Public Law 95-342
95th Congress

An Act

Relating to the disposition of certain recreational demonstration project lands by the State of Oklahoma.

Aug. 11, 1978
[S. 920]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Lake Murray Recreational Demonstration Area Project, Okla.

SECTION 1. That notwithstanding section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the disposition of recreational demonstration projects and for other purposes", approved June 6, 1942 (56 Stat. 326; 16 U.S.C. 459t) the State of Oklahoma is hereby authorized to convey oil and gas mineral leases to the following described lands in Carter County, Oklahoma: those lands situated within the project designated and known as the Lake Murray Recreational Demonstration Area, said project lands being more particularly described in a quitclaim deed of the United States of America executed on February 1, 1943, by Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior approved on February 2, 1943, by Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States, and recorded in book 186, pages 312 through 320 of the records of Carter County, Oklahoma. Any conditions providing for a reversion of title to the United States that may be contained in the conveyance of such lands by the United States to the State of Oklahoma are hereby released as to oil and gas exploration and development affecting the lands herein authorized to be leased. The State of Oklahoma shall surrender the present deed of conveyance by the United States of the lands described in this Act and the United States shall issue a new deed to the State of Oklahoma for those lands, which new deed shall include oil and gas exploration and development as permitted uses of such lands: *Provided, however*, That it shall be a condition of such new deed that oil and gas exploration and development shall take place on the lands described in this Act only pursuant to plans which have been reviewed (such review to include preparation of a detailed statement of the type specified in section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(a)), and approved by the Secretary of the Interior and which will assure that such exploration and development shall be carried out in a manner which to the maximum extent possible will assure the preservation of the natural, scenic, and recreational values of the Demonstration Area: *Provided further*, (i) That it shall be a further condition of such new deed that the State of Oklahoma, in consideration for the release of the conditions referred to in this section, shall hold all proceeds hereafter received from any oil and gas exploration and development of the lands described in this Act in a separate fund open to inspection by the Secretary of the Interior, and shall pay the Secretary each year from such fund 50 per centum of the gross income from such exploration and development, including rents, royalties, bonuses and any interest accruing thereon and all costs which the Secretary determines are included in his review of the oil and gas exploration and development plans and the operation of such fund; and (ii) That all

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amounts paid to the Secretary pursuant to this proviso shall be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts: *And provided further*, That the State of Oklahoma shall continue to use such lands in the Lake Murray Recreational Demonstration Area primarily for park, recreational, and conservation purposes.

SEC. 2. The issuance of the new deed described in section 1 of this Act shall take place only upon payment to the Secretary of the Interior by the State of Oklahoma for administrative costs of issuance of the new deed. Moneys paid to the Secretary of the Interior for administrative costs shall be paid to the agency which rendered the service, and deposited to the appropriation then current.

Approved August 11, 1978.

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