

Announcement to Hopis of Certain Hopi Jurisdiction  
Policies in Effect Henceforward

(Read, with discussion, to Council and people at Oraibi, July 14, 1938)

1. Under the new Superintendent, Mr. Seth Wilson, the Keams Canyon school and plant will be returned to the jurisdiction of the Hopi Superintendent.
2. The new Superintendent will be administratively in charge of all activities carried out within the Hopi land management district.
3. All projects of land development, water development, and other projects of development within the Hopi land management district will be prepared in conjunction with the Hopi Superintendent and the Hopi Council and will be presented to the Council for final approval.
4. To make possible more work projects, and the payment to labor of a larger proportion of the total amount appropriated for such projects, the irrigation and road projects in the Hopi land management district will make use of the technical and supervisory personnel and the equipment of the Navajo service, with the understanding that the work will be performed under the administrative control of the Hopi Superintendent; and for such projects the labor used will be exclusively resident within the Hopi Land Management District.
5. The Soil Conservation Service, whose headquarters are at Gallup, N. M., will:
  - (a) Assist in the finding of facts and the formulating of plans for land and water improvement and for range management, such plans to be submitted to the Hopi Council through the Hopi Superintendent.
  - (b) Supply conditional upon Hopi co-operation, funds and supervision for water and range developments other than irrigation.
  - (c) Will carry on in addition to the above water and range development such erosion control work as is feasible within Soil Conservation policy which requires a certain contribution and co-operation upon the part of the Indians.
  - (d) Conditional upon (b) and (c), place in the Hopi Agency a representative of the Soil Conservation Service who will be administratively a member of the Hopi Superintendent's staff in carrying out the Soil Conservation work.
6. Nothing in the above (Paragraphs 1 to 5 inclusive) predetermines anything with respect to the ultimate Hopi-Navajo boundary. It is suggested that the Hopi Council shall designate a Committee and that the Navajo Tribal Council shall designate a Committee, and that these Committees shall enter into negotiations upon the matter of a boundary. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs will be prepared to designate a representative to work with these negotiating Committees.

7. It is suggested that the Boundary Negotiation Committee of the Hopi Council, when designated, shall prepare a description of the location of each Hopi shrine and eagle hunting ground and of any area where wood privileges are needed by the Hopis, with a view to negotiating for any needed protection or privilege in these matters.

8. The laws of the United States require the conservation of the tribal soil and grass. Likewise, the expenditures on water and on land improvement on the Hopi land management district are conditioned upon the adoption of the right land use practices, necessitating certain reductions in the number of livestock carried on this range. This reduction can be accomplished in part through the selling of old ewes, unnecessary horses, old cows and steers and other unproductive stock.