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As of June 30, 1966

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

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INVENTORY OF ARIZONA LANDS AS OF JUNE 30, 1966

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54th Annual Report of State Land Commissioner,
Fiscal Year 1966.

The Arizona Department of Mineral Resources has compiled from reports of the General Services Administration and the State Land Commissioner, some tables summarizing Arizona's land distribution as of June 30, 1966.

Of the 72,688,000 acres of land area in Arizona, the Federal Government owned or controlled 52,102,193 acres, or 71.68% of the total (including 19,651,388 acres of "trust properties" in custody of the Federal Government. All except an infinitesimal fraction of these trust lands are in Indian Reservations). The federally owned lands amounted to 44.64% of the land area of the State, while trust lands amounted to 27.04%. There were 9,177,139 acres under the control of the State Land Department, amounting to 12.63% of Arizona's land area. The remaining 11,408,668 acres of 15.69%, consisted of lands privately owned or belonging to State, County and City Agencies other than the State Land Department.

Table II shows the distribution of federally owned land in Arizona, by predominant usage. The largest acreages are used for grazing, and for forest and wildlife. Each has about 12.9 million acres. Military areas and airfields use about 3.6 million acres; reclamation, irrigation, flood control and power development about 1.5 million acres; and parks and historic sites 1.4 million acres.

As of June 30, 1966, Arizona had the largest percentage (30.8%) of unsurveyed lands in any of the United States, except Alaska, a total of 22.39 million unsurveyed acres. (Table III)

STATE LANDS

The total amount of lands granted to or acquired by the State is estimated at 10,817,898 acres (See Table IV). Of this total the state has sold, patented and

deeded 864,547 acres. Deducting 618,043 acres of Indemnity Base Land in the National Forest not selected, and 158,169 acres for Adjustment due to Exchange and Survey, leaves 9,177,139 acres owned by the State Land Department, as of June 30, 1966. Of the total land granted to the State, 8,333,906 acres are school lands, otherwise known as Grant N and S Lands.

University, College and other Institutional Grants amount to 2,451,295 acres, A total of 22,238 acres were acquired by the State through a Farm Loan program enacted by the State Legislature, March 14, 1944. Special grants for use as airfields and described under Table IV amount to 6,671.

Table V shows the distribution of Arizona State-owned land, the largest items being leased lands for grazing, oil and gas, agricultural, commercial and mining purposes. Included are 618,043 acres of State lands in National Forests, and administered by the Forest Service.

Table VI shows the record of State Land Department acreage under lease, and receipts therefrom, for the year ending June 30, 1966. The total receipts from surface and sub-surface acreage under lease amounted to \$2,271,638.

Table VII shows the grand total receipts from all sources by the State Land Department, and remitted to the State Treasurer for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966. The total of \$6,154,293 included \$791,607 Federal Government receipts remitted direct to the State Treasurer.

ARIZONA MINERAL LANDS

At first glance, vast areas in Arizona appear to comprise vacant, unappropriated and unreserved public lands open to unrestricted prospecting and the location of mining claims; but the actual status of such lands may be quite complex. It is suggested that one obtain a copy of this department's booklet "Laws and Regulations Governing Mineral Rights in Arizona" as a guide to proper procedure in locating claims or acquiring lease or other mining rights.

TABLE I

DISTRIBUTION OF ARIZONA LANDS

AS OF JUNE 30, 1966

Source: 54th Annual Report of State Land Commissioner.
G.S.A. Inventory Report of Real Property Owned by
The United States, as of June 30, 1966.

	<u>Acres</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Federally Owned Lands	32,450,805	44.64
Federal Trust Lands (Including Indian)	19,651,388	27.04
State Owned Lands (State Land Dept.)	9,177,139	12.63
Other Lands *	<u>11,408,668</u>	<u>15.69</u>
Total Land Area	72,688,000	100.00

* Patented and owned by individuals and corporations, or deeded to State and Local Government Agencies (other than State Land Department).

TABLE II

DISTRIBUTION OF FEDERALLY OWNED LANDS IN ARIZONA

Source: G.S.A. Inventory Report of Real Property Owned
by the United States, as of June 30, 1965 compared to
June 30, 1966.

<u>ARIZONA</u>	ACRES As of June 30, 1965	ACRES As of June 30, 1966
Agricultural	75.9	75.9
Grazing	12,985,869.1	12,956,004.0
Forest and Wildlife	12,944,827.2	12,949,303.2
Parks & Historic Sites	1,420,723.5	1,421,394.0
Office Building Locations	33.6	32.1
Military (except airfields)	3,562,971.9	3,562,469.9
Airfields	15,340.0	17,299.0
Power Development & Distribution	540,831.2	540,831.2
Reclamation and Irrigation	931,291.5	930,863.9
Flood Control and Navigation	38,900.0	38,334.2
Vacant	394.3	394.3
Institutional	2,059.7	2,059.7
Housing	52.9	52.9
Storage	28,401.4	28,401.4
Industrial	2,313.0	2,313.0
Research & Development	36.0	34.6
Other Land	1,142.2	941.7
Total Land	32,475,263.4	32,450,805.0

