

Public Law 93-285

AN ACT

May 21, 1974
[H. R. 5525]

To declare that certain mineral interests are held by the United States in trust for the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation, Montana.

Indians.
Chippewa Cree
Tribe of the
Rocky Boy's
Reservation,
Mont.
Mineral rights
held in trust.

30 USC 181
note.
25 USC 396a.

Leases, royal-
ties.

Deposits.

Mineral lease
applications,
rejections.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all right, title, and interest of the United States in minerals, including coal, oil, and gas, underlying lands held in trust by the United States for the Chippewa and Cree Indians of the Rocky Boy's Reservation and lands located within the legal subdivision described in the Act of March 28, 1939 (53 Stat. 552), are hereby declared to be held by the United States in trust for the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation, Montana: *Provided*, That all existing mineral leases, including oil and gas leases which may have been issued or approved by the Secretary of the Interior, or his authorized representative, pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 443), as amended, or the Act of May 11, 1938 (52 Stat. 347), prior to the effective date of this Act, shall remain in force and effect in accordance with the provisions thereof.

SEC. 2. All bonuses, rents, and royalties received by the Secretary of the Interior, or his authorized representative, from leases of lands identified in section 1 that were issued or approved by him and are now held in special deposits, and all such proceeds received from and after the effective date of this Act shall be deposited to the credit of the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation for such beneficial programs as may be determined by the Tribal Council of the Chippewa Cree Tribe.

SEC. 3. All applications for mineral leases, including oil and gas leases, pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, covering any of the minerals referred to in section 1 hereof shall be rejected and the advance rental payments returned to the applicants.

SEC. 4. This Act shall have no application to the north half northwest quarter, southeast quarter northwest quarter, northeast quarter southwest quarter, southeast quarter southeast quarter, section 21; the southwest quarter southwest quarter, section 22; and the northwest quarter northeast quarter, northeast quarter northwest quarter, section 27 of township 29 north, range 14 east, and the north half southwest quarter, section 23 of township 30 north, range 15 east, M.M.; which lands have heretofore been patented to the State of Montana without reservation of minerals.

Approved May 21, 1974.