

the rest of the land. After all the Indians can now vote and have the use of the rest of the public facilities paid for by the taxpayers.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to help stop this land grab.  
Yours truly,

LLOYD BOLANDER.

TAOS, N. MEX., September 11, 1968.

HON. GEORGE MCGOVERN,  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Indian Affairs,  
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIR: Now that your committee has scheduled hearings on H.R. 3306, which passed the House of Representatives unanimously last June, may we urge your full report of this bill.

Our neighbors the Taos Indians have proved well able to administer these acres for the benefit of all. On every count they need them—religious, economic—and as a source of water for their neighbors on the mesas below.

H.R. 3306 deserves to become law. We urge you to recommend it out of committee and its passage by the U.S. Senate.

Sincerely,

KATHERINE EGRI.  
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ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX., June 21, 1968.

Senator CLINTON P. ANDERSON,  
U.S. Senate,  
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR ANDERSON: The Albuquerque Tribune carried a story last evening that the House had voted to return 48,000 acres of the Carson National Forest to the Taos Pueblo Indians. The same article mentioned that you were the author of two bills that would put only 3,150 acres under more direct control of the Taos Pueblo.

The purpose of this letter is to state that I strongly support your approach to the problem. I firmly believe the Taos Indians should have exclusive use of Blue Lake and some surrounding territory for their religious ceremonies, but it alarms me that the House is willing to hand over 48,000 acres. I have never seen the boundaries of the 48,000 acres defined; perhaps you could inform me on that. If, as the article indicated, such action would put the Taos and vicinity watershed area under Indian control, this seems unwise. Also of concern is the opinion I have heard voiced that the Taos Indians are opposed on religious grounds to the spraying to combat the Spruce Budworm.

It appears to me that your proposal offers the best solution in that it both gives protection to the religious freedom of the Taos Indians and at the same time assures that this most beautiful area of one of our national forests will be enjoyed in the future by all Americans.

Sincerely yours,

REO T. DEPEW.

GLADWYNE, PA., July 5, 1968.

HON. HENRY M. JACKSON,  
New Senate Office Building,  
Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR SENATOR JACKSON: I am writing to you to enlist your support on H.R. 3306 which recently received unanimous approval in the House of Representatives.

In this trying time when the national conscience is striving to right many long-standing injustices, I believe the case of the Taos Pueblo Indians merits your sympathetic support. Sometimes vocal minorities attract so much attention that a tendency develops to overlook or shunt aside older but less explosive problems. The Taos Indians have displayed amazing forbearance and patriotism for many years, while they vainly sought federal action restoring to them unencumbered title to their ancient lands.

Their claim to this land is legal and should be approved on that ground alone. But to them there is even a more compelling reason: It is an integral part of their religion.