

or decision notice, the new use shall not be authorized.

**(iii) Failure to respond**

If the Pueblo fails to respond to the consent request within 30 days after receipt of the proposed record of decision or decision notice—

(I) the Pueblo shall be deemed to have consented to the proposed record of decision or decision notice; and

(II) the Secretary may proceed to issue the final record of decision or decision notice.

**(3) Public involvement**

**(A) In general**

With respect to a proposed new use or modified use, the public shall be provided notice of—

(i) the purpose and need for the proposed new use or modified use;

(ii) the role of the Pueblo in the decisionmaking process; and

(iii) the position of the Pueblo on the proposal.

**(B) Court challenge**

Any person may bring a civil action in the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico to challenge a determination by the Secretary concerning whether a use constitutes a new use or a modified use.

**(b) Emergencies and emergency closure orders**

**(1) Authority**

The Secretary shall retain the authority of the Secretary to manage emergency situations, to—

(A) provide for public safety; and

(B) issue emergency closure orders in the Area subject to applicable law.

**(2) Notice**

The Secretary shall notify the Pueblo regarding emergencies, public safety issues, and emergency closure orders as soon as practicable.

**(3) No consent**

An action of the Secretary described in paragraph (1) shall not require the consent of the Pueblo.

**(c) Disputes involving Forest Service management and Pueblo traditional uses**

**(1) In general**

In a case in which the management of the Area by the Secretary conflicts with a traditional or cultural use, if the conflict does not pertain to a new use subject to the process specified in subsection (a)(2), the process for dispute resolution specified in this subsection shall apply.

**(2) Dispute resolution process**

**(A) In general**

In the case of a conflict described in paragraph (1)—

(i) the party identifying the conflict shall notify the other party in writing addressed to the Governor of the Pueblo or

the Regional Forester, as appropriate, specifying the nature of the dispute; and

(ii) the Governor of the Pueblo or the Regional Forester shall attempt to resolve the dispute for a period of at least 30 days after notice has been provided before bringing a civil action in the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico.

**(B) Disputes requiring immediate resolution**

In the case of a conflict that requires immediate resolution to avoid imminent, substantial, and irreparable harm—

(i) the party identifying the conflict shall notify the other party and seek to resolve the dispute within 3 days of the date of notification; and

(ii) if the parties are unable to resolve the dispute within 3 days—

(I) either party may bring a civil action for immediate relief in the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico; and

(II) the procedural requirements specified in subparagraph (A) shall not apply.

(Pub. L. 108-7, div. F, title IV, § 407, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 284.)

**§ 539m-6. Jurisdiction over the Area**

**(a) Criminal jurisdiction**

**(1) In general**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, jurisdiction over crimes committed in the Area shall be allocated as provided in this paragraph.<sup>1</sup>

**(2) Jurisdiction of the Pueblo**

The Pueblo shall have jurisdiction over an offense committed by a member of the Pueblo or of another federally-recognized Indian tribe who is present in the Area with the permission of the Pueblo under section 539m-3(a)(4) of this title.

**(3) Jurisdiction of the United States**

The United States shall have jurisdiction over—

(A) an offense described in section 1153 of title 18 committed by a member of the Pueblo or another federally-recognized Indian tribe;

(B) an offense committed by any person in violation of the laws (including regulations) pertaining to the protection and management of national forests;

(C) enforcement of Federal criminal laws of general applicability; and

(D) any other offense committed by a member of the Pueblo against a person not a member of the Pueblo.

**(4) Jurisdiction of the State of New Mexico**

The State of New Mexico shall have jurisdiction over an offense under the law of the State committed by a person not a member of the Pueblo.

**(5) Overlapping jurisdiction**

To the extent that the respective allocations of jurisdiction over the Area under paragraphs

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be "subsection."

(2), (3), and (4) overlap, the governments shall have concurrent jurisdiction.

**(6) Federal use of State law**

Under the jurisdiction of the United States described in paragraph (3)(D), Federal law shall incorporate any offense defined and punishable under State law that is not so defined under Federal law.

