

Public Law 87-237

AN ACT

September 14, 1961  
[S. 2216]

To authorize the transfer of three units of the Fort Belknap Indian irrigation project to the landowners within the project.

*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 to transfer to an association or organization of the landowners whose lands are served by the following units of the Fort Belknap Indian irrigation project all of the right, title, and interest of the United States in the irrigation project works of each unit:*

(1) Upper Peoples Creek (Hays) unit, located in township 26 north, ranges 23 and 24 east, P.M.M., about 24 miles south of the Fort Belknap agency headquarters.

(2) Big Warm unit, located along the east boundary of the Fort Belknap Reservation in township 27 north, range 26 east, P.M.M., about 36 airline miles from the Fort Belknap agency headquarters.

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(3) Lower Peoples Creek (Ereaux) unit, located in the northeast corner of the Fort Belknap Reservation in townships 30 and 31, range 26 east, P.M.M., about 21 airline miles from the Fort Belknap agency headquarters.

Conditions. The transferees shall thereafter have sole responsibility for the care, operation, and maintenance of the irrigation works of the units, and the United States shall have no responsibility therefor. The transfer of each unit shall be made in such form and under such conditions as the Secretary deems adequate to protect the interests of each landowner served by the unit, and shall include the rights-of-way for canals, laterals, and other project works that are transferred.

Cancellation of charges. SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to cancel all accrued operation and maintenance charges at the time a transfer authorized by section 1 of this Act is made.

Approved September 14, 1961.