

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE
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Gallup, New Mexico

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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. H. E. Holman

From: Cyrus Maddox

Subject: Proposed boundary line change between District No. 4 and District No. 7.

Please be advised that Mr. Gus Griffin, Mr. Ed Stocks and myself recently made a field analysis of the present boundary line separating District No. 4 from District No. 7. As a result of this survey, I present the following information and recommendations:

The portion of the line in question is subject to considerable livestock trespass. The part subject to this trespass extends from a point adjacent to the Polacca Wash Road, which is about two miles southeast of Lowe Mountain, eastward along the top of the drainage divide approximately 16 miles to Chetchizzie Spring. The attached maps show the present and proposed boundary lines.

There are 24 families, owning 2,017 sheep units, collectively, which trespass back and forth over the present boundary line. Attached is a list of the names of the family heads and the sheep units which they own. A large number of these people have farms and hogans located in the valley now in District No. 4 proper, where they remain during the spring and summer months. During the winter and at other times during the year, these same people move southward over the drainage divide into District No. 7 for the purpose of grazing their livestock and securing fuel. This movement has been a long-established practice, and it is believed that it would be almost impossible and impractical to secure respect for the present boundary line. Therefore, it is recommended that the present line be abolished and a new line established, as shown by the green ink on the map. This recommended line will diverge from

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the present one at a prominent rock point adjacent to the Polacca Wash Road; it will run eastward from this point to the southwest corner of Lowe Mountain, where it joins the natural barrier provided on the south side of Lowe Mountain. It will run eastward along the Lowe Mountain escarpment, then northward to Permanent Spring, M-75. From this spring, the line will run in a northeasterly direction across the drainage divide and join in to a prominent point on a mesa which, for the most part, is inaccessible to livestock; thence, the line will run northward along the escarpment of this mesa to the northwest corner of the mesa, where it will join in with the present sub-unit boundary line. The proposed boundary line will run eastward along an excellent livestock barrier to the District No. 10 boundary line. The proposed line runs close to three different stock-waters, all of which will, probably, be used by stock from both Districts 4 and 7. In this case, this usage is practical and necessary; but any trespass into one district from another other than for the purpose of watering livestock, will be held to a minimum.

The area to be added to District No. 7 and deducted from District No. 4 amounts to, approximately, the following: 65,518 surface acres; 4,039 forage acres; and 1,616 sheep units' carrying capacity yearlong.

In my opinion, changing of the present line and establishing the proposed line is justified for the following reasons:

1. Livestock trespass from District No. 4 to District No. 7 would be largely eliminated.
2. Prior range rights and present range use would be retained.
3. At least 75 per cent of the proposed line will run along a satisfactory livestock barrier.
4. Range of District No. 4 is weak compared to that of No. 7; therefore, the change will help equalize the load on the two district ranges. Also, the maximum limits of the two districts will be brought closer together by this line change than would otherwise be the case.
5. Practically all the Indians within the area to be added to District No. 7 trade, dip their sheep, and graze their livestock southward into the Jeddito country, which is located well within the boundaries of No. 7. The proposed line, therefore, will adequately separate this movement from the northward movement

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of the Indians located north of the proposed boundary line.

6. This change will eliminate the necessity of the construction of a new dipping vat near Lowe Mountain.
7. The proposed change has been taken up with the tribal delegates of both Districts No's. 4 and 7. These delegates have approved and consented to the change, as is evidenced by the attached letters received from Mr. Stocks and Mr. Griffin.

The administration of the added area to No. 7 will naturally come under the supervision of Mr. Stocks. Although Mr. Stocks is headquartered at Cedar Springs, it is believed that he can satisfactorily administrate this area. At the present time, a range rider, Mr. Jones by name, is located advantageously in the area at Chetohizzie Springs. Since he is established on this area, acquainted with the Indians and is liked by them, I would suggest that this man be retained where he is, except that his immediate superior be changed from Mr. Griffin to Mr. Stocks. It is likely that the range rider from this location can extend his scope of territory southward into the mesa and join in with the range rider working northward out of Jeddito.

It is hoped that this report will meet with your approval and that the change be expedited in order that we may be free to isolate District No. 7 insofar as inter-district livestock movements are concerned.

I hope to hear from you soon on this matter.

Respectfully submitted:

Cyrus W. Maddox.

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attachments

cc: Mr. Stocks
Mr. Griffin

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PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGE OF DISTRICTS NO'S. 4 AND 7

Dist. #4:
 Sub-Unit 4 -- 90,280 S.A. ----- less 65,518 = 24,762 S.A. ----- to be retained in #4 S.U. 4 proper.
 " " 4 -- 5,970 F.A. ----- less 4,039 = 1,931 F.A. ----- to be retained in #4 S.U. 4 proper.
 " " 4 -- 2,388 S.U.Y.L. C.C. less 1,616 = 772 S.U.Y.L. C.C. to be retained in #4 S.U. 4 proper.

	S.A.	F.A.	S.Y.L
#7 Additions	65,518	4,039	1,616
#4 Subtractions -----	65,518	4,039	1,616
Present Status #7 -----	924,082	127,848	51,139 ?
Add: ? 65,518	65,518	4,039	1,616
Totals -----	989,600	131,887	52,755
Present Status #4 -----	966,685	79,708	33,499 ?
Subtract: 65,518	65,518	4,039	1,616
Totals -----	901,167	75,669	31,883

Present S. units on #7 -----
 Add S.U. from #4

Present Sheep Units on #4 ---
 Subtract those added to #7:

Handwritten notes:
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 127,848 correct
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Dist. No. 4 Indians Trespassing To No. 7.

NAME	CENSUS NUMBER	SHEEP UNITS OWNED
Mike Pete	137	91
Big John	140	112
John Charley	142	77
Charley Tachinie	142	54
Big Pete	147	383
Big Jim	159	49
Rolens	271	16
Tom Smoke	300	13
Ta han ha Yazzie	344	80
John Salt (Ah-she hum)	428	159
Salawa Begay	471	48
Go Saggy Son	609	133
Tsinijinnie Tsosie Begay	873	52
John Nodestine	1240	13
John Pete	1505	29
John Natwood	1682	40
Salow Begay	3304	69
Harry Cook	64405	192
Gee Bah	?	49
Djannie Bi Mah	?	44
Asdzan Ta han hah	?	12
Adzan Tapaha	?	234
Hosteen Tse Chilly	?	29
Asdzan Tse yu Ti hi Begay	?	39
Total		<u>2017</u>

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