

105TH CONGRESS
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AN ACT

To provide certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin program to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Lower Brule Sioux
5 Tribe Infrastructure Development Trust Fund Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) under the Act of December 22, 1944, com-
4 monly known as the “Flood Control Act of 1944”
5 (58 Stat. 887, chapter 665; 33 U.S.C. 701–1 et
6 seq.) Congress approved the Pick-Sloan Missouri
7 River Basin program—

8 (A) to promote the general economic devel-
9 opment of the United States;

10 (B) to provide for irrigation above Sioux
11 City, Iowa;

12 (C) to protect urban and rural areas from
13 devastating floods of the Missouri River; and

14 (D) for other purposes;

15 (2) the Fort Randall and Big Bend projects are
16 major components of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River
17 Basin program, and contribute to the national econ-
18 omy by generating a substantial amount of hydro-
19 power and impounding a substantial quantity of
20 water;

21 (3) the Fort Randall and Big Bend projects
22 overlie the eastern boundary of the Lower Brule In-
23 dian Reservation, having inundated the fertile, wood-
24 ed bottom lands of the Tribe along the Missouri
25 River that constituted the most productive agricul-
26 tural and pastoral lands of the Lower Brule Sioux

1 Tribe and the homeland of the members of the
2 Tribe;

3 (4) Public Law 85–923 (72 Stat. 1773 et seq.)
4 authorized the acquisition of 7,997 acres of Indian
5 land on the Lower Brule Indian Reservation for the
6 Fort Randall project and Public Law 87–734 (76
7 Stat. 698 et seq.) authorized the acquisition of
8 14,299 acres of Indian land on the Lower Brule In-
9 dian Reservation for the Big Bend project;

10 (5) Public Law 87–734 (76 Stat. 698 et seq.)
11 provided for the mitigation of the effects of the Fort
12 Randall and Big Bend projects on the Lower Brule
13 Indian Reservation, by directing the Secretary of the
14 Army to—

15 (A) as necessary, by reason of the Big
16 Bend project, protect, replace, relocate, or re-
17 construct—

18 (i) any essential governmental and
19 agency facilities on the reservation, includ-
20 ing schools, hospitals, offices of the Public
21 Health Service and the Bureau of Indian
22 Affairs, service buildings, and employee
23 quarters existing at the time that the
24 projects were carried out; and

1 (ii) roads, bridges, and incidental mat-
2 ters or facilities in connection with those
3 facilities;

4 (B) provide for a townsite adequate for 50
5 homes, including streets and utilities (including
6 water, sewage, and electricity), taking into ac-
7 count the reasonable future growth of the town-
8 site; and

9 (C) provide for a community center con-
10 taining space and facilities for community gath-
11 erings, tribal offices, tribal council chamber, of-
12 fices of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, offices
13 and quarters of the Public Health Service, and
14 a combination gymnasium and auditorium;

15 (6) the requirements under Public Law 87-734
16 (76 Stat. 698 et seq.) with respect to the mitigation
17 of the effects of the Fort Randall and Big Bend
18 projects on the Lower Brule Indian Reservation have
19 not been fulfilled;

20 (7) although the national economy has benefited
21 from the Fort Randall and Big Bend projects, the
22 economy on the Lower Brule Indian Reservation re-
23 mains underdeveloped, in part as a consequence of
24 the failure of the Federal Government to fulfill the

1 obligations of the Federal Government under the
2 laws referred to in paragraph (4);

3 (8) the economic and social development and
4 cultural preservation of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
5 will be enhanced by increased tribal participation in
6 the benefits of the Fort Randall and Big Bend com-
7 ponents of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin pro-
8 gram; and

9 (9) the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe is entitled to
10 additional benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River
11 Basin program.

12 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

13 In this Act:

14 (1) **FUND.**—The term “Fund” means the
15 Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Infrastructure Develop-
16 ment Trust Fund established under section 4(a).

17 (2) **PLAN.**—The term “plan” means the plan
18 for socioeconomic recovery and cultural preservation
19 prepared under section 5.

20 (3) **PROGRAM.**—The term “Program” means
21 the power program of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River
22 Basin program, administered by the Western Area
23 Power Administration.

24 (4) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means
25 the Secretary of the Interior.

1 (5) **TRIBE.**—The term “Tribe” means the
2 Lower Brule Sioux Tribe of Indians, a band of the
3 Great Sioux Nation recognized by the United States
4 of America.

5 **SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF LOWER BRULE SIOUX TRIBE**
6 **INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT TRUST**
7 **FUND.**

8 (a) **LOWER BRULE SIOUX TRIBE INFRASTRUCTURE**
9 **DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND.**—There is established in
10 the Treasury of the United States a fund to be known
11 as the “Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Infrastructure Develop-
12 ment Trust Fund”.

13 (b) **FUNDING.**—Beginning with fiscal year 1998, and
14 for each fiscal year thereafter, until such time as the ag-
15 gregate of the amounts deposited in the Fund is equal to
16 \$39,300,000, the Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit
17 into the Fund an amount equal to 25 percent of the re-
18 ceipts from the deposits to the Treasury of the United
19 States for the preceding fiscal year from the Program.

20 (c) **INVESTMENTS.**—The Secretary of the Treasury
21 shall invest the amounts deposited under subsection (b)
22 only in interest-bearing obligations of the United States
23 or in obligations guaranteed as to both principal and inter-
24 est by the United States.

