

TAOS INDIANS—BLUE LAKE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1968

U.S. SENATE,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS OF THE
COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to call, at 10 a.m., in room 3110, Senate Office Building, Senator Lee Metcalf (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Present: Senators Lee Metcalf, Henry M. Jackson, Clinton P. Anderson, Paul J. Fannin, Clifford P. Hansen, and Mark O. Hatfield.

Also present: Jerry T. Verkler, staff director; James Gamble, professional staff member; and E. Lewis Reid, minority counsel.

Senator METCALF. The subcommittee will come to order. The purpose of this hearing is to consider legislation to amend the act of May 31, 1933, providing for the conveyance of certain lands in the Carson National Forest in New Mexico to the Indians of the Taos Pueblo.

Copies of H.R. 3306, S. 1624 and S. 1625, together with reports from the various departments, will be inserted in the record at this point.

(The documents referred to follow:)

[H.R. 3306, 90th Cong., second sess.]

AN ACT To amend section 4 of the Act of May 31, 1933 (48 Stat. 108)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4 of the Act of May 31, 1933 (48 Stat. 108), providing for the protection of the watershed within the Carson National Forest for the Pueblo de Taos Indians in New Mexico, be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. (a) That, for the purpose of safeguarding the interests and welfare of the tribe of Indians known as the Pueblo de Taos of New Mexico, the following described lands and improvements thereon, upon which said Indians depend and have depended since time immemorial for water supply, forage for their domestic livestock, wood and timber for their personal use, and as the scene of certain religious ceremonies, are hereby declared to be held by the United States in trust for the Pueblo de Taos:

"Beginning at the southeast corner of the Tenorio tract on the north boundary of the Taos Pueblo grant in section 22, township 26 north, range 13 east;

"thence northwesterly and northeasterly along the east boundary of the Tenorio tract to the point where it intersects the boundary of the Lucero de Godoi or Antonio Martinez Grant;

"thence following the boundary of the Lucero de Godoi Grant northeasterly, southeasterly and northerly to Station 76 on the east boundary of the survey of the Lucero de Godoi Grant according to the March 1894 survey by United States Deputy Surveyor John H. Walker as approved by the United States Surveyor's Office, Santa Fe, New Mexico, on November 23, 1894;

"thence east .85 mile along the south boundary of the Wheeler Peak Wilderness, according to the description dated July 1, 1965, and reported to Congress pursuant to section 3(a)(1) of the Wilderness Act (Public Law 88-577);

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