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Public hearings to obtain comments on a proposed reservation plan for the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah have been scheduled by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). This plan has been recommended to the Secretary of the Interior by the Paiute Tribe and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

On April 3, 1980, Congress enacted P. L. 96-227, the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Restoration Act, which restored the federal trust relationship to five Paiute bands in Utah and provided for the establishment of a reservation. The tribal plan calls for the selection of 15,000 acres from within the counties of Beaver, Iron, Washington, Millard and Sevier in southwestern Utah. The land is to be selected from available public, state and private lands. The hearings are being held in areas that may be affected by implementation of the reservation plan, as follows: Monday, May 17, 1982, 10 a.m. at Southern Utah State College, Recital Hall, Cedar City, Utah; 7 p.m. at Millard County Court House, Filmore, Utah; on Tuesday, May 18, 1982, 10 a.m. at Sevier County Court House, Auditorium, Richfield Utah; 7 p.m. at Emery County Court House, Castle Dale, Utah.

The hearings will provide an opportunity for persons within the affected area to respond to the plan. Public testimony will be included as part of the plan when it is presented to Congress by the Secretary of the Interior.