**(b) Civil jurisdiction**

**(1) In general**

Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), the United States, the State of New Mexico, and local public bodies shall have the same civil adjudicatory, regulatory, and taxing jurisdiction over the Area as was exercised by those entities on the day before February 20, 2003.

**(2) Jurisdiction of the Pueblo**

**(A) In general**

The Pueblo shall have exclusive civil adjudicatory jurisdiction over—

- (i) a dispute involving only members of the Pueblo;
- (ii) a civil action brought by the Pueblo against a member of the Pueblo; and
- (iii) a civil action brought by the Pueblo against a member of another federally-recognized Indian tribe for a violation of an understanding between the Pueblo and the other tribe regarding use of or access to the Area for traditional or cultural uses.

**(B) Regulatory jurisdiction**

The Pueblo shall have no regulatory jurisdiction over the Area, except that the Pueblo shall have exclusive authority to—

- (i) regulate traditional or cultural uses by the members of the Pueblo and administer access to the Area by other federally-recognized Indian tribes for traditional or cultural uses, to the extent such regulation is consistent with sections 539m to 539m-12 of this title; and
- (ii) regulate hunting and trapping in the Area by members of the Pueblo, to the extent that the hunting or trapping is related to traditional or cultural uses, except that such hunting and trapping outside of that portion of the Area in sections 13, 14, 23, 24, and the northeast quarter of section 25 of T12N, R4E, and section 19 of T12N, R5E, N.M.P.M., Sandoval County, New Mexico, shall be regulated by the Pueblo in a manner consistent with the regulations of the State of New Mexico concerning types of weapons and proximity of hunting and trapping to trails and residences.

**(C) Taxing jurisdiction**

The Pueblo shall have no authority to impose taxes within the Area.

**(3) State and local taxing jurisdiction**

The State of New Mexico and local public bodies shall have no authority within the Area to tax the uses or the property of the Pueblo, members of the Pueblo, or members of other federally-recognized Indian tribes authorized

to use the Area under section 539m-3(a)(4) of this title.

(Pub. L. 108-7, div. F, title IV, § 408, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 286.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Sections 539m to 539m-12 of this title, referred to in subsec. (b)(2)(B)(i), was in the original “this title”, meaning title IV of div. F of Pub. L. 108-7, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 279, which is classified generally to sections 539m to 539m-12 of this title. For complete classification of title IV to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 539m of this title and Tables.

**§ 539m-7. Subdivisions and other property interests**

**(a) Subdivisions**

**(1) In general**

The subdivisions are excluded from the Area.

**(2) Jurisdiction**

**(A) In general**

The Pueblo shall have no civil or criminal jurisdiction for any purpose, including adjudicatory, taxing, zoning, regulatory or any other form of jurisdiction, over the subdivisions and property interests therein, and the laws of the Pueblo shall not apply to the subdivisions.

**(B) State jurisdiction**

The jurisdiction of the State of New Mexico and local public bodies over the subdivisions and property interests therein shall continue in effect, except that on application of the Pueblo a tract comprised of approximately 35 contiguous, nonsubdivided acres in the northern section of Evergreen Hills owned in fee by the Pueblo on February 20, 2003, shall be transferred to the United States and held in trust for the Pueblo by the United States and administered by the Secretary of the Interior.

**(3) Limitations on trust land**

Trust land described in paragraph (2)(B) shall be subject to all limitations on use pertaining to the Area contained in sections 539m to 539m-12 of this title.

**(b) Piedra Lisa**

**(1) In general**

The Piedra Lisa tract is excluded from the Area.

**(2) Declaration of trust title**

The Piedra Lisa tract—

- (A) shall be transferred to the United States;
- (B) is declared to be held in trust for the Pueblo by the United States; and
- (C) shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior subject to all limitations on use pertaining to the Area contained in sections 539m to 539m-12 of this title.

**(3) Applicability of certain restriction**

The restriction contained in section 539m-4(a)(4) of this title shall not apply outside of Forest Service System trails.