

**Appendix 30.A**

Land Use Correspondence

## INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: A. F. GEIGER

DATE: April 5, 1971

FROM: A. KING

COPIES TO:

 B. Grant Files

REFERENCE: Contract No. # 14-20-603-2505  
Mining Lease - Tribal Indian Lands

The Amendment # 4 was passed 68-0 at a regular chapter meeting at the Nenahnezad Chapter on April 4, 1971. Although it took two meetings and a total of about six hours discussion on the amendment, the following were the peoples' main concern;

1. Reclamation in all areas that are mined, so eventually they will be able to reuse the land for grazing. They were assured the company will make all efforts to knock down the spoil piles and make it safe enough so the land will be reuseable.
2. Employment of as many Navajos as we possibly can take. It was mentioned that there are many non-Navajos employed where a Navajo should be working. They were told that we employ Navajos where they are qualified, but we have to have experience and trained personnel on all technical positions.
3. Compensation for their grazing rights and personal property on leased lands. They were advised that the tribe will make appraisal of the grazing land, property, and we are sure they will be fair and make proper compensation.

The meeting was very orderly, but was slow at times. Everything was settled in a friendly atmosphere.

A. King

cc. J. S. Anderson  
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March 4, 1983

Navajo Mine  
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Dear Mr. Skeet:

The intent of this correspondence is to clarify the land use status of the area presently under lease by Utah International (Navajo Mine).

The predominant use of the area in question has been in the form of livestock grazing. Although dryland farming has been attempted, these endeavors have been very limited in scope and have met with marginal results.

Furthermore, the physical and chemical characteristics of the soil types in the area, when coupled with the lack of available irrigation water, precludes the existence of prime farmland in the vicinity of the lease.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Jerry W. Thomas  
Natural Resource Manager

