

"thence northeast approximately .25 mile to the top of an unnamed peak (which is approximately .38 mile southeasterly from Lew Wallace Peak) ;

"thence northwesterly 1.63 miles along the ridgetop through Lew Wallace Peak to Old Mike Peak ;

"thence easterly and northeasterly along the ridgetop of the divide between the Red River and the Rio Pueblo de Taos to Station Numbered 109 of said 1894 survey, at the juncture of the divide with the west boundary of the Beaubien and Miranda Grant, New Mexico (commonly known as the Maxwell Grant) according to the official resurvey of said grant executed during July and August, 1923, by United States Surveyor Glen Haste and approved by the General Land Office, Washington, D.C., on April 28, 1926 ;

"thence southeasterly, southwesterly, and southerly along the west boundary of the Maxwell grant to the north line of unsurveyed section 33, township 26 north, range 15 east ;

"thence southerly to the north boundary of fractional township 25 north, range 15 east ;

"thence southerly and southwesterly through sections 4, 9, 8, and 7, township 25 north, range 15 east to the southwest corner of said section 7 ;

"thence westerly along the divide between the Rio Pueblo de Taos and Rio Fernandez de Taos to the east boundary of the Taos Pueblo grant ;

"thence north to the northeast corner of the Taos Pueblo grant ;

"thence west to the point of beginning ; containing approximately 48,000 acres, more or less.

"(b) The lands held in trust pursuant to this section shall be a part of the Pueblo de Taos Reservation, and shall be administered under the laws and regulations applicable to other trust Indian lands: *Provided*, That the Pueblo de Taos Indians shall use the lands for traditional purposes only, such as religious ceremonials, hunting and fishing, a source of water, forage for their domestic livestock, and wood, timber, and other natural resources for their personal use, all subject to such regulations for conservation purposes as the Secretary of Agriculture may prescribe. Except for such uses, the lands shall remain forever wild and shall be maintained as a wilderness as defined in section 2(c) of the Act of September 3, 1964 (78 Stat. 890). With the consent of the tribe, but not otherwise, nonmembers of the tribe may be permitted to enter the lands for purposes compatible with their preservation as a wilderness. The Secretary of the Interior shall be responsible for the establishment and maintenance of conservation measures for these lands, including, without limitation, protection of forests from fire, disease, insects or trespass, prevention or elimination of erosion, damaging land use, or stream pollution, and maintenance of stream flow and sanitary conditions, and is authorized to contract with the Secretary of Agriculture for any services or materials deemed necessary to institute or carry out any such measures.

"(c) Those lands described in subsection (a) which are not included in the lands described in the Act of May 31, 1933, shall be held under this section subject to existing rights owned or held by non-Indians by lease or otherwise. Lessees or permittees in said land shall have the right to renew such leases or permits under the rules and regulations of the Forest Service to the same extent and in the same manner as they had prior to the enactment of this Act ; but the Pueblo de Taos shall have the right to obtain the relinquishment of any and all such lease or permit interests from the lessees or permittees under such terms and conditions as may be agreed between said Pueblo and said lessees or permittees. The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to disburse, from the tribal funds in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of said tribe, so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the purchase of any rights or improvements owned by non-Indians on said lands, and for the acquisition or relinquishment of any leases or permits held by non-Indians on any of said lands.

"(d) The Indian Claims Commission is directed to determine in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of the Act of August 13, 1946 (60 Stat. 1049, 1050), the extent to which the value of the interest in land conveyed by this Act should be credited to the United States or should be set off against any claim of the Taos Indians against the United States."

Passed the House of Representatives, June 18, 1968.

W. PAT JENNINGS,
Clerk.