25 (d) **PAYMENT OF INTEREST TO TRIBE.**—

1 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF ACCOUNT AND TRANS-
2 FER OF INTEREST.—The Secretary of the Treasury
3 shall, in accordance with this subsection, transfer
4 any interest that accrues on amounts deposited
5 under subsection (b) into a separate account estab-
6 lished by the Secretary of the Treasury in the Treas-
7 ury of the United States.

8 (2) PAYMENTS.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—Beginning with the fis-
10 cal year immediately following the fiscal year
11 during which the aggregate of the amounts de-
12 posited in the Fund is equal to the amount
13 specified in subsection (b), and for each fiscal
14 year thereafter, all amounts transferred under
15 paragraph (1) shall be available, without fiscal
16 year limitation, to the Secretary of the Interior
17 for use in accordance with subparagraph (C).

18 (B) WITHDRAWAL AND TRANSFER OF
19 FUNDS.—For each fiscal year specified in sub-
20 paragraph (A), the Secretary of the Treasury
21 shall withdraw amounts from the account estab-
22 lished under paragraph (1) and transfer such
23 amounts to the Secretary of the Interior for use
24 in accordance with subparagraph (C). The Sec-
25 retary of the Treasury may only withdraw

1 funds from the account for the purpose speci-
 2 fied in this paragraph.

3 (C) PAYMENTS TO TRIBE.—The Secretary
 4 of the Interior shall use the amounts trans-
 5 ferred under subparagraph (B) only for the
 6 purpose of making payments to the Tribe.

7 (D) USE OF PAYMENTS BY TRIBE.—The
 8 Tribe shall use the payments made under sub-
 9 paragraph (C) only for carrying out projects
 10 and programs pursuant to the plan prepared
 11 under section 5.

12 (3) PROHIBITION ON PER CAPITA PAYMENTS.—
 13 No portion of any payment made under this sub-
 14 section may be distributed to any member of the
 15 Tribe on a per capita basis.

16 (e) TRANSFERS AND WITHDRAWALS.—Except as
 17 provided in subsection (d)(1), the Secretary of the Treas-
 18 ury may not transfer or withdraw any amount deposited
 19 under subsection (b).

20 **SEC. 5. PLAN FOR SOCIOECONOMIC RECOVERY AND CUL-**
 21 **TURAL PRESERVATION.**

22 (a) PLAN.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Tribe shall, not later
 24 than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act,
 25 prepare a plan for the use of the payments made to

1 the Tribe under section 4(d)(2). In developing the
2 plan, the Tribe shall consult with the Secretary of
3 the Interior and the Secretary of Health and Human
4 Services.

5 (2) REQUIREMENTS FOR PLAN COMPONENTS.—

6 The plan shall, with respect to each component of
7 the plan—

8 (A) identify the costs and benefits of that
9 component; and

10 (B) provide plans for that component.

11 (b) CONTENT OF PLAN.—The plan shall include the
12 following programs and components:

13 (1) EDUCATIONAL FACILITY.—The plan shall
14 provide for an educational facility to be located on
15 the Lower Brule Indian Reservation.

16 (2) COMPREHENSIVE INPATIENT AND OUT-
17 PATIENT HEALTH CARE FACILITY.—The plan shall
18 provide for a comprehensive inpatient and outpatient
19 health care facility to provide essential services that
20 the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in
21 consultation with the individuals and entities re-
22 ferred to in subsection (a)(1), determines to be—

23 (A) needed; and

24 (B) unavailable through facilities of the In-
25 dian Health Service on the Lower Brule Indian

1 Reservation in existence at the time of the de-
2 termination.

3 (3) WATER SYSTEM.—The plan shall provide
4 for the construction, operation, and maintenance of
5 a municipal, rural, and industrial water system for
6 the Lower Brule Indian Reservation.

7 (4) RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.—The plan
8 shall provide for recreational facilities suitable for
9 high-density recreation at Lake Sharpe at Big Bend
10 Dam and at other locations on the Lower Brule In-
11 dian Reservation in South Dakota.

12 (5) OTHER PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS.—The
13 plan shall provide for such other projects and pro-
14 grams for the educational, social welfare, economic
15 development, and cultural preservation of the Tribe
16 as the Tribe considers to be appropriate.

17 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 There are authorized to be appropriated such funds
19 as may be necessary to carry out this Act, including such
20 funds as may be necessary to cover the administrative ex-
21 penses of the Fund.

22 **SEC. 7. EFFECT OF PAYMENTS TO TRIBE.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—No payment made to the Tribe
24 pursuant to this Act shall result in the reduction or denial

1 of any service or program to which, pursuant to Federal
2 law—

3 (1) the Tribe is otherwise entitled because of
4 the status of the Tribe as a federally recognized In-
5 dian tribe; or

6 (2) any individual who is a member of the Tribe
7 is entitled because of the status of the individual as
8 a member of the Tribe.

9 (b) EXEMPTIONS; STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—

10 (1) POWER RATES.—No payment made pursu-
11 ant to this Act shall affect Pick-Sloan Missouri
12 River Basin power rates.

13 (2) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
14 this Act may be construed as diminishing or affect-
15 ing—

16 (A) any right of the Tribe that is not oth-
17 erwise addressed in this Act; or

18 (B) any treaty obligation of the United
19 States.

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Attest:

Secretary.

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