

the purposes specified in this section and section 1776h of this title.

(Pub. L. 103-444, § 6, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4638; amended Pub. L. 103-435, § 23, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4575.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 103-435 amended subsec. (c) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (c) read as follows: “At the request of the Secretary, the Secretary of the Treasury shall invest all sums deposited into, accruing to, and remaining in, the Crow Tribal Trust Fund in accordance with sections 161a to 161d of this title.”

§ 1776e. Eligibility for other Federal services

No payments made or benefits conferred pursuant to this subchapter shall result in the reduction or denial of any Federal services or programs to any tribe or to any member of a tribe to which the tribe or member of the tribe is entitled or eligible because of the status of the tribe as a federally recognized Indian tribe or the status of a member of such tribe as a member.

(Pub. L. 103-444, § 7, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4640.)

§ 1776f. Exchanges of land or minerals

(a) In general

(1) Subject to approval by the Secretary, the Crow Tribe may exchange any land or minerals to which its title is recognized in or obtained pursuant to this subchapter for other land or minerals of substantially equivalent value within the Crow Indian Reservation (including parcel number 1).

(2) Lands or minerals received by the Crow Tribe in any exchange made pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be—

- (A) vested in the United States in trust for the sole use and benefit of the Crow Tribe; and
- (B) recognized as part of the Crow Indian Reservation.

(b) Ownership by non-Indians

Any land or minerals received by a person who is not an Indian in an exchange referred to in subsection (a) of this section shall be owned in fee.

(Pub. L. 103-444, § 8, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4640.)

§ 1776g. Applicability

(a) In general

This subchapter shall take effect upon the occurrence of the following conditions:

- (1) The Settlement Agreement is approved and executed by the Secretary.
- (2) The Settlement Agreement is approved and executed by the Crow Tribe.
- (3) The Settlement Agreement and the releases and waivers required by section 1776c of this title are approved and duly executed by the Crow Tribe in accordance with the requirements and procedures set forth in the constitution of the Crow Tribe.
- (4) The Settlement Agreement becomes effective in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the Settlement Agreement.

(b) Approval of releases and waivers

The United States hereby approves and confirms the releases and waivers required by section 1776c of this title.

(Pub. L. 103-444, § 9, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4640; Pub. L. 104-109, § 9(b), Feb. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 765.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-109 substituted “This subchapter” for “The subchapter” in introductory provisions.

§ 1776h. Escrow funds

(a) In general

As soon as practicable after November 2, 1994, the Secretary shall make distributions from the 107th meridian escrow fund as follows:

- (1) One-half of the fund shall be distributed to the Crow Tribe.
- (2) One-half of the fund shall be distributed to the Northern Cheyenne Tribe.
- (3) The receipt and acceptance by a tribe of funds distributed under this section shall be deemed to be—

- (A) a disclaimer, relinquishment and waiver by such tribe of all right, claim or interest in the 107th meridian escrow fund; and
- (B) a release by such tribe of all persons and entities, including the United States, from any liability arising from, or related to, the establishment and administration of the 107th meridian escrow fund.

(b) Establishment of Suspension Accounts

As soon as practicable after the Settlement Agreement is executed and approved pursuant to this subchapter, the Secretary of the Treasury shall establish in the Treasury of the United States two interest bearing accounts to be known respectively as the “Crow Tribal Suspension Account” and the “Northern Cheyenne Tribal Suspension Account” (collectively referred to in this section as the “Suspension Accounts”), consisting of—

- (1) such amounts as are transferred to the Suspension Accounts under subsection (c) of this section; and
- (2) any interest earned on investments of amounts in the Suspension Accounts under subsection (e) of this section.

(c) Contributions to Suspension Accounts

(1) In general

Beginning with fiscal year 1995, and ending on the date on which the total amount deposited pursuant to this subsection into the Suspension Accounts is equal to \$200,000 for each such account (as specified in subsection (d) of this section), the Secretary and the Secretary of the Treasury shall make necessary and proper arrangements for the monthly payment, transfer, or deposit (or any combination thereof) into each of the Suspension Accounts of an amount equal to one-half of the royalties received and retained by the United States for the immediately preceding month, as determined in accordance with section 1776d(b)(1) of this title, by the date specified under section 1776d(b)(3) of this title.

(2) Subsequent deposits

At such time as the amount deposited pursuant to this subsection into the Suspension Ac-