



LANDS OWNED BY TAOS PUEBLO

SPANISH GRANT

On August 2, 1856, the officers of Taos Pueblo appeared before the Surveyor General and testified that a Spanish grant had been made to the Pueblo, which had been misplaced. The officers testified that Taos Pueblo was settled before the "conquest" and had been continuously inhabited since. Upon the basis of this testimony, the Surveyor General reported favorably upon the grant on September 30, 1856. The grant was confirmed by the Act of Congress and approved December 22, 1858 (11 Stat. 374). The Taos Pueblo Land Grant was patented by the United States of America on November 1, 1864.

The gross area of the Taos Pueblo Land Grant is 17,390.13 acres. By the rulings of the Pueblo Lands Board and the U.S. District Court, 2,755.303 acres within the Grant were declared non-Indian title. By purchases or exchanges, the Pueblo has acquired 155.124 acres of the private claims within the Grant and has relinquished 0.033 acres. The net acreage of private claims within the Taos Pueblo Land Grant is 2,600.212 acres.

In 2001, Taos Pueblo sold former P.C. 137 P.1 to Ms. Laura Becker, a non-Indian neighbor to the west of this property. BIA approved the sale in 2002 and 0.169 acres has been extinguished of Indian title. In 2005, Taos Pueblo sold former P.C. 51 P.2 to Ms. Pamela Parsons, a non-Indian who lives across the street from this property. BIA approved the sale in 2006 and 0.153 acres has been extinguished of Indian title. In 2007, Taos Pueblo sold former P.C. 46 P.2 to Toby Zorthian, a non-tribal member to the north of this property. BIA approved the sale in 2009 and 0.063 acres has been extinguished of Indian title.

There was a government administrative site of 8.25 acres within the grant. Due to transfers made to the Tribe, there remains 5.963 acres for the BIA Day School. Subtracting the private claims, the sale of PC 137, PC 51, PC 46 and the administrative site, the net Indian area within the **Taos Pueblo Land Grant is 14,783.417 acres.**

TENORIO TRACT PURCHASE

By deed dated April 13, 1818, Taos Pueblo acquired the Tenorio Tract from Miguel Tenorio, acting as attorney for the heirs of Diego Rafael Martin. This deed was recognized and established as the basis of Indian title to the Tenorio Tract by the Pueblo Lands Board. The area of the **Tenorio Tract is 5,695.92 acres**, in which there are no private claims. The Tract adjoins the north boundary line of the Taos Pueblo Land Grant. The west half of the Tract was divided into 16 acre lots and assigned to the heads of family during the 1940's.

COMPENSATION PURCHASES

KARAVAS PURCHASES - Taos Pueblo purchased a total 773.786 acres from John and James Karavas on August 8, 1942. 154.985 acres are private claims with the Taos Pueblo Land Grant and are included in the net Indian acreage of the Grant in order to prevent duplication. The **net balance of the Karavas Purchase is 618.801 acres**, which is located outside of the Taos Pueblo Land Grant.

ANTONIO MARTINEZ GRANT

By friendly condemnation, dated November 21, 1941, Taos Pueblo acquired 26,237.58 acres from the Watson Land Company within the Antonio Martinez Grant. The acreage is in three separate tracts. **Tract A** is located west of the Taos Pueblo Land Grant and **contains 16,692.10 acres**. **Tract B** is located northwest of the Taos Pueblo Land Grant and **contains 3,796.48 acres**. **Tract C** is located northeast of the Taos Pueblo Land Grant, adjoining the Tenorio Tract Purchase, and **contains 5,749.00 acres**. Tract A and Tract B are located several miles from the main Taos Pueblo Land Base.

BLUE LAKE

On December 15, 1970, President Richard Nixon signed Public Law 91-550 (84 Stat. 1437-1439), placing 48,000 acres of forest land, including Blue Lake, into trust status for the Pueblo of Taos. This area had been designated as part of the Carson National Forest in 1906. After a sixty-four year struggle by our people, they were able to regain ownership of what is now the Blue Lake Wilderness Area (48,000 acres). Known as the "Path of Life" (Bottleneck) area, 711.80 acres were returned to Taos Pueblo upon the signing of Public Law 104-333 by President William Jefferson Clinton on November 12, 1996. This completes the 90 year struggle for the restoration of Blue Lake to the Taos Pueblo people that began in 1906. The official acreage for the Bottleneck was certified by the Bureau of Land Management Cadastral Surveyors on September 24, 1999. **The total acreage for the Blue Lake Wilderness is 48,711.80 acres.**

GIFT DEEDS

On June 1, 1971, a Warranty Deed was accepted from Fred L. Losee and Florence V. Losee by the United States of America for a **0.25 acre lot** to be held in trust for Taos Pueblo. The lot was given to Taos Pueblo as a donation. This lot is located within the **Carson Estates Subdivision** in Section 12, Township 26 North, Range 13 East, Taos County. This land is several miles west of Tract A and does not adjoin any other Pueblo lands.

In July 2012, Taos Land Trust transferred the **Ponce de Leon Hot Springs** to Taos Pueblo in the amount of **43.77 acres**. This parcel is located in the Llano Quemado and is currently not in trust status.

OTHER PURCHASES

Other purchases made by Taos Pueblo include **2.48 acres** in the Questa area (**Red Clay pasture and campground**), **40.0 acres purchased from the Resolution Trust Company** located within the area known as the "Aboriginal Land Claim Area" (West of Ski Valley Road), and **as part of the Taos Pueblo Ranch Purchase (formerly the Moreno Ranch), 15,239* acres purchased from Bobby Butler, a private landowner of the Moreno Ranch West**. Taos Pueblo was able to pay the Ranch off in 2013. The acreage listed in "Other Purchases" is not in trust status for various reasons.

TOTAL TRIBAL LANDS

The total acreage of Taos Pueblo Lands amounts to +/- 111,378.99 acres.

*Correction made on the total acres for Taos Pueblo Ranch +/- 15,239 acres. Therefore, total Tribal Lands changed to +/- 111,378.99 acres