

a conclusion and agreement on the matter of the entry of non-Indians into our sacred Blue Lake area.

The words you spoke to us in Washington in June of 1962 have remained true, and we are sincerely appreciative of this, as well as of having been able to work with you and Mr. Fred H. Kennedy on a most cooperative and understanding basis.

With best wishes,
Sincerely yours,

MANUEL LUJAN,
Governor.
ALFRED SUANO,
Secretary.
BOVERINE MARTINEZ,
Council Spokesman.
PAUL BERNAL,
Council Secretary.

JUNE 14, 1962.

MR. JAMES OFFICER,
Associate Commissioner,
Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Department of the Interior.

DEAR MR. OFFICER: This refers to our discussion in the office of Dr. George Salke on June 6, and subsequent telephone conversations, concerning the understanding between the Forest Service and the Indians of Taos Pueblo about use of the area under special-use permit issued in 1940 to Pueblo de Taos.

The Forest Service is willing to continue following the policy of authorizing non-Indians to go into the permit area only on the basis of the permits issued by the Forest Service and countersigned by the Governor of the Taos Pueblo or his representative authorized to sign for him.

It is our full intention to handle this matter in a spirit of cooperation. We acknowledge that the Governor of the Taos Pueblo has also repeatedly given assurance of intention to be cooperative and practicable in dealings with the Forest Service. We believe that in this spirit an understanding kind of relationship can be maintained.

As a matter of furthering this understanding, we would hope that over a period of perhaps the next few years there might be reduced to writing some guidelines understood by both the Taos Pueblo and the Forest Service about the conditions for agreeing to let non-Indians go into the area under permits. The records show that only a limited number of permits have been issued and we do not have any questions about numbers of permits. We think it would be helpful to us, however, to have, if possible, a written understanding particularly about the times and circumstances when the Taos Pueblo would prefer that we not request the Governor, or someone acting for him, to countersign permits.

In the belief that this spirit of cooperation between both groups is real and will continue, we are willing to continue following the policy outlined above.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD P. CLIFF, *Chief.*

JANUARY 15, 1963.

HON. MANUEL LUJAN,
Governor of Taos Pueblo,
Taos, N. Mex.

DEAR GOVERNOR LUJAN: This replies to past Governor Trujillo's letter of December 20, 1962, which also transmitted copy of his letter to Forest Supervisor Proctor on the subject of fishing at Blue Lake.

A decision was reached several months ago to prohibit fishing at Blue Lake. I have discussed the matter with Supervisor Proctor and he advises me that he is taking the necessary formal action to close Blue Lake to all public use.

I trust that this action will contribute to our continued close working relationship in finding solutions to our mutual problems.

Sincerely yours,

FRED H. KENNEDY, *Regional Forester.*