Public Law 85-868

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AN ACT

To provide for the exchange of lands between the United States and the Navajo Tribe, and for other purposes.

Indians.
Navajo Tribe.
Land exchange.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the Secretary of the Interior shall, in consideration of and as just compensation for the transfer made by section 2 of this Act as well as for the use and occupancy of the lands therein described under terms of the right-of-way granted March 22, 1957, by the Secretary pursuant to the Act of February 5, 1948 (62 Stat. 17), transfer to the Navajo Tribe so much of the block of public lands (exclusive of the minerals therein, but inclusive of all range improvements constructed thereon) described in subsection (c) of this section, as shall constitute a reasonably compact area equal in acreage to the lands transferred to the United States under section 2, and the lands so transferred shall constitute a part of the Navajo Reservation and shall be held by the United States in trust for the Navajo Tribe and shall be subject to all laws and regulations applicable to that reservation. The owners of range improvements of a permanent nature placed, under the authority of a permit from or agreement with the United States, on lands transferred pursuant to this section shall be compensated for the reasonable value of such improvements, as determined by the Secretary out of appropriations available for the construction of the Glen Canyon unit, Colorado River storage project. To the extent that the Secretary is unable to transfer, from the lands described in subsection (c), lands equal in acreage to the lands transferred to the United States under section 2, because of the existence of valid rights in other parties than the United States (other than the rights described in subsection (d) of this section), he shall transfer to the Navajo Tribe such other available public lands (exclusive of the minerals therein but inclusive of all range improvements thereon) in reasonable proximity to the Navajo Reservation and to the lands described in subsection (c) as the tribe, with the concurrence of the Secretary, may select and as may be necessary to transfer to the tribe equal acreage in exchange for the lands transferred under section 2, and those lands so transferred shall be treated in the same manner as other lands transferred pursuant to this section.

Mineral activities.

(b) Subject to valid, existing rights, in addition to other requirements under applicable laws and regulations, mineral activities affecting the land transferred pursuant to this section shall be subject to such regulations, which may include, among others, a requirement for the posting of bond or other undertaking, as the Secretary may prescribe for protection of the interests of the Indians. Patents issued with respect to mining claims on the lands transferred pursuant to this section shall be limited to the minerals only, and for a period of ten years after the effective date of this Act, none of the lands described in subsection (c) of this section shall be open to location and entry under the general mining laws.

(c) The block of public lands (which lies to the north and west of the portion of the present Navajo Reservation in San Juan County, Utah, and abuts the reservation's boundaries within the county) from which the transfer under this section is to be made, is described as follows:

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Township 38 south, range 23 east: Sections 26, 33, 34, and 35.

Township 38 south, range 24 east: Section 28; section 29, east half; sections 31, 33, 34, and 35.

Township 39 south, range 22 east: Sections 13, 24, 25, and 35, those portions lying east of Recapture Creek.

Township 39 south, range 23 east: Sections 1, 3, 4, and 5; sections 8 to 15, inclusive; section 17; sections 18 and 19, those portions lying east of Recapture Creek; sections 20 to 31, inclusive; sections 33, 34, and 35.

Township 39 south, range 24 east: Section 1; sections 3 to 15, inclusive; sections 17 to 24, inclusive; sections 26 and 27, those portions lying north and west of the present Navajo Indian Reservation; sections 28, 29, 30, 31, and 33; section 34, that portion lying north and west of the present Navajo Indian Reservation.

Township 39 south, range 25 east: Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, and 18.

Township 40 south, range 22 east: Section 1; sections 11, 12, 13, 23, 24, 25, and 26, those portions lying east of Recapture Creek and north of the present Navajo Indian Reservation.

Township 40 south, range 23 east: Section 1; sections 3 to 15, inclusive; sections 17 to 23, inclusive; section 26; sections 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 34, and 35, those portions lying north and west of the present Navajo Indian Reservation.

Township 40 south, range 24 east: Sections 3, 4, 5, those portions lying north and west of the present Navajo Indian Reservation; section 6; sections 7, 8, 18, and 19, those portions lying north and west of the present Navajo Indian Reservation.

(d) The transfer hereinabove provided for shall also be deemed to constitute full and complete satisfaction of any and all rights which are based solely upon Indian use and occupancy or possession claimed by or on behalf of any individual members of the Navajo Tribe in their individual capacities or any groups or identifiable bands thereof to any and all public lands in San Juan County, Utah, outside the exterior boundaries of the Navajo Indian Reservation as the same are described in:

(1) The Act of March 1, 1933 (ch. 160, 47 Stat. 1418); 25 USC 337a, 43 USC 190a.

