

In. re Application Jim Ika,
Shoshone Indian, lands near Millett, Nev.
(L. Toiyabe Settlement # 52)

Manhattan, Nev. Dec. 31, 1912.

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Mr. C. H. Asbury, Special Indian Agent.

Reno, Nev.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your favor 26th. I do not see that there is any necessity for antagonizing the local forestry officers and such a course would be the last thing I would wish to adopt. A friendly appeal from you would probably bring about all the desired results, namely, the allowance of 160 acres of land at the place indicated. Now as to the statement of facts in the case. The ground is situated at the very base of the Toi-ya-be Range, it is covered with large rocks and boulders washed down from the mountain. As a whole it is absolutely unfit for agricultural purposes or even for grazing. The only way in which anything could be done with it is to laboriously pick up the smaller of the rocks, one by one, and carry them off the ground. No white man would care to make any use of this ground unless it be the part that Jim Ika has cleared in this manner with the aid of his wife and daughter. The man is a most deserving one, industrious, sober and reliable in all ways and should be encouraged in his endeavors to make a home. He is not very strong and has been obliged to come to Manhattan, for medical aid. There is a chance for him to make the place support him later on, in default of which he will probably become a public charge owing to his physical condition. I do not think the forest officers would object to giving him the full amount asked for upon a proper showing. This I most earnestly ask of you on his behalf.

Very respectfully,

L. J. Blair