

Public Law 85-628

AN ACT

To provide compensation to the Crow Tribe of Indians for certain ceded lands embraced within and otherwise required in connection with the Huntley reclamation project, Montana, and for other purposes.

August 14, 1958
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) there is hereby authorized to be transferred in the Treasury of the United States from funds now or hereafter made available to the Bureau of Reclamation and to be placed to the credit of the Crow Tribe of Indians, Montana, and expended for its benefit and the benefit of its members, pursuant to existing law, a sum of money determined as provided in this section for terminating and extinguishing all of the right, title, estate, and interest, except minerals including oil and gas, of said Indian tribe in and to the lands of that part of the former Crow Indian Reservation lying within the boundaries described below. The Secretary of the Interior shall appraise the fair market value of the interest in the lands taken by this Act within ninety days after passage of this Act and offer that sum to the Crow Tribe. The Crow Tribe may also appraise the fair market value of the interest in the lands taken by this Act and determine whether the appraisal of the Secretary of the Interior is acceptable to the Crow Tribe. If the offer of the Secretary of the Interior is not accepted within sixty days, the Secretary or the Crow Tribe is authorized to commence in a court of competent jurisdiction an action for determining the just compensation payable for such taking. The fair market value of, and the just compensation payable for, the Indian interest in the lands taken by this Act shall not include any value attributable to the construction and development by the United States of the Huntley reclamation project.

Indians.
Payment to Crow
Tribe.

The perimeter boundaries of the tract of land, dealt with hereinabove, they being also the proposed exterior boundaries of the Huntley reclamation project, Montana, are described as follows:

Beginning at a point where the midchannel of the Yellowstone River intersects the west sixteenth line of section 1, township 3 north, range 31 east, principal meridian, Montana;

Thence south along said west sixteenth line to the southwest sixteenth corner; which is the southeast corner of lot 2 of said section 1;

Thence west along the south sixteenth line to the south sixteenth corner between sections 1 and 2;

Thence south along the section line to the south sixteenth corner between sections 11 and 12;

Thence west along the south sixteenth line to the southwest sixteenth corner of section 11;

Thence north along the west sixteenth line to the west sixteenth corner of section 11;

Thence west along the quarter line to the east sixteenth corner of section 10;

Thence south along the east sixteenth line to the southeast sixteenth corner of section 10;

Thence west along the south sixteenth line to the southwest sixteenth corner of section 10;

Thence south along the west sixteenth line to the west sixteenth corner between sections 10 and 15;

Thence west along the section line to the corner common to sections 9, 10, 15, and 16;

Thence south along the section line to the quarter corner between sections 15 and 16;

Thence west along the quarter line to the C quarter corner of section 16;

Thence north along the quarter line to the north sixteenth corner of section 16;

Thence west along the north sixteenth line to the northeast sixteenth corner of section 17;

Thence south along the east sixteenth line to the C-N-SE sixty-fourth corner, which is the southeast corner of the north half of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 17;

Thence west along the sixty-fourth line to the C-N-S sixty-fourth corner, which is the southwest corner of the north half of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 17;

Thence north along the quarter line to the north sixteenth corner of section 17; thence west along the north sixteenth line to the northwest sixteenth corner of section 17;

Thence south along the west sixteenth line to the southwest sixteenth corner of section 17;

Thence west along the south sixteenth line to the south sixteenth corner of section 18;

Thence south along the quarter line to the C quarter corner of section 19;

Thence west along the quarter line to the west quarter corner of section 19, said quarter corner lying on the range line between ranges 30 and 31 east of the principal meridian, Montana;

Thence south along the range line to the east quarter corner of section 25, township 3 north, range 30 east, principal meridian, Montana;

Thence west along the quarter line to the east sixteenth corner of section 25;

Thence south along the east sixteenth line to the southeast sixteenth corner of section 25;

Thence west along the south sixteenth line to the south sixteenth corner of section 25;

Thence south along the quarter line to the quarter corner between sections 25 and 36;

Thence west along the section line to the corner common to sections 25, 26, 35, and 36;

Thence south along the section line to the quarter corner between sections 35 and 36;

Thence west along the quarter line to the C quarter corner of section 35;

Thence north along the quarter line to the north sixteenth corner of section 35;

Thence west along the north sixteenth line to the northwest sixteenth corner of section 35;

Thence south along the west sixteenth line to the west sixteenth corner of section 35;

Thence west along the quarter line to the quarter corner between sections 34 and 35;

Thence south along the section line to the south sixteenth corner between sections 34 and 35;

