

Belmont Nevada  
July 20. 21

Mr L. D. Creel.  
Reno.

Dear Sir:- I wrote to the Supervisor in regard to the Indian Ranches and it afterward occurred to me I should have written to you. He will probably hand the letter to you but to be sure I'll write to you any way.

I want this thing straight. Fisherman has always tried to get rid of his place in any way he could. He can't make his salt there and suggested himself for me to take care of his 4 cows and he would go to Rd. Mountain where he is getting good wages. Alot Mike wanted the hay on his place and I was to get the pasture. I didn't

Now it was unhelpful as they have  
used their places before at times  
and if I can't cut the hay now  
it will dry up as the water is low  
and they don't want to quit their  
jobs + come do it. So please advise  
me what to do at once what to do.

I paid them and have been  
taking care of the places and  
I must say it is rather  
discouraging.

Yours truly,

Claude Wealman  
Belmont.  
Nev.

- Reno Agency -

Reno, Nevada,  
July 21, 1921.

Messrs. Syd, Fisherman and Alack Mike,  
S. L. F. Olar,  
Manhattan, Nevada.

Dear Friends:

We are sending a copy of a letter to Mr. Olar, which we have written to Mr. Claud Sealman. He will read and explain this letter to you fully.

The titles to your land in Monitor Valley are controlled by the Indian Office at Washington, under a restrictive clause for 25 years. This means that you can neither sell nor lease your lands to anyone, without consent of the Indian Department, through the Reno Indian Office.

Mr. Sealman refuses to execute the kind of leases demanded by the Indian Office, and we have written him to take his cattle off the land and not cut any hay, and also leave the fences and buildings in as good condition as he found them. The money paid to you will be kept by you as some recompense for his use of the land so far. Therefore, you had better get back to your lands as soon as possible and take care of your hay and other effects.

You must remember that for a number of years, Mr. Olar and Shaskan connected with the Reno Indian Office have been working very hard to get lands for you for homes for yourself and families. We do not desire to see all this labor wasted, and you left again without a home. Please remember that you cannot enter into any bargains with white people for your lands without the consent of the Indian Office and do not do this again.

Very truly yours,

F. F. LOWBERGAN  
Superintendent

Lorenus D. Greal,  
Special Supervisor.

LDC:GM

Reno Agency

Reno, Nevada,  
July 31, 1931.

Mr. Claude Neelman,

Belmont, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

I am presuming that the letter written on the back of my letter to you of July 9th, 1931, although neither dated or signed, was written by yourself or at your instance.

Therefore, as it appears from the letter referred to, you are unwilling to comply with the regulations of our department, as to executing and signing a lease, that the only thing for us to do is to request that you vacate the Indianlands you are now occupying at once, taking special care to leave fences, buildings and other improvements in as good condition as you found them.

Any payment that you have made to the Indians will stand as remuneration to them for the use of their lands up to date.

The Federal statutes covering dealing with the Indians on restricted lands, are very severe, and this office has no desire to take any steps to enforce the same, assuming that you have done this through ignorance, and are willing to drop the matter, provided your attitude toward the Indians in the future is correct and just. This office understands that you have been the cause of creating some friction between the Indians. We hope that this was inadvertant on your part, and not with the intention of causing any trouble. As to your statement that the Indians have never made a living, would say that we have kept in pretty close touch with them and have never known anything to the contrary.

Trusting that you will lose no time in vacating these lands, we are

Very respectfully,

F. F. LOHRGAN  
Superintendent

Lorenzo D. Greel,  
Special Supervisor

JDC:GM

Manhattan, Nevada, April 28, 19

Mr. James E. Jenkins,  
Reno Indian Agency,  
Gazette Bldg. Reno Nevada.

Dear Sir:

It was with great regret that I was obliged to pass through Reno on my way home without being able to see you. I am very glad that you were able to put Maria Wilson's claim through.

There are some Indians in the Kawich Range that will have to be cared for next. Peavins Jack and Charley ----- Both have families and improved lands that I surveyed for homesteads, but my notes were destroyed by fire with my home. All this work will have to be done over again. I will ask you to send me two Homestead applications for these. Also one for Jim Ike. This is a very worthy man and his application was turned down and cut down to a measly little patch by the Forest Supervisor. As his land was later on thrown out of the Toi-ya-be Reserve there will be no difficulty in getting him all the land he needs and is entitled to. I cannot tell you how he and his folks actually made the land he is cultivating. They bodily carried off the rocks by hand and cleared the land that no white man would touch.

I believe they should have the water of Hercules Canyon applied for. To this end will gratuitously give my services but there will be fees for the State Engineer's office.

As regards Dock Moore, I hope you will have no difficulty in getting his application straightened out. I wrote a letter to your office in his case about a month ago. I do not see why Mr. McGowan had no record of his filing.

If there is anything I can do to help you out let me know.

Yours truly  
L. F. Blair.

4191 Gilbert St  
Oakland, Cal.

L. J. Blair

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Oakland, Cal. June 10/23

Mr. James E. Jenkins.  
Reno Indian Agency.

Re Wagon John

Dear Mr. Jenkins.

Not having a typewriter at hand, am  
compelled to use pencil to keep carbon copy.

Acknowledge receipt copies of letter from  
Mr. J. W. McGowan.

Will say that the Forest Supervisor takes the wrong  
view of the matter. While it is true that this  
Indian has no patent to the land he certainly has  
squatters rights his family long before him, and  
long before there was any Tiyoas Forest Reserve  
having lived on the land in question.

I do not advocate antagonizing the Forest  
Service but believe that on a proper show  
it will be found that this man has the equivalent  
of a title and certainly all the rights of  
a land holder. Would suggest asking advice of  
Mr. Creel.  
Yours sincerely  
L. J. Blair

Address 4191 Gilbert St Oakland