

Public Law 539

CHAPTER 326,

AN ACT

Relating to the issuance of certain patents in fee to lands within the Blackfoot Indian Reservation, Montana.

May 28, 1956
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized, on application therefor, to issue to each holder of an exchange assignment on the Blackfoot Indian Reservation, Montana, a patent to the lands that are covered by such exchange assignment. The patent shall include all oil, gas, coal, and other minerals in the land unless the Indian to whom the patent is issued reserved the right to such minerals in the land that was transferred by him to the tribe, or unless he did not have the right to such minerals in the land so transferred. The patent shall be a patent in fee if in the judgment of the Secretary the applicant is able to manage his own affairs without governmental assistance, and shall be a trust patent if the Secretary determines that the applicant needs governmental assistance in handling his affairs. Any trust created by such patent may be terminated by the Secretary when in his judgment the need therefor has ended.

Blackfoot Indian
Reservation, Mont.

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