

Public Law 96-492
96th Congress

An Act

To require the Secretary of the Interior to convey a parcel of land located in Colorado and certain mineral interests to the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and to pay an amount to such tribe for energy development.

Dec. 2, 1980

[H.R. 8112]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) within the thirty-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act the Secretary of the Interior shall convey, without consideration, to the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the parcel of land located in the State of Colorado described in section 3, except the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to any minerals located on or under such parcel of land.

Ute Mountain
Ute Tribe.
Land
conveyance.

(b) The parcel of land described in section 3 shall not be considered Indian country for any purpose and shall be subject to State and local governmental jurisdiction and taxation.

(c) The Secretary of the Interior shall consult with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe before the United States does any exploration for, development of, or production of minerals located on or under the parcel of land described in section 3.

SEC. 2. (a) The Secretary of the Interior shall pay to the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe for the development by the tribe of energy sources on lands owned by such tribe, from sums appropriated for such purpose, the sum of \$4,000,000 in accordance with an energy development program submitted to the Secretary by the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and approved by the Secretary.

(b) None of the funds paid by the Secretary to the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe pursuant to this section may be used to pay any attorney or agent for services rendered to the tribe with respect to the parcel of land described in section 3 or to pay any funds directly to any individual member of the tribe. Any person violating this subsection shall be fined not more than \$1,000 for each violation.

Funds,
restrictions.

Penalty.

SEC. 3. The lands transferred pursuant to section 1 of this Act are the following:

NEW MEXICO PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COLORADO

Township 48 North, Range 3 West

Section 19:

Lot 1,
Lot 2,
West half northeast quarter,
East half northwest quarter,
West half southeast quarter,

Section 30:

Lot 1,
Northwest quarter northeast quarter,
Northeast quarter northwest quarter,

Township 47 North, Range 4 West

Section 10: Northeast quarter northwest quarter,

Section 15: West half northwest quarter,

Section 16:

Southeast quarter northeast quarter,

East half southeast quarter,

Section 20: Southeast quarter southeast quarter,

Section 21:

Lot 6,

Lot 7,

Lot 9,

Lot 10,

North half northeast quarter,

Southwest quarter northeast quarter,

Section 27: Northwest quarter southeast quarter,

Section 29: Lot 1,

Township 48 North, Range 4 West

Section 9:

South half northeast quarter,

East half northwest quarter,

North half southeast quarter,

Section 10:

Northwest quarter northeast quarter,

Southeast quarter northeast quarter,

South half,

Section 11:

South half northeast quarter,

Northeast quarter southeast quarter,

South half southeast quarter,

Section 13:

Northeast quarter,

North half northwest quarter,

East half southeast quarter,

Section 14:

Southwest quarter northwest quarter,

East half southeast quarter,

Section 15:

West half northeast quarter,

South half southwest quarter,

Section 16: Northeast quarter southeast quarter,

Section 17: Southeast quarter southeast quarter,

Section 20: Northeast quarter northeast quarter,

Section 21: Northeast quarter southeast quarter,

Section 23:

Northeast quarter northeast quarter,

North half southwest quarter,

Section 26:

West half east half,

Southeast quarter northeast quarter,

Section 29: East half northeast quarter.

Claims against
U.S.

Sec. 4. The enactment of this Act shall fully satisfy all claims against the United States by the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe relating to the dispute over ownership of lands located in New Mexico and described as townships 31 and 32, range 16 west of the New Mexico principal meridian.

SEC. 5. Effective October 1, 1981, there is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior the sum of \$4,000,000 to carry out section 2. Any sums appropriated under the authority contained in this section shall remain available until expended by the Secretary.

Appropriation
authorization.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

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