Thence east along the south sixteenth line to the southwest sixteenth corner of section 35;

Thence south along the west sixteenth line to the west sixteenth corner between section 35, township 3 north, range 30 east, and section 2, township 2 north, range 30 east, principal meridian, Montana;

Thence west along the township line to the corner common to sections 34 and 35, township 3 north, range 30 east, and sections 2 and 3, township 2 north, range 30 east;

Thence north along the section line to the south sixteenth corner between sections 34 and 35;

Thence west along the south sixteenth line to the southeast sixteenth corner of section 34;

Thence south along the east sixteenth line to the east sixteenth corner between section 34, township 3 north, range 30 east, and section 3, township 2 north, range 30 east;

Thence west along the township line to the west sixteenth corner between section 34, township 3 north, range 30 east, and section 3, township 2 north, range 30 east, principal meridian, Montana;

Thence south along the west sixteenth line to the C-N-NW sixty-fourth corner of section 3, which is the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of lot 5, section 3, township 2 north, range 30 east, principal meridian, Montana;

Thence west along the sixty-fourth line to the NW-NW sixty-fourth corner, which is the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of lot 5, section 3;

Thence south along the sixty-fourth line to the C-W-NW sixty-fourth corner, which is the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of lot 5, section 3;

Thence east along the north sixteenth line to the C-W-NE sixty-fourth corner, which is the northeast corner of the west half of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 3;

Thence south along the sixty-fourth line to the C-W-E sixty-fourth corner, which is the southeast corner of the west half of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 3;

Thence east along the quarter line to the C-E-E sixty-fourth corner, which is the northeast corner of the west half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 3;

Thence south along the sixty-fourth line to the C-E-SE sixty-fourth corner, which is the southeast corner of the west half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 3;

Thence west along the south sixteenth line to the southeast sixteenth corner of section 3;

Thence south along the east sixteenth line to the east sixteenth corner of section 10;

Thence east along the quarter line to the C-E-E sixty-fourth corner, which is the northeast corner of the west half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 10;

Thence south along the sixty-fourth line to the C-E-SE sixty-fourth corner, which is the southeast corner of the west half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 10;

Thence east along the south sixteenth line to the south sixteenth corner between sections 10 and 11;

Thence south along the section line to the quarter corner between sections 14 and 15;

Thence east along the quarter line to the C-W-W-W two-hundred-fifty-sixth corner, which is the northeast corner of the west half of the west half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 14;

Thence south along the two-hundred-fifty-sixth line to the C-W-W southwest two-hundred-fifty-sixth corner, which is the southeast corner of the west half of the west half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 14;

Thence east along the south sixteenth line to the C-W-SW sixty-fourth corner, which is the northeast corner of the west half of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 14;

Thence south along the sixty-fourth line to the W-W sixty-fourth corner between sections 14 and 23, which is the southeast corner of the west half of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 14;

Thence east along the section line to the E-W sixty-fourth corner between sections 14 and 23, which is the northeast corner of the west half of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 23;

Thence south along the sixty-fourth line to the C-E-NW sixty-fourth corner, which is the southeast corner of the west half of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 23;

Thence west along the north sixteenth line to the north sixteenth corner between sections 22 and 23;

Thence south along the section line to the north sixteenth corner between sections 26 and 27;

Thence west along the north sixteenth line to the north sixteenth corner between sections 27 and 28;

Thence north along the section line to the south sixteenth corner between sections 21 and 22;

Thence west along the south sixteenth line to the south sixteenth corner of section 21;

Thence north along the quarter line to the quarter corner between sections 16 and 21;

Thence west along the section line to the west sixteenth corner between sections 16 and 21;

Thence south along the west sixteenth line to the northwest sixteenth corner of section 21;

Thence west along the north sixteenth line to the north sixteenth corner between sections 20 and 21;

Thence north along the section line to the corner common to sections 16, 17, 20, and 21;

Thence east along the section line to the W-W sixty-fourth corner between sections 16 and 21, which is the southeast corner of the west half of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 16;

Thence north along the sixty-fourth line to the C-W-SW sixty-fourth corner, which is the northeast corner of the west half of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 16;

Thence west along the south sixteenth line to the C-W-W-SW two-hundred-fifty-sixth corner, which is the southeast corner of the west half of the west half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 16;

Thence north along the two-hundred-fifty-sixth line to the C-W-W-W two-hundred-fifty-sixth corner, which is the northeast corner of the west half of the west half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 16;

Thence west along the quarter line to the quarter corner between sections 16 and 17;

