

SEC. 2. The lease entered into under authority of the first section of this Act—

(1) shall be null and void and the Yakima Tribe shall have the right of immediate possession if the State of Washington ever ceases to maintain Fort Simcoe (Mool-Mool) for historical and for park purposes;

(2) shall be entered into for a period of ninety-nine years;

(3) shall not contain any provision permitting the exploitation of any natural resource;

(4) shall specifically reserve to the Yakima Tribe all mineral and other subsurface rights in such lands which such tribe possesses on the date of enactment of this Act; and

(5) shall be entered into under such rules and regulations, and contain such other provisions, as the Secretary of the Interior shall prescribe.

SEC. 3. The existing agreement between the Yakima Tribe and the State of Washington may be amended to comply with this Act.

SEC. 4. (a) The land on the Yakima Indian Reservation, Washington, which may be leased pursuant to this Act, is more particularly described as follows:

The east half of the northeast quarter of section 20, and the west half of the northwest quarter of section 21, and the west half of the east half of the northwest quarter of section 21, all in township 10 north, range 16 east, Willamette meridian, containing two hundred acres more or less.

(b) Such additional tribal lands of the Yakima Tribe as adjoin the land described in subsection (a) may, pursuant to all of the terms and conditions of this Act, be leased by such tribe, acting through its tribal council, to the State of Washington.

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CHAPTER 423

AN ACT

To authorize the purchase, sale, and exchange of certain Indian lands on the Yakima Indian Reservation, and for other purposes.

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Yakima Indian
Reservation.
Consolidation of
lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) for the purpose of effecting consolidations of land, situated within the Yakima Indian Reservation in the State of Washington, between the Yakima Tribes of Indians and individual members of the tribes and other Indians, for the mutual benefit of the tribes and the individual members thereof, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized in his discretion to—

(1) purchase for the Yakima Tribes, with tribal funds of such tribes on deposit in the United States Treasury, or otherwise, any lands held by individual members of the Yakima Tribes and other Indians under trust patent or other restrictions against alienation including lands in heirship status, within the Yakima Indian Reservation, including interests therein or improvements thereon, water rights, and surface rights;

(2) sell to individual members of the Yakima Tribes any tribal trust lands within such reservation, including lands, interests, improvements, and rights acquired for the tribes under this Act; and

(3) exchange any tribal trust lands within such reservation, including lands, interests, improvements, and rights acquired for the tribes under this Act, for lands situated within such reservation which are held by individual members of the tribes and other Indians under trust patent or other restrictions against alienation including lands in heirship status.

(b) The Secretary shall obtain the advice and consent of the Yakima Tribal Council before entering into any such transaction. The terms and conditions of any such transaction, including the price at which any land is so purchased or sold and the valuation of any lands so exchanged, shall be mutually agreed upon by the Secretary, the Yakima Tribal Council, and the individual Indian or Indians concerned. Any such exchange of tribal lands for lands held by individual members of the Yakima Tribes or other Indians, and for lands in heirship status, shall be effected on the basis of approximately equal consideration with due allowance for the value of improvements in determining the value of such lands.

SEC. 2. (a) Title to lands, interests, improvements, or rights so acquired by the Secretary for the Yakima Tribes through purchase or exchange shall be held by the United States in trust for the Yakima Tribes. Title to tribal trust lands, interests, improvements, or rights sold by the Secretary to individual members of the Yakima Tribes or exchanged by the Secretary for lands held under trust patent or other restrictions against alienation by individual members of the tribes and other Indians or for lands in heirship status shall be held by the United States in trust for the individual Indian or Indians concerned.

(b) Sums derived from the sale of tribal trust lands, interests, improvements, and rights shall be credited to the tribal funds of the Yakima Tribes.

SEC. 3. (a) No transaction entered into under this Act shall affect, without the consent of the lessee, any lease of lands, interests, improvements, or rights involved in such transaction, or any right of the lessee with respect to extension or renewal of such lease, which is in existence at the time such transaction is entered into.

(b) Nothing in this Act shall affect the existing status of any lands, interests, improvements, or rights with respect to taxation.

SEC. 4. The Secretary is authorized to prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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Public Law 189

CHAPTER 424

AN ACT

To amend section 3 of the Travel Expense Act of 1949, as amended, to provide an increased maximum per diem allowance for subsistence and travel expenses, and for other purposes.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 of the Travel Expense Act of 1949 (63 Stat. 166, as amended; 5 U. S. C. 836) is further amended by striking "\$9" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$12"; and by striking the period at the end thereof and adding the following additional proviso: "And provided further, That where due to the unusual circumstances of a travel assignment within the limits of the continental United States such maximum per diem

Travel expenses.
Increase.