

necessary to protect the area and surrounding areas from fires, forest insects, and diseases; (7) shall permit the Pueblo de Taos to have exclusive use of the area during the period of August 16 through August 31 of each year to protect the privacy of their ancient ceremonies, subject to the authority of the Secretary to protect the area from fire, insects, and disease and the authority of law enforcement officers to enter the area in the performance of their official duties; (8) shall cooperate with the Pueblo in the protection from destruction or incompatible uses, to the extent feasible, of limited areas or localities within such area identified by the Indians as having special religious or ceremonial significance to them; (9) shall, if such procedure is requested annually by the governing officials of the Pueblo, require persons other than members of the Pueblo de Taos who desire to enter such area for other than official business to obtain permits and permits for more than one day shall be concurred in by a designated official of the Pueblo.

SEC. 3. 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. 1050), the extent to which the value of the title conveyed pursuant to section 1 of this Act as well as the value of the Carson National Forest permit pursuant to section 4 of the Act of May 31, 1933 (48 Stat. 108) should be credited to the United States or should be set off against any claim of the Pueblo de Taos Indians against the United States.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, D.C., April 17, 1968.

HON. HENRY M. JACKSON,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This will acknowledge your letters of April 29 and May 1, 1967, requesting the views of the Bureau of the Budget on S. 1624 and S. 1625, bills relating to lands for Pueblo de Taos Indians, New Mexico.

The Departments of Agriculture and the Interior are submitting reports to your Committee on these bills.

As indicated in the advice contained in their reports, the Bureau of the Budget concurs in the views of the Department of Agriculture and would have no objection to enactment of either bill if amended as recommended by the Department of Agriculture.

Sincerely yours,

WILFRED H. ROMMEL,
Assistant Director for Legislative Reference.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D.C., September 18, 1968.

HON. HENRY M. JACKSON,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This responds to your request for this Department's views on S. 1624, a bill "To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands to the Pueblo de Taos Indians, New Mexico, and for other purposes", and S. 1625, a bill "To declare that certain lands be held in trust for the Pueblo de Taos Indians, New Mexico, and for other purposes."

We recommend the enactment of H.R. 3306 which was passed by the House of Representatives on June 18, 1968, or of amendment of S. 1624 or S. 1625 to correspond to its provisions.

S. 1624 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to convey fee title to the Pueblo de Taos Indians for 3,150 acres of land including Blue Lake. S. 1625 is a similar bill, except that it provides the 3,150 acres will be held in trust for the Pueblo de Taos Indians. Other provisions of section 1 of the bills provide that the Secretary of Agriculture shall continue to protect the area from fire, insects and diseases, maintain favorable conditions of waterflow, conserve and protect the natural resources of the area, maintain sanitary conditions, and take such other steps as are necessary to protect the adjacent national forest lands.