Thence north along the section line to the quarter corner between sections 8 and 9;

Thence west along the quarter line to the quarter corner between sections 7 and 8; thence north along the section line to the corner common to sections 5, 6, 7, and 8;

Thence west along the section line to the quarter corner between sections 6 and 7;

Thence north along the quarter line to the C-S-S sixty-fourth corner, which is the northeast corner of the south half of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 6;

Thence west along the sixty-fourth line to the C-S-SW sixty-fourth corner which is the northwest corner of the south half of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 6;

Thence north along the west sixteenth line to the southwest sixteenth corner of section 6;

Thence west along the south sixteenth line to the south sixteenth corner between section 1, township 2 north, range 29 east, and section 6, township 2 north, range 30 east, principal meridian, Montana;

Thence south along the range line to the S-S sixty-fourth corner between said sections 1 and 6, which is the southeast corner of the north half of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 1;

Thence west along the sixty-fourth line to the C-S-SW sixty-fourth corner of section 2, which is the northwest corner of the south half of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 2;

Thence south along the west sixteenth line to the west sixteenth corner between sections 2 and 11;

Thence west along the section line to the corner common to sections 3, 4, 9, and 10;

Thence south along the section line to the north sixteenth corner between sections 9 and 10;

Thence west along the north sixteenth line to the northeast sixteenth corner of section 9;

Thence north along the east sixteenth line to the east sixteenth corner between sections 4 and 9;

Thence west along the section line to the corner common to sections 5, 6, 7, and 8;

Thence south along the section line to the south sixteenth corner between sections 7 and 8;

Thence west along the south sixteenth line to the south sixteenth corner of section 7;

Thence south along the quarter line to the quarter corner between sections 7 and 18;

Thence west along the section line to the west sixteenth corner between sections 7 and 18;

Thence north along the west sixteenth line to the C-S-SW sixty-fourth corner, which is the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of lot 11, section 7;

Thence west along the sixty-fourth line to the SW-SW sixty-fourth corner, which is the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of lot 11, section 7;

Thence south along the sixty-fourth line to the W-W sixty-fourth corner between sections 7 and 18, which is the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of lot 11, section 7;

Thence west along the section line to the corner common to sections 7 and 18, township 2 north, range 29 east, and sections 12 and 13, township 2 north, range 28 east, principal meridian, Montana;

Thence south along the section line to the north sixteenth corner between sections 13 and 18;

Thence west along the north sixteenth line to the northeast sixteenth corner of section 14, township 2 north, range 28 east;

Thence south along the east sixteenth line to the east sixteenth corner of section 14;

Thence west along the quarter line to the west sixteenth corner of section 14;

Thence south along the west sixteenth line to the southwest sixteenth corner of section 14;

Thence west along the south sixteenth line to the south sixteenth corner between sections 14 and 15;

Thence south along the section line to S-S sixty-fourth corner between sections 14 and 15, which is the southeast corner of the north half of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 15;

Thence west along the sixty-fourth line to the C-S-SE sixty-fourth corner, which is the southwest corner of the north half of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 15;

Thence north along the east sixteenth line to the southeast sixteenth corner of section 15;

Thence west along the south sixteenth line to the south sixteenth corner of section 15;

Thence north along the quarter line to the C fourth corner of section 15;

Thence west along the quarter line to the west sixteenth corner of section 15;

Thence south along the west sixteenth line to the southwest sixteenth corner of section 15;

Thence west along the south sixteenth line to the south sixteenth corner between sections 15 and 16;

Thence south along the section line to the corner common to sections 15, 16, 21, and 22;

Thence west along the section line to the east sixteenth corner between sections 16 and 21;

Thence south along the east sixteenth line to the northeast sixteenth corner of section 21;

Thence west along the north sixteenth line to the north sixteenth corner of section 21;

Thence south along the quarter line to the C-S-N sixty-fourth corner, which is the southeast corner of the north half of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 21;

Thence west along the sixty-fourth line to the C-S-NW sixty-fourth corner, which is the southwest corner of the north half of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 21;

Thence south along the west sixteenth line to the C-N-SW sixty-fourth corner, which is the southeast corner of the north half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 21;

Thence west along the sixty-fourth line to the N-S sixty-fourth corner between sections 20 and 21, which is the southwest corner of the north half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 21;

Thence south along the section line to the south sixteenth corner between sections 20 and 21;

Thence west along the south sixteenth line to the southeast sixteenth corner of section 20;

