Public Law 95-550
95th Congress

An Act

To provide for conveyance of certain lands near Dixon, New Mexico, to the University of New Mexico.

Oct. 30, 1978
[S. 1403]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subject to the conditions and limitations specified in this Act, the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") is authorized and directed to convey at fair market value to the University of New Mexico all right, title, and interest of the United States in the following described land comprising approximately one hundred and ten acres:

University of New Mexico. Land conveyance.

Southeast quarter of the southwest quarter; south half of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter; southwest quarter of the southeast quarter; and the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter, section 29, township 23 north, range 11 east, New Mexico principal meridian.

SEC. 2. Conveyance under this Act shall be made only (a) upon the University of New Mexico providing satisfactory assurances to the Secretary that no valid mining claims exist on the described lands, other than the patented mining claims of Doctor Arthur Montgomery; and (b) upon the condition that the described land shall be held and used by the University of New Mexico and shall not be conveyed by the university, and the minerals thereunder shall not be mined and sold in commercial quantities: *Provided*, That if the Secretary of the Interior determines that mining of the minerals contained in the described lands is necessary for the security of the United States, the University of New Mexico shall lease the lands for mining to such person as may be designated by the Secretary under the terms of a lease to be prepared by the Secretary, with any royalties to be paid to the United States. The patent conveying the lands to the University of New Mexico shall contain such provision.

SEC. 3. No conveyance shall be made unless application for conveyance is filed by the university with the Secretary within six months of the date of approval of this Act.

SEC. 4. The Secretary may in his discretion require that he be furnished a perimeter survey of the described lands. All costs of obtaining such survey and any costs of supplying the Secretary with the proof that no valid unpatented mining claims exist on the property, shall be borne by the university.

Perimeter survey.

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SEC. 5. No conveyance shall be made under this Act until the university has shown to the satisfaction of the Secretary that all right, title, and interest of Doctor Arthur Montgomery to unpatented mining claims and the existing patented mining claim in the above described lands have been conveyed to the University of New Mexico.

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