

(d) Trust status and forest boundaries**(1) Acquisition of land by Indian tribe**

If the Northern Tier Land is acquired by an Indian tribe (including a Pueblo tribe), the land may be reconveyed by quitclaim deed or deeds back to the United States to be held in trust by the Secretary of the Interior for the benefit of the tribe, and the Secretary of the Interior shall accept the conveyance without any additional administrative action by the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of the Interior.

(2) Land held in trust

On recording a quitclaim deed described in paragraph (1) in the Land Titles and Records Office, Southwest Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Northern Tier Land shall be deemed to be held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the Indian tribe.

(3) Boundaries of Santa Fe National Forest

Effective on the date of a deed described in paragraph (1), the boundaries of the Santa Fe National Forest shall be deemed modified to exclude from the National Forest System the land conveyed by the deed.

(e) Inholder and administrative access**(1) Failure of Pueblo of Santa Clara to act****(A) In general**

If the Pueblo of Santa Clara does not exercise its option to acquire the Northern Tier Land, the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of the Interior, as appropriate, shall by deed reservations or grants on land under their respective jurisdiction provide for inholder and public access across the Northern Tier Land in order to provide reasonable ingress and egress to private and Federal land as shown in Appendix B of the Settlement Agreement.

(B) Administration of reservations

The Secretary of the Interior shall administer any such reservations on land acquired by any Indian tribe.

(2) Effect of acceptance

If the Pueblo of Santa Clara exercises its option to acquire all of the Northern Tier Land, the following shall apply:

(A) Easements to United States**(i) Definition of administrative access**

In this subparagraph, the term “administrative access” means access to Federal land by Federal employees acting in the course of their official capacities in carrying out activities on Federal land authorized by law or regulation, and by agents and contractors of Federal agencies who have been engaged to perform services necessary or desirable for fire management and the health of forest resources, including the cutting and removal of vegetation, and for the health and safety of persons on the Federal land.

(ii) Easements**(I) In general**

The Pueblo of Santa Clara shall grant and convey at closing perpetual ease-

ments over the existing roads to the United States that are acceptable to the Secretary of Agriculture for administrative access over the Santa Clara Reservation Highway 601 (the Puye Road), from its intersection with New Mexico State Highway 30, westerly to its intersection with the Sawyer Canyon Road (also known as Forest Development Road 445), thence southwesterly on the Sawyer Canyon Road to the point at which it exits the Santa Clara Reservation.

(II) Maintenance of roadway

An easement under this subparagraph shall provide that the United States shall be obligated to contribute to maintenance of the roadway commensurate with actual use.

(B) Easements to private landowners

Not later than 180 days after September 27, 2006, the Pueblo of Santa Clara, in consultation with private landowners, shall grant and convey a perpetual easement to the private owners of land within the Northern Tier Land for private access over Santa Clara Reservation Highway 601 (Puye Road) across the Santa Clara Indian Reservation from its intersection with New Mexico State Highway 30, or other designated public road, on Forest Development Roads 416, 445 and other roads that may be necessary to provide access to each individually owned private tract.

(3) Approval

The Secretary of the Interior shall approve the conveyance of an easement under paragraph (2) upon receipt of written approval of the terms of the easement by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(4) Adequate access provided by Pueblo of Santa Clara

If adequate administrative and inholder access is provided over the Santa Clara Indian Reservation under paragraph (2), the Secretary of the Interior—

(A) shall vacate the inholder access over that portion of Forest Development Road 416 referenced in section 1780e(e)(5)¹ of this title; but

(B) shall not vacate the reservations over the Northern Tier Land for administrative access under subsection (c)(2).

(Pub. L. 109-286, §12, Sept. 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 1225.)

§ 1780k. Inter-Pueblo cooperation**(a) Demarcation of boundary**

The Pueblo of Santa Clara and the Pueblo may, by agreement, demarcate a boundary between their respective tribal land within Township 20 North, Range 7 East, in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, and may exchange or otherwise convey land between them in that township.

(b) Action by Secretary of the Interior

In accordance with any agreement under subsection (a), the Secretary of the Interior shall,

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without further administrative procedures or environmental or other analyses—

- (1) recognize a boundary between the Pueblo of Santa Clara and the Pueblo;
- (2) provide for a boundary survey;
- (3) approve land exchanges and conveyances as agreed upon by the Pueblo of Santa Clara and the Pueblo; and
- (4) accept conveyances of exchanged lands into trust for the benefit of the grantee tribe.

(Pub. L. 109–286, §13, Sept. 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 1228.)

§ 1780l. Distribution of funds plan

Not later than 2 years after September 27, 2006, the Secretary of the Interior shall act in accordance with the Indian Tribal Judgment Funds Use or Distribution Act (25 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.) with respect to the award entered in the compromise and settlement of claims under the case styled Pueblo of San Ildefonso v. United States, No. 660–87L, United States Court of Federal Claims.

(Pub. L. 109–286, §14, Sept. 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 1229.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Indian Tribal Judgment Funds Use or Distribution Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 93–134, Oct. 19, 1973, 87 Stat. 466, which is classified generally to chapter 16 (§1401 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1401(c) of this title and Tables.

§ 1780m. Rule of construction and judicial review

Notwithstanding any provision of State law, the Settlement Agreement and the Los Alamos Agreement (including any real property conveyance under the agreements) shall be interpreted and implemented as matters of Federal law.

(Pub. L. 109–286, §15, Sept. 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 1229.)

§ 1780n. Effective date

This subchapter shall take effect on September 27, 2006.

(Pub. L. 109–286, §16, Sept. 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 1229.)

§ 1780o. Timing of actions

It is the intent of Congress that the land conveyances and adjustments contemplated in this subchapter (except the conveyances and adjustments relating to Los Alamos Townsite Land) shall be completed not later than 180 days after September 27, 2006.

(Pub. L. 109–286, §17, Sept. 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 1229.)

§ 1780p. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such funds as are necessary to carry out this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 109–286, §18, Sept. 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 1230.)

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§ 1801. Definitions

(a) For purposes of this chapter, the term—

(1) “Indian” means a person who is a member of an Indian tribe;

(2) “Indian tribe” means any Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Alaskan Native village or regional or village corporation as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act [43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.], which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians;

(3) “Secretary”, unless otherwise designated, means the Secretary of the Interior;

(4) “tribally controlled college or university” means an institution of higher education which is formally controlled, or has been formally sanctioned, or chartered, by the governing body of an Indian tribe or tribes, except that no more than one such institution shall be recognized with respect to any such tribe;

(5) “institution of higher education” means an institution of higher education as defined by section 1001¹ of title 20, except that clause (2) of such section shall not be applicable and the reference to Secretary in clause (5)(A)² of

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