TABLE III

AREA OF SURVEYED AND UNSURVEYED LANDS IN ARIZONA

Source: U. S. Department of Interior
Public Land Statistics - 1966

<u>SURVEYED</u>	<u>UNSURVEYED</u>	<u>% UNSURVEYED</u>
50,302,436	22,385,534	30.8

TABLE IV

DISTRIBUTION OF ARIZONA LAND GRANTS

As of June 30, 1966

Source: 54th Annual Report of State Land Commissioner

	Acres
School Grants <u>1/</u>	8,333,906
Univ., College and other Institutional Grants <u>2/</u>	2,451,295
Farm Loan Lands <u>3/</u>	22,238
Special Grants: Airfields <u>4/</u>	6,671
Other	<u>3,788</u>
	10,459
TOTAL LAND GRANTS	10,817,898
LESS:	
Land Sold by State (Patented)	864,547
Indemnity Base Land in Forest	618,043
Adjustment Due to Exchange & Survey	<u>158,169</u>
Less Sub-Total	1,640,759
Total Land Owned by the State Land Department	9,177,139

1/ Grant for the Support of Common Schools. The Enabling Act of June 20, 1910, granted to the State of Arizona specific lands for the support of the Common Schools, namely; Sections 2, 16, 32 and 36 in every Township, upon being surveyed; and where the lands were not otherwise entered upon, sold, reserved, or otherwise appropriated at the date of this Act and, also, excepting all or any part thereof as classified mineral in character. The restraint from taking title to lands mineral in character, remained in force until the Act of January 25, 1927. Where the lands granted to the State were preempted, sold or otherwise disposed of, the State was given the right to other lands by a lieu selection of open public domain lands; and where a Township was short in the proportion of school land acres to the surveyed area of the Township, the State granted the right to claim deficiency acreage in such cases.

2/ University, Colleges and Other Institutional Grants. By an Act of February 18, 1881, the Territory of Arizona was granted 72 Sections of the unappropriated public lands within the said Territory, to be immediately selected and withdrawn from sale, and located under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, and with the approval of the President of the United States, for the use and support of a University in said Territory, when it shall be admitted as a State into the Union. In addition to the Grants mentioned above, the Enabling Act also made a specific acreage grant for the support of various Institutions of the State.

3/ Farm Loan Lands. Resulting from a Farm Loan Program enacted by the State Legislature, March 14, 1944, the State acquired 22,238 acres.

4/ Special Grants. From the time of Statehood, the State has acquired parcels of land by Grant and Quit-claim Deeds. Other than the grant of Papago Park for recreational purposes, the lands turned over to the State were airports that had been declared surplus by the War Assets Administration.

TABLE V

DISTRIBUTION OF ARIZONA STATE-OWNED LAND

AS OF JUNE 30, 1966

Source: 54th ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE LAND COMMISSIONER

		<u>Number of Acres</u>
State Lands under Certificate of Purchase		124,174
State Lands Under Lease:		
Grazing *	8,687,705	
Agriculture	205,104	
Homesites	221	
Commercial	74,531	
Rights of Way & Special Use Permits (x)	74,949	
U. S. Contracts (x)	105,564	<u>9,148,074</u>
Total		9,272,248
Less (x) State Lands included in Grazing Leases		<u>95,109</u>
Total Land Owned by State Land Department		9,177,139
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* Sub-Surface Oil and Gas Leases (Duplication of Grazing & Other Leases)		954,358
* Sub-Surface Mineral Leases (Duplication of Grazing & Other Leases)		45,487
(x) Right of Way Leases Included in Grazing and also in items marked (x).		95,109

TABLE VI

RECORD OF ACREAGES OF STATE LAND DEPARTMENT LEASES AND RECEIPTS THEREFROM

AS OF JUNE 30, 1966

Source: 54th Annual Report of State Land Commissioner

	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Receipts</u>
Agriculture	205,105	\$ 837,464
Grazing	8,687,705	457,043
Commercial	74,531	198,355
Homesites	221	940
Mineral	45,487	35,256*
Prospecting Permits	68,968	85,265
Oil & Gas	954,358	213,853
Other Sub-Surface Leases (Commercial, U. S. Contracts)	46,433	11,663
Rights of Way	74,949	357,971
Special Use Permits	-	8,482
U. S. Contracts	105,564	<u>65,346</u>
TOTAL		\$2,271,638

* Receipts from Sub-Surface Leases, not including royalties
Royalties received totalled \$155,922.44

Receipts per Acre (Average)	\$ 0.2213
Grazing Receipts per Acre	0.0526
Mineral Receipts per Acre *	0.7751
Oil and Gas Receipts per Acre *	0.2241

* Lease rental on mineral claims is 75 cents per acre, per year, and on Oil and Gas is 25 cents per acre. Royalties are not included.

TABLE VII

STATE LAND DEPARTMENT RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES

YEAR 1966

LAND LEASING REVENUES

Grazing Leasing Revenues		\$ 457,043.10
Other Land Leasing Revenues		1,814,594.79
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Total Land Leasing Revenues	(1)	\$2,271,637.89

OTHER REVENUES

Land Sales Principal	(2)	\$1,769,301.63
All Other Receipts	(3)	1,320,645.73
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Total Land Revenues (1) (2) (3)		\$5,361,585.25
 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REMITTANCES	(4)	\$ 791,607.37
WATER DIVISION REMITTANCES	(5)	1,100.00
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TOTAL REVENUE ALL SOURCES (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)		\$6,154,292.62