Thence south along the east sixteenth line to the C-S-SE sixty-fourth corner, which is the southeast corner of the north half of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 20;

Thence west along the sixty-fourth line to the C-S-S sixty-fourth corner, which is the southwest corner of the north half of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 20;

Thence south along the quarter line to the quarter corner between sections 20 and 29;

Thence west along the section line to the west sixteenth corner between sections 20 and 29;

Thence south along the west sixteenth line to the northwest sixteenth corner of section 29;

Thence west along the north sixteenth line to the north sixteenth corner between sections 29 and 30;

Thence north along the section line to the corner common to sections 19, 20, 29, and 30;

Thence west along the section line to the quarter corner between sections 19 and 30;

Thence south along the quarter line to the C quarter corner of section 30;

Thence west along the quarter line to the west sixteenth corner of section 30;

Thence south along the west sixteenth line to the southwest sixteenth corner of section 30;

Thence west along the south sixteenth line to the south sixteenth corner between section 30, township 2 north, range 28 east, and section 25, township 2 north, range 27 east, principal meridian, Montana;

Thence south along the range line to the corner common to sections 30 and 31, township 2 north, range 28 east, and sections 25 and 36, township 2 north, range 27 east;

Thence west along the section line to the E-W sixty-fourth corner between sections 25 and 36, which is the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 36;

Thence south along the sixty-fourth line to the NE-NW sixty-fourth corner, which is the southeast corner of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 36;

Thence west along the sixty-fourth line to the C-N-NW sixty-fourth corner, which is the southwest corner of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 36;

Thence south along the west sixteenth line to the northwest sixteenth corner of section 36;

Thence west along the north sixteenth line to the C-W-NW sixty-fourth corner, which is the northeast corner of the west half of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 36;

Thence south along the sixty-fourth line to the C-W-W sixty-fourth corner, which is the southeast corner of the west half of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 36;

Thence west along the quarter line to the quarter corner between sections 35 and 36;

Thence south along the section line to the N-S sixty-fourth corner between sections 35 and 36, which is the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 35;

Thence west along the sixty-fourth line to the NE-SE sixty-fourth corner, which is the southwest corner of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 35;

Thence south along the sixty-fourth line to the C-E-SE sixty-fourth corner, which is the southeast corner of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 35;

Thence west along the south sixteenth line to the southwest sixteenth corner of section 35;

Thence south along the west sixteenth line to the C-S-SW sixty-fourth corner, which is the southeast corner of the north half of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 35;

Thence west along the sixty-fourth line to the S-S sixty-fourth corner between sections 34 and 35, which is the southwest corner of the north half of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 35;

Thence south along the section line to the corner of the township line common to sections 34 and 35;

Thence west along the township line between townships 1 and 2 north, range 27 east, to the midchannel of the Yellowstone River;

Thence downstream along the midchannel of the Yellowstone River to the point of beginning.

Transfer of
funds.

(b) There is hereby authorized to be transferred in the Treasury of the United States from funds now or hereafter made available to the Bureau of Reclamation and to be placed to the credit of the Crow Tribe of Indians a sum equal to all net revenues collected by the United States from grazing and agricultural leases on and other uses of the undisposed of ceded Crow lands referred to in subsection (a) of this section between 1904 and the date of this Act, together with interest which would have been earned in accordance with law on such revenues had they been deposited in the trust funds of the Tribe, as received: *Provided*, That such transfer shall not affect the credit of any part of such revenues to the repayment obligation of the Huntley Irrigation District as provided in its contract with the United States dated January 2, 1927.

Restoration of
vacant lands.

SEC. 2. All unentered and vacant lands within the area described in section 1 hereof, are hereby restored to the public domain for administration, use, occupancy, and disposal under the reclamation and public-land laws of the United States, and shall not be subject to any other law with respect to Indian ceded lands: *Provided*, That the minerals reserved for the benefit of the Crow Tribe pursuant to section 1 hereof shall be leased or otherwise disposed of under the laws and regulations relating to Indian trust lands.

Net proceeds.

SEC. 3. The sum transferred to the credit of the Crow Tribe of Indians as aforesaid and the expenses of carrying out the provisions of this Act shall be nonreimbursable and nonreturnable under the reclamation laws of the United States. The net proceeds derived from the disposal of said lands shall be covered into the general fund of the Treasury or into the reclamation fund as the Secretary of the Interior shall find appropriate in the light of the source from which the funds transferred or expended in carrying out this Act are derived.

Delegation of
authority.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to perform any and all acts to carry out the provisions and purposes of this Act.

Approved August 14, 1958.