

lands, waters, or interests therein that are owned by, or for the benefit of, Indian tribes or individual Indians.

**(2) Fund**

The term “Fund” means the Pueblo of Santo Domingo Land Claims Settlement Fund established under section 1777c(b)(1) of this title.

**(3) Pueblo**

The term “Pueblo” means the Pueblo of Santo Domingo.

**(4) Santo Domingo Pueblo Grant**

The term “Santo Domingo Pueblo Grant” means all of the lands within the 1907 Hall-Joy Survey, as confirmed by the Pueblo Lands Board in 1927.

**(5) Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior unless expressly stated otherwise.

**(6) Settlement Agreement**

The term “Settlement Agreement” means the Settlement Agreement dated May 26, 2000, between the Departments of the Interior, Agriculture, and Justice and the Pueblo of Santo Domingo to Resolve All of the Pueblo’s Land Title and Trespass Claims.

(Pub. L. 106-425, §3, Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1891.)

**§ 1777b. Ratification of Settlement Agreement**

The Settlement Agreement is hereby approved and ratified.

(Pub. L. 106-425, §4, Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1892.)

**§ 1777c. Resolution of disputes and claims**

**(a) Relinquishment, extinguishment, and compromise of Santo Domingo claims**

**(1) Extinguishment**

**(A) In general**

Subject to paragraph (2), in consideration of the benefits provided under this subchapter, and in accordance with the Settlement Agreement pursuant to which the Pueblo has agreed to relinquish and compromise certain claims, the Pueblo’s land and trespass claims described in subparagraph (B) are hereby extinguished, effective as of the date specified in paragraph (5).

**(B) Claims**

The claims described in this subparagraph are the following:

(i) With respect to the Pueblo’s claims against the United States, its agencies, officers, and instrumentalities, all claims to land, whether based on aboriginal or recognized title, and all claims for damages or other judicial relief or for administrative remedies pertaining in any way to the Pueblo’s land, such as boundary, trespass, and mismanagement claims, including any claim related to—

(I) any federally administered lands, including National Forest System lands designated in the Settlement Agreement for possible sale or exchange to the Pueblo;

(II) any lands owned or held for the benefit of any Indian tribe other than the Pueblo; and

(III) all claims which were, or could have been brought against the United States in docket No. 355, pending in the United States Court of Federal Claims.

(ii) With respect to the Pueblo’s claims against persons, the State of New Mexico and its subdivisions, and Indian tribes other than the Pueblo, all claims to land, whether based on aboriginal or recognized title, and all claims for damages or other judicial relief or for administrative remedies pertaining in any way to the Pueblo’s land, such as boundary and trespass claims.

(iii) All claims listed on pages 13894-13895 of volume 48 of the Federal Register, published on March 31, 1983, except for claims numbered 002 and 004.

**(2) Rule of construction**

Nothing in this subchapter (including paragraph (1)) shall be construed—

(A) to in any way effectuate an extinguishment of or otherwise impair—

(i) the Pueblo’s title to lands acquired by or for the benefit of the Pueblo since December 28, 1927, or in a tract of land of approximately 150.14 acres known as the “sliver area” and described on a plat which is appendix H to the Settlement Agreement;

(ii) the Pueblo’s title to land within the Santo Domingo Pueblo Grant which the Pueblo Lands Board found not to have been extinguished; or

(iii) the Pueblo’s water rights appurtenant to the lands described in clauses (i) and (ii); and

(B) to expand, reduce, or otherwise impair any rights which the Pueblo or its members may have under existing Federal statutes concerning religious and cultural access to and uses of the public lands.

**(3) Confirmation of determination**

The Pueblo Lands Board’s determination on page 1 of its Report of December 28, 1927, that Santo Domingo Pueblo title, derived from the Santo Domingo Pueblo Grant to the lands overlapped by the La Majada, Sitio de Juana Lopez and Mesita de Juana Lopez Grants has been extinguished is hereby confirmed as of the date of that Report.

**(4) Transfers prior to November 1, 2000**

**(A) In general**

In accordance with the Settlement Agreement, any transfer of land or natural resources, prior to November 1, 2000, located anywhere within the United States from, by, or on behalf of the Pueblo, or any of the Pueblo’s members, shall be deemed to have been made in accordance with the Act of June 30, 1834 (4 Stat. 729; commonly referred to as the Trade and Intercourse Act), section 17 of the Act of June 7, 1924 (43 Stat. 641; commonly referred to as the Pueblo Lands Act), and any other provision of Federal law