(2) Executive Order 324A of May 15, 1905;

(3) Executive order of May 17, 1884; and

all such rights to such lands are hereby extinguished from and after January 1, 1963. Subject to the provision of section 2 of this Act, and subject to valid existing rights, all public lands of the United States within said exterior boundaries of said reservation are hereby declared to be held in trust for the benefit of the Navajo Tribe of Indians. The term "public lands" as used herein shall be deemed to include but in no way to be limited to lands and the mineral deposits which originally may have been excluded from said reservation by reason of settlement or occupancy or other valid rights then existing, but since relinquished, extinguished, or otherwise terminated. The tribe is hereby authorized to adopt such rules and regulations as it deems appropriate, with the approval of the Secretary, for residence and use of the lands transferred pursuant to this section: *Provided*, That the tribal council shall give preference until January 1, 1963, in granting residence and use rights to: (1) those Navajos who, prior to the effective date of this Act, have used or occupied the transferred lands and (2) those Navajos who, prior to the effective date of this Act, have used or occupied other public lands in San Juan County, Utah.

(e) Upon application of the Navajo Tribe, the Secretary shall grant to the tribe, to be held in trust by the United States for use of tribal members grazing livestock upon the lands transferred under this section, a nonexclusive easement, of suitable width and location as he determines, for a livestock driveway across the public lands in sections 21, 22, 23, and 24, township 39 south, range 22 east, and in section 19, township 39 south, range 23 east, Salt Lake meridian, to connect with United States Highway Numbered 47. Use of said nonexclusive easement shall be in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary, and future uses and dispositions of the public lands affected shall be subject to said easement.

Highway rights-of-way.

(f) The transfer of lands to the Navajo Tribe, as provided in this section, shall not affect the status of rights-of-way for public highways traversing such lands, which rights-of-way shall remain available for public use, including the movement of livestock thereon.

(g) The Secretary of the Interior shall compensate persons whose grazing permits, licenses or leases covering lands transferred to the Navajo Tribe pursuant to this section are canceled because of such transfer. Such compensation shall be determined in accordance with the standard prescribed by the Act of July 9, 1942, as amended (43 U. S. C. 315q). Such compensation shall be paid from appropriations available for the construction of the Glen Canyon unit, Colorado River storage project.

SEC. 2. (a) There is hereby transferred to the United States all the right, title, and interest of the Navajo Tribe in and to the lands (exclusive of the minerals therein) described in subsection (b) of this section. These lands shall no longer be "Indian country" within the meaning of title 18, United States Code, section 115, and they shall have the status of public lands withdrawn and being administered pursuant to the Federal reclamation laws and shall be subject to all laws and regulations governing the use and disposition of public lands in that status. The rights herein transferred shall not extend to the utilization of the lands hereinafter described under the heading "parcel B" for public recreational facilities without the approval of the Navajo Tribal Council. No permit, lease, license, or other right covering the exploration for or extraction of the minerals herein reserved to the tribe shall be granted or exercised by or on behalf of the tribe except under such conditions and with such restrictions, limitations, or stipulations as the Secretary deems appropriate, in connection with the Glen Canyon unit, to protect the interests of the United States and of its grantees, licensees, transferees, and permittees, and their heirs and assigns. Subject to the mineral rights herein reserved to the tribe as aforesaid, the Secretary may dispose of lots in townsites established on the lands transferred under this section, together with improvements thereon, under such terms and conditions as he determines to be appropriate, including provisions for payment for the furnishing of municipal facilities and services while such facilities and services are provided by the United States and for the establishment of liens in connection therewith, but no disposition shall be at less than the current fair market value, and he may dedicate portions of lands in such townsites, whether or not improved, for public purposes and transfer the land so dedicated to appropriate State or local public bodies and nonprofit corporations. He may also enter into contracts with State or local public bodies and nonprofit corporations whereby either party may undertake to render to the other such services in aid of the performance of activities and functions of a municipal, governmental, or public or quasi-public nature as will, in the Secretary's judgment, contribute substantially to the efficiency or

71 Stat. 633.
18 USC 115.

the economy of the operations of the Department of the Interior in connection with the Glen Canyon unit.

(b) The lands which are transferred under this section are described as follows:

PARCEL A

The following tract of unsurveyed land situated in Arizona: Beginning on the easterly bank of the Colorado River at a point where said easterly bank is intersected by the south line of section 9, township 40 north, range 8 east, Gila and Salt River base and meridian; thence upstream along the said easterly bank of the Colorado River to a point where said bank intersects the east line of section 16, township 41 north, range 9 east, Gila and Salt River base and meridian; thence south along the east line of sections 16, 21, 28, and 33 of said township 41 north, range 9 east, to the south line of said section 33; thence west along the south line of said section 33 to the east line of section 4, township 40 north, range 9 east, Gila and Salt River base and meridian; thence south along the east line of sections 4 and 9 of said township 40 north, range 9 east, to the south line of said section 9; thence west along the south line of sections 9, 8, and 7 of said township 40 north, range 9 east, and along the south line of sections 12, 11, 10, and 9 of said township 40 north, range 8 east, Gila and Salt River base and meridian to the point of beginning.

