September 1, 1878

Unsigned

1828	OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS REC'D OCT 5	1878

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE.

MOQUIS PUEBLO INDIAN AGENCY,

ARIZONA.

Sept. 1st 1878

Wm R. Mateer,

U. S. Indian Agent.

Inclosures.

SUBJECT.

Monthly Report for August 1878.

Hall

ACTION.

Transferred to Land Div. Oct 5 78

file

L. [illegible]

10/5

Transfer to Land

RG 75, M234, Roll 21
Lts Rec'd by OIA
1824 - 1881

P.

Fort Defia

Hi

Sir

the

alm

su

fet

sal

co

the

Fat

We

des

em

1½ l

do

tro

wi

USPRI000206

REPORT OF

Pueblo Indian Agency,

ARIZONA TERRITORY.

Fort Wingate, N.M. Sept. Mailing

September 1st 1878.

Hon. E. A. Hayt,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington D.C.,

Sir:

I have the honor, respectfully to report that during the month of August we were almost washed out of this Cañon. The unusually heavy and frequent showers which fell from the 15th to the last of the month so saturated and flooded the surrounding country, that the water came down over the bluffs of the Cañon, in places, like the Falls of Niagara as well as from its source. We barely saved the Agency building from destruction, by digging trenches and building embankments. The floods filled the stable from 1½ to 2 feet with sand and finally washed down one end of it. It also completely destroyed our garden, covering everything with sand and mud.

USPRI000207

OFFICE

Moqui & Pueblo Indian Agency,

ARIZONA TERRITORY,

P. O. ADDRESS:
Fort Defiance, Via New Mexico.

187

The Moquis lost fully one third of the wheat, which they had planted at the Agency, and a large percentage of what they saved was badly damaged. They certainly deserve credit for the patience and perseverance which they manifested in gathering, what they did save, out of the mud and sand. I assisted them with rations while working at it.

A large portion of the Moquis lands under cultivation were overflowed with water from the floods which caused the destruction of a considerable percentage of the growing crops. The people of the Pueblo of Ta-qua have lost their entire crop, with few exceptions, and are anxious for a change of location. Some of them have recently been down prospecting along the Little Colorado River.

During the first part of the month I had the Indians build two stone rooms, one for Nag-he-bema, so as to get him out of the

OFFICE

Moqui Pueblo Indian Agency,

ARIZONA TERRITORY,

P.O. ADDRESS,

Fort Defiance, Via Tuba, Ariz.

187

Agency building, and the other for the Indians to stop in while at the Agency. The rains have prevented our completing the roof so far, and from present appearance of things in the Cañon, it is discouraging to ~~complete what should actually be done.~~ I have had most of the necessary repairs made to the Agency building and also several tables, benches, &c. for the school at the Agency. I had the walls of the stable built nearly 2 feet higher last month (July) and now the floods have filled it again inside and surrounding it, with sand and mud; until the walls are no higher than before.

I would suggest for your Honorable consideration the importance of early action in the matter of setting apart a reservation for the Moqui Pueblo Indians. The decision of the Honorable the Secretary of the Interior, that the Atlantic and Pacific R.R. Co., as well as

Panel

OFFICE

Pueblo Indian Agency,

ARIZONA TERRITORY,

P. O. ADDRESS,

Albuquerque, Bernalillo Co. New Mexico,

187

several other Companies, has forfeited its right to nearly all the lands set apart to it, will shortly bring in a great many settlers along the Little Colorado River.

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John R. Moateer,
U. S. Indian Agent.

USPRI000210