Public Law 97-434
97th Congress

An Act

Jan. 8, 1983
[H.R. 5916]

To declare certain Federal lands acquired for the benefit of Indians to be held in trust for the Tribes of such Indians.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the first section of the Act of October 17, 1975 (89 Stat. 577; 25 U.S.C. 459), is amended by adding thereto the following new subsection (c):

Ramah Navajo Indians and Choctaw Indians of Mississippi. Lands held in trust.

"(c) The right, title, and interest of the United States of America in all of the lands, including the improvements now thereon (title to which is in the United States), acquired under title II of the National Industrial Recovery Act of June 16, 1933 (48 Stat. 200), and any subsequent Emergency Relief Appropriation Acts, including but not limited to section 5 of the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 927, 930) and section 4 of the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1941 (54 Stat. 611, 617), together with all minerals underlying any such land whether acquired pursuant to such Acts or otherwise owned by the United States, and which lands are now administered by the Secretary of the Interior for the use or benefit of (1) Ramah Navajo Indians, are hereby declared to be held in trust for the Ramah Band of the Navajo Tribe, and (2) Choctaw Indians of Mississippi, except lands subject to the Act of June 21, 1939 (53 Stat. 851), are hereby declared to be held in trust for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; excepting valid rights-of-way of record."

25 USC 495a.

(b) Section 2(a) of said Act of October 17, 1975, is amended by deleting "section 1 of this Act" and inserting in lieu thereof "section 1(a) of this Act".

25 USC 459 note.

(c) The amendments made by this Act shall be effective upon enactment of this Act.

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