

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Dear Mr. Snyder:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the draft of a bill to provide for the reservation of certain lands in Arizona for the Havasupai Tribe of Indians.

The lands described in the bill are located in the Tusayan National Forest and were set aside for the use of the Havasupai Indians by the Forest Service. The Secretary of Agriculture has recommended that the lands in question be eliminated from the National Forest pending Congressional authority to reserve them permanently for the benefit and use of the Havasupai Indians, and this Department has taken preliminary steps to obtain an Executive Order for that purpose and to temporarily withdraw said lands from settlement, location, sale or entry in aid of the legislation now proposed.

Section 27 of the Indian Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1930 (Public No. 3- 66th Congress) provides "That hereafter no public lands of the United States shall be withdrawn by Executive Order, Proclamation or otherwise for or as an Indian Reservation, except by act of Congress." Hence it is necessary to present this matter to Congress.

The present reservation of the Havasupai Indians is limited to about 518 acres of land located in a narrow canyon not more than one half mile wide at the widest part and surrounded by perpendicular walls 2000 feet high. Only about 350 acres of the land can be cultivated and all of that is now in use by the Indians who have constructed irrigation ditches in order to obtain maximum crops therefrom.

The location of the present reservation is more or less unhealthy and their lands are subject to floods at certain times of the year. If additional lands are not made available it will be impracticable for these Indians to advance industrially or become self-supporting. The lands described in the proposed legislation are those which have heretofore been used by them for grazing their live stock and unless such lands are made permanently available for their use they will be still further restricted in their means of earning a livelihood.

In view of the conditions herein stated and the apparent urgent need of additional lands by the Indians, I earnestly recommend that the enclosed bill or legislation similar thereto be enacted at the present session of Congress.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) ALEXANDER T. VOGELSANG.

Acting Secretary

Hon. Homer P. Snyder,
Chairman, Committee
on Indian Affairs,
House of Representatives.

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A BILL

Providing for the reservation of certain lands in
Arizona for the Havasupai Tribe of Indians.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

That there is hereby reserved and withdrawn from settlement, occupancy, or disposal under the laws of the United States and dedicated and set apart as a reservation for the benefit, use, and occupancy of the Havasupai Tribe of Indians the tract of land in the State of Arizona particularly described by and included within the metes and bounds as follows to wit:

All of that part of townships 32 N., Ranges 1, 2, 3, and 4, West, and township 33 N., Range 4 West, not included in the Grand Canyon National Park; township 31 N., Range 3 West, Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, and 24; and all of township 31 N., Range 2 West, except Sections 25, 26, 31, 34, 35, and 36, and the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 32.