PARCEL B

The following tract of land in part unsurveyed situated in Arizona and Utah: Beginning at a point where the east line of section 16, township 41 north, range 9 east, Gila and Salt River base and meridian intersects the north boundary of the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona; thence upstream in Arizona and Utah along the north boundary of the reservation to a point where said north boundary intersects a contour line the elevation of which is 3,720 mean sea level (United States Coast and Geodetic Survey datum), said point being at approximate river mile 72.7 on the San Juan River above its confluence with the Colorado River, and also being near the east line of township 40 south, range 15 east, Salt Lake base and meridian; thence generally southwesterly within the Navajo Indian Reservation along said contour line the elevation of which is 3,720, to the point where said contour line intersects the east line of section 16, township 41 north, range 9 east, Gila and Salt River base and meridian; thence north along said east line to the point of beginning.

(c) The Secretary and the tribe may enter into such agreements as are appropriate for the utilization, under permits or easements, of such tribal lands, in the vicinity of Rainbow Bridge National Monument, as may be necessary in connection with the carrying out of any measures undertaken to preclude impairment of the monument as provided by section 1 of the Act of April 11, 1956 (70 Stat. 105). 43 USC 620.

(d) As used in this and in the preceding section of this Act, the term "minerals" shall not be construed to include sand, gravel, or other building or construction materials.

SEC. 3. (a) The State of Utah may convey to the United States title to any State-owned lands within the area described in subsection (b) of this section or subsection (c) of section 1 of this Act as base lands for indemnity selections under sections 2275 and 2276 of the Revised Statutes (43 U. S. C., secs. 851, 852). The Secretary of the Interior shall give priority to indemnity selection applications made pursuant to this subsection by the State of Utah. However, all conveyances made pursuant to this subsection, whether by the United States or by the State of Utah, shall contain a reservation of

the minerals to the grantor. Lands conveyed to the United States under this section shall be subject to selection by the Secretary of the Interior, and transfer to, the Navajo Tribe in the same manner as, and under the same terms and conditions as, lands described in subsection (c) of section 1 of this Act. Notwithstanding a conveyance to the United States of State-owned lands in accordance with the provisions of this subsection, such conveyance shall not prevent the Navajo Tribe from asserting, in any manner that would have been available to the tribe if the conveyance had not been made, a claim of title, if any, to the lands conveyed by the State that the tribe asserts is superior to the title asserted by the State of Utah. If a claim of title so asserted by the Navajo Tribe determined to be superior to the title asserted by the State of Utah, and if the Navajo Tribe has selected such lands as a part of the transfer authorized by section 1 of this Act, the Navajo Tribe shall be permitted to select other lands described in subsection (c) of section 1 in lieu thereof.

(b) The lands referred to in subsection (a) of this section and not described in subsection (c) of section 1 of this Act are described as follows:

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Township 38 south, range 23 east: section 36.
Township 38 south, range 24 east: section 32.
Township 39 south, range 22 east: section 36.
Township 39 south, range 23 east: sections 2, 16, 32, and 36.
Township 39 south, range 24 east: sections 2, 16, and 32.
Township 40 south, range 22 east: section 2.
Township 40 south, range 23 east: sections 2, 16, and 36.

Indemnity selections.

(c) The right of the State of Utah to make indemnity selections under the terms of this section shall expire five years after the date of approval of this Act.

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AN ACT

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To validate overpayments of pay and allowances made to certain officers of the Army, Navy, Naval Reserve, and Air Force, while undergoing training at civilian hospitals, and for other purposes.

Armed Forces. Overpayments made to certain officers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding any other law, all payments of pay and allowances made to any commissioned officer of the Medical Corps of the Army, Navy, or the Naval Reserve, or any medical officer of the Air Force, who, while serving on active duty before July 1, 1954, as an intern or resident physician in a hospital other than a Federal hospital, are validated to the extent that such compensation, pay and allowances were paid.

SEC. 2. Any person covered by section 1 who has made a repayment to the United States of the amount so paid to him as such compensation, pay or allowances is entitled to be paid the amount involved, if otherwise proper. Any repayment hereby authorized will be made from appropriations currently available for pay and allowances.

Validation.

SEC. 3. In the audit and settlement of the accounts of any certifying or disbursing officer full credit shall be given for the amount for which liability is relieved by this Act.

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