

Senator METCALF. Please.

Mr. BERNAL. I would like to take this opportunity to further testify in support of H.R. 3306 passing the House. In H.R. 3306 it spells out the area for our protection. I am pretty sure, Mr. Chairman, that you know about this, and I am pretty sure that Mr. Anderson, Senator of New Mexico, knows about this; and I have one point here to bring to your attention about the desecration that has been done, has been continued by the Forest Service personnel. Why is it that the administrative cabin had to be built in the Blue Lake about 500 yards away from the lake? And why is it that the Forest Service have to fence off, in this area, and build a corral for horses that will pollute the springs? The water will drain off from this area, going into the public use. Why is it the Forest Service did not make correction when they stock up the fish in the lake? And why is it the Forest Service did not make an effort to make a correction when they dynamite fish in Star Lake? This is the tremendous desecration, the damage they have done—the American public. They have cut trails, they bring other peoples in the area, and today the Blue Lake area and all the surrounding Blue Lake is nothing.

The last part of the 1920's and the early part of the 1930's, the village of Arroyo Seco, the sheepowners have been allowed to graze their sheep in this area. These sheep have been grazing this area, and they have grazed this area down to the ground, and today you are not able to find a way to rehabilitate this area.

The people of Taos Pueblo, inhabitants, have been suffering from the day—these little babes, little boys and girls, young men and young women, elderly, old people up to the aged. I don't want my people to be left out, and take that land away from them. I am asking my friend, Clinton P. Anderson, to support H.R. 3306, and I would like for him to make consideration, and honest consideration of H.R. 3306, which we want him and urge him to support. There is nothing wrong with this H.R. 3306. The land would come out of the Taos Pueblo, jointly with the American people.

I am pretty sure that we can find peace. I am sure that we can find some kind of an understanding, come to some kind of a good understanding. Why can't you and I travel together as friends, holding hands, hand to hand? We can solve our problems, and do things right, and make ourselves available for understanding as friends.

In 1967 I was governor and I had to accept the negotiation, the business people of Taos. These are our neighbors. These are our brothers. These are people that we do business with, and we are concerned about this business protection, when they approach our tribal Governor, decide that they would like to build a flood control dam in La Cruces Arroyo.

In a friendly way, without any kind of a bargain, without any kind of an approach, we did it in a friendly way, and we did this because we have been in a helping way.

The water of the Taos Creek could be enjoyed by both the Indians and the non-Indians. Today we are enjoying the practice, and a decree enforced by the Spanish Government way back, and so therefore nobody has been harmed, the non-Indians also enjoying the water along with us, because the sharing is going on today, and we have no intention to jeopardize the right of the people of the town of Taos. We want