



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
State Office
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Phoenix, Arizona

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Commanding Officer

Ft. Huachuca, Arizona

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to an area of land extending northerly and easterly from the eastern boundary of the original Ft. Huachuca Military Reservation to the San Juan de las Boquillos Grant which is commonly designated as the Ft. Huachuca Artillery Range.

This area was declared surplus to military needs and was deeded to the State of Arizona for civilian military training purposes by the War Assets Administration by Deed of March 2, 1949, and Correction Deed of April 18, 1950. Due to consummation of a number of land exchanges between the Arizona State Land Commission and the Bureau of Land Management, a considerable portion of the original artillery range has been reconveyed to the United States under administration of the Bureau of Land Management.

The local field office of the U. S. Army, Corps of Engineers, has filed a request for the withdrawal for military purposes of a portion of the original artillery range, and we have received an application for grazing use of the remaining area and expect to receive additional similar applications. In informal discussions with representatives of the Corps of Engineers, we have been informed that there is a probability that all of the artillery range may be required for military purposes and that an application for withdrawal of all public lands in this area may be filed.

If it is anticipated that a request for the withdrawal of these lands may be filed within a reasonable time, we feel that it would be undesirable to grant grazing privileges on the lands. I would appreciate your advice at your earliest opportunity as to whether it is anticipated that the remainder of the artillery range will be required for military purposes other than National Guard training.

Very truly yours,

E. I. Rowland
State Supervisor

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