UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST

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Toiyabe - Settlement,
Jim Ike (Ind) #52.

AUSTIN, NEVADA

January 8, 1912.

Mr. C. H. Asbury,
      Special Indian Agent,
         Room 31, Gazette Bldg.,
            Reno, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 3 has been received:

The Forest officers who made the examination and
survey of the land covered by the above designated application
were personally assisted by the applicant and the corners
were set and the land surveyed exactly as he desired it, fur-
thermore, Jim Ike stated that he was perfectly satisfied with
the area, and that it was all the land that he desired.

While you are correct in the statement that there is
very little of the land that can be put under cultivation,
owing to lack of water with which to irrigate the land, and
that it has no Forest value; the balance has very little
value as range because it is located in the low foothills,
is very rocky and barren, and would not pay the applicant
or anyone else to fence it for range purposes only, and if
the applicant was given the full 160 acres the entire area
in excess of the area cultivated would not support more than

two head of stock during a season. Furthermore, each
settler is allowed to graze a small number of stock on
the National Forests without permit, and it is very doubt-
ful that Jim Ike will accumulate stock in excess of that
number.

While the Forest Service has no objection to
giving the applicant the full area; it would be of ab-
solutely no benefit to him because he would never utilize
it. The present survey of the place includes all the agri-
cultural land, and there is not sufficient water to irrigate
more than one-half of that.

Personally I believe Jim Ike was well satisfied
with the tract as surveyed until the activities of one
L. F. Cler of Manhattan, Nevada, caused him to become dis-
satisfied.

I would be very glad to know whether or not the
above explanation as to why Jim Ike was given such a small
area is satisfactory to you.

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Coffman

Forest Supervisor.