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The Department of the Interior today announced issuance of an order restoring to tribal ownership a large number of scattered lots, comprising about 253 acres, on the Flathead Indian Reservation in western Montana.

The lands being restored are comparatively small parcels designated as townsites and villa sites which have not been disposed of. The action was originally requested by the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation, was recommended by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and was concurred in by the Director of the Bureau of Land Management.