

[CHAPTER 63]

## AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant concessions on reservoir sites and other lands in connection with Federal Indian irrigation projects wholly or partly Indian, and to lease the lands in such reserves for agricultural, grazing, and other purposes.

*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 be, and he is hereby, authorized, in his discretion, to grant concessions on reservoir sites, reserves for canals or flowage areas, and other lands under his jurisdiction which have been withdrawn or otherwise acquired in connection with the San Carlos, Fort Hall, Flathead, and Duck Valley or Western Shoshone irrigation projects for the benefit in whole or in part of Indians, and to lease such lands for agricultural, grazing, or other purposes: *Provided*, That no lands so leased shall be eligible for benefit payments under the crop control program, or the soil conservation act: *Provided further*, That such concessions may be granted or lands leased by the Secretary of the Interior under such rules, regulations, and laws as govern his administration of the public domain as far as applicable, for such considerations, monetary or otherwise, and for such periods of time as he may deem proper, the term of no concession to exceed a period of ten years: *Provided further*, That the funds derived from such concessions or leases, except funds so derived from Indian tribal property withdrawn for irrigation purposes and for which the tribe has not been compensated, shall be available for expenditure in accordance with the existing laws in the operation and maintenance of the irrigation projects with which they are connected. Any funds derived from reserves for which the tribe has not been compensated shall be deposited to the credit of the proper tribe: *Provided further*, That where tribal lands of any Indian tribe organized under section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), have been withdrawn or reserved for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned, such lands may be leased or concessions may be granted thereon only by the proper tribal authorities, upon such conditions and subject to such limitations as may be set forth in the constitution and bylaws or charter of the respective tribes.*

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Indian irrigation projects.  
Concessions on reservoir sites and other lands, authorized.

Leases for agricultural, grazing, etc., purposes.  
*Provided*.  
Ineligibility for benefit payments.

Conditions prescribed.

Term limitation.  
Maintenance, etc.

Use of funds from reserves for which tribe has not been compensated.

Tribal lands; lease restrictions.  
48 Stat. 987.  
25 U. S. C. § 476.