

March 13, 1963

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Mr. Amos A. Hopkins /aka/ Dukes  
Box 1010, Register No. 34042  
Canon City, Colorado

Dear Mr. Dukes:

According to the enclosed letter from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, you have a certificate of eligibility showing that you are entitled to file an application for allotment on the public domain.

It is pointed out, however, that the task of locating such land is one that you must perform.

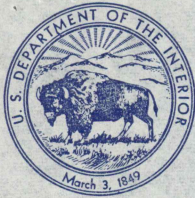
Additional information will be forthcoming from the Bureau of Land Management, and when it is received, it will be forwarded to you.

With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure





UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
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Hon. A. S. Mike Monroney  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Monroney:

This relates to your communication of March 1 and the letter from Mr. Amos A. Hopkins, Box 1010, Canon City, Colorado, in which he makes further inquiry concerning an allotment of land on the public domain.

Mr. Hopkins has now obtained a certificate of eligibility showing that he is an Indian entitled to file an application for allotment on the public domain as provided in 43 CFR 176, and the task of locating such land is one which he must carry out.

The questions that he raises in his letter concern matters that are under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management. For that reason we are forwarding copies of your communication to that Office for further reply to you.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) E. REESEMAN FRYER  
ASSISTANT  
Commissioner



March 1, 1963

Mr. Amos A. Hopkins /aka/ Dukes ✓  
Box 1010, Register No. 34042  
Canon City, Colorado

Dear Mr. Dukes:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter requesting information on public domain lands suitable for Indian allotment as authorized under the Act of February 8, 1887, and amendments thereto.

The information you request is not immediately available. However, efforts are being made to obtain it, and I will write you again just as soon as I have something to report.

With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



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Box IOIO, Canon City, Colorado

Honorable Mike Monroney U. S. Senator

House of Representatives

Washington 25, D. C.

February 25, 1963

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Dear Senator Monroney:

After having received the requested information form your office concerning the Acts of Congress governing Indian land allotments on the public domain together with the letter form the Department of the Interior outlining the necessary steps I must take in order to make application for Indian land allotment on the public domain, I requested and received a certificate of eligibility for land from the Area Director of Indian Affairs in Anadarko. Now the problem remains for me to locate land on the public domain "suitable for Indian allotment".

I have directed inquiries by mail to the State Land Office of the Bureau of Land Management in nine different states as well as to the Bureau of Land Management in Washington, D. C., but as yet, have not aroused a reply. Perhaps you can again help me obtain some information that I need, I would appreciate it very much if you will. An outline of the information I now seek is listed below:

1. What constitutes public domain land "suitable for Indian allotment. Is certain lands now set aside that are so classified and how can one obtain a listing of such land.
2. Is there a bill currently being introduced by the Interior Department seeking to end the right to public domain allotment of land to Indians that is now authorized under Section 4 of the Act of February 8, 1887 (24 Stat. 389), as amended by Section 4 of the Act of February 28, 1891 (26 Stat. 795), and by Section 17 of the Act of June 25, 1910 (36 Stat. 860).
3. Should an Indian, as described eligible for allotment, in keeping with the laws as set forth in Code of Federal Regulations, Title 43, Part 176-Indian Allotments and Possessions, - make application for land allotment on the public domain: What are present Departmental policies toward such application in the sense that, is such application treated as a matter of the Indian's basic rights to land or is the matter treated as subject to other Departmental interpretations and regulations as may exist. In short, how much red tape is involved and how is such a claim for land viewed by the United States Government. Is such an application approved as a matter of general law and policy or can one expect built in obstacles.
4. Does any United States Government Agency exist where it is possible to obtain from such agency, information, maps, etc., that would aid an individual Indian in locating such public domain lands classified as "suitable for Indian allotment" and if so, where may one write to contact such agency.

Thank you for your help in this matter. With great respect for you, I am

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