

Refer in reply to the following:

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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9, 1890.

C. E. Vandever, Esq.,
U. S. Indian Agent,
Navajo Agency,
Gallup, New Mexico.

Sir:

Under date of July 22, 1890, this Office recommended the execution of certain surveys on the Moqui Reservation in Arizona, suggesting that in making the surveys the deputy-surveyor should consult with you as to the localities to be surveyed, and that the surveys should be confined to agricultural and irrigable land.

In reply, the Commissioner of the General Land Office reports that from the vague and indefinite statements relative to the locality of the desired surveys for allotments, he is of the opinion that to attempt to award a contract for the execution of the surveys in the absence of more precise information as to the extent of territory over which the lands must be extended, would be injudicious. He suggests that the Agent be requested to report as to the probable localities of the 50,000 acres which it is proposed to sub-divide into 40-acre tracts, and to indicate approximately on an official map of Arizona the localities as stated.

In accordance with the above suggestion you will indicate

on the accompanying map, as near as may be, the several localities in which surveys for allotment should be made. If you are unable from your knowledge of the reservation or from information which you can obtain to indicate the localities as above, you will so report, and submit an estimate of what it would cost to employ a competent surveyor to go over the ground with you for the purpose of obtaining the information desired by the General Land Office.

An early report in this matter is requested.

Very respectfully,



Commissioner.

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