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Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton today announced the signing of a public land order which makes available for oil and gas leasing approximately 5,300 acres of tribally owned land on the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in Utah.

The lands consist of two tracts of ceded tribal land in the western part of the reservation which were included in a power-site withdrawal of 1909 and later restored to tribal ownership and added to the reservation by a departmental order of 1945. The action announced today removes these lands from the power-site withdrawal and opens up oil and gas development possibilities in the particular area. Commissioner of Indian Affairs Glenn L. Emmons recommended the action.