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Federal supervision over the 600-acre Quartz Valley Indian Rancheria in California has ended, the Bureau of Indian Affairs announced today.

Located in Siskiyou County, the rancheria is owned in common by 49 American Indians descendants of Karok, Shasta and Upper Klamath Indian groups. Termination of Federal responsibility is in accordance with the California Rancheria Act of 1958 as amended in 1964.

The Quartz Valley area is the 32nd Indian land parcel in California to be relieved of Federal trusteeship.

All restrictions and tax exemptions applicable to trust or restricted Indian lands or interests in such lands are no longer applicable to the Quartz Valley Rancheria. Services of the Bureau of Indian Affairs are no longer available to the Rancheria owners.

The termination action was preceded by a 1960 plan for disposition of assets which had been accepted by a majority of the owners) all of whom are adults. The following terminal actions took place subsequently:

A water development program called for in the plan was completed before termination. A legal entity known as the Quartz Valley Community Water Association was established to accept title to the water system as community property and a quit claim deed from the United States was issued. The road construction called for in the plan was completed and turned over to Siskiyou County by deed. A survey was completed and recorded, from which deeds were prepared for parceling the land among the Indian owners. Funds held in trust in the U.S. Treasury for the Quartz Valley Indians were disbursed to the distributees.

Notification of termination is being published in the Federal Register as required by law.