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Notices to vacate the premises within 10 days will be sent on April 15, 1992, to persons without valid leases on spaces in the Havasu Landing Mobile home Park on the Chemehuevi Indian reservation in California

The Department of the Interior's Field Solicitor in Phoenix reported today that approximately 400 people have not signed valid leases. Those who do not reach agreement with the tribe before April 15 will receive the notices.

The notices will state that failure to vacate the premises within 10 days will result in a request that the U.S. Attorney for California file suit for ejectment and for trespass damages. Punitive damages also may be requested for willful and malicious refusal to deliver possession to the tribe

Havasu Landing Mobile home Park is located on land held in trust for the Chemehuevi Indian tribe by the Secretary of the Interior. Occupants of about 400 spaces have failed to apply for new leases as requested by the tribal government in August 1991. These occupants have been informed that they do not hold valid leases. To be valid, leases must be approved by the tribe and the Secretary of the Interior as required by federal law.

The Chemehuevi reservation is on the California side of the Lake Havasu area of the Colorado River, south of Needles and across from Lake Havasu City, Arizona.