 535 and 542(a) of this title.

**§ 564l. Klamath irrigation works**

**(a) Transfer of operation and maintenance**

That part of section 499 of title 43, which relates to the transfer of the care, operation, and maintenance of reclamation works to water users associations or irrigation districts shall be applicable to the irrigation works on the Klamath Reservation.

**(b) Termination of construction costs deferment; recordation of lien**

Effective on the first day of the calendar year beginning after the date of the proclamation provided for in section 564q of this title, the deferment of the assessment and collection of construction costs provided for in the first proviso of section 386a of this title, shall terminate with respect to any lands within irrigation projects on the Klamath Reservation. The Secretary shall cause the first lien against such lands created by section 387<sup>1</sup> of this title, to be filed of record in the appropriate county office.

**(c) Appropriation authorization**

There is authorized to be appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$89,212 for payment to the Klamath Tribe with interest at 4 per centum annually as reimbursement for tribal funds used for irrigation construction operation and maintenance benefiting nontribal lands on the Klamath Reservation, such interest being computed from the dates of disbursement of such funds from the United States Treasury.

**(d) Adjustment of reimbursable irrigation costs**

The Secretary is authorized to adjust, eliminate, or cancel all or any part of reimbursable irrigation operation and maintenance costs and reimbursable irrigation construction costs chargeable against Indian owned lands that are subject to the provisions of this subchapter, and all or any part of assessments heretofore or hereafter imposed on account of such costs, when he determines that the collection thereof would be inequitable or would result in undue hardship on the Indian owner of the land, or that the administrative costs of collection would probably equal or exceed the amount collected.

**(e) Applicable irrigation laws**

Nothing contained in any other section of this subchapter shall affect in any way the laws applicable to irrigation projects on the Klamath Reservation.

(Aug. 13, 1954, ch. 732, § 13, 68 Stat. 721.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 387 of this title, referred to in subsec. (b), was omitted after not being repeated in the Interior Depart-

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

ment Appropriation Act of 1947, July 1, 1946, ch. 529, 60 Stat. 348.

**§ 564m. Water and fishing rights**

**(a) Water rights; laws applicable to abandonment**

Nothing in this subchapter shall abrogate any water rights of the tribe and its members, and the laws of the State of Oregon with respect to the abandonment of water rights by nonuse shall not apply to the tribe and its members until fifteen years after the date of the proclamation issued pursuant to section 564q of this title.

**(b) Fishing rights or privileges**

Nothing in this subchapter shall abrogate any fishing rights or privileges of the tribe or the members thereof enjoyed under Federal treaty.

(Aug. 13, 1954, ch. 732, § 14, 68 Stat. 722.)

**§ 564n. Protection of minors, persons non compos mentis, and other members needing assistance; guardians; other adequate means; trusts; annuities; assistance factors; contests**

Prior to the transfer of title to, or the removal of restrictions from, property in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter, the Secretary shall protect the rights of members of the tribe who are minors, non compos mentis, or in the opinion of the Secretary in need of assistance in conducting their affairs, by causing the appointment of guardians for such members in courts of competent jurisdiction, or by such other means as he may deem adequate, without application from the member, including but not limited to the creation of a trust of such member's property with a trustee selected by the Secretary, or the purchase by the Secretary of an annuity for such member: *Provided, however*, That no member shall be declared to be in need of assistance in conducting his affairs unless the Secretary determines that such member does not have sufficient ability, knowledge, experience, and judgment to enable him to manage his business affairs, including the administration, use, investment, and disposition of any property turned over to such member and the income and proceeds therefrom, with such reasonable degree of prudence and wisdom as will be apt to prevent him from losing such property or the benefits thereof: *Provided further*, That any member determined by the Secretary to be in need of assistance in conducting his affairs may, within one hundred and twenty days after receipt of written notice of such secretarial determination, contest the secretarial determination in any naturalization court for the area in which said member resides by filing therein a petition having that purpose; the burden shall thereupon devolve upon the Secretary to show cause why such member should not conduct his own affairs, and the decision of such court shall be final and conclusive with respect to the affected member's conduct of his affairs.

(Aug. 13, 1954, ch. 732, § 15, 68 Stat. 722; Pub. L. 85-132, § 1(j), Aug. 14, 1957, 71 Stat. 348.)

AMENDMENTS

1957—Pub. L. 85-132 inserted provisions allowing Secretary to act without application from member to cre-