

Pertinent Laws and Executive Orders Affecting  
the Flathead Reservation

1. The Hell Gate Treaty - July 16, 1855 - Proclaimed April 18, 1859 (12 Stat. 975).
2. Executive Order November 14, 1871 - Indians to remove from Bitterroot valley.
3. Act of June 5, 1872 (17 Stat. 226) Bitterroot valley to be opened for settlement.
4. Agreement between James A. Garfield and "Chiefs" August 27, 1872.
5. General Allotment Act February 8, 1887 (24 Stat. 388) "Daws Act".
6. Act of March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. 1091) Right-of-way to Railroad.
7. Act of April 23, 1904 (33 Stat. P. 302) Allotment of lands to Indians - opened for settlement, survey irrigation project, etc.
8. Act of March 3, 1905, Sec. 12 (33 Stat. P. 1080) Reserve for Catholic Mission.
9. Act of June 21, 1906 (34 Stat. P. 354) Reserving townsites.
10. Act of May 23, 1908 (35 Stat. P. 267) Bison Range Reserves.
11. Act of May 3, 1909 (35 Stat. P. 795) Reserve power and reservoir sites, provide money for irrigation, etc.
12. Act of March 4, 1909 (35 Stat. P. 1051) Bison Range enlargement.
13. Presidential Proclamation May 22, 1909 (36 Stat. 2494) Opening non-reserved lands under homestead.
14. Act of April 12, 1910 (36 Stat. P. 296) Amendment to 1904 act.
15. Act of June 25, 1910 (36 Stat. P. 863) Disposal of barren, waste land.
16. Act of May 18, 1916 (39 Stat. P. 141) Tribal funds for irrigation to be returned. Indians assessed construction costs.
17. Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. P. 452) Make timber allotments.
18. Secretarial Order February 13, 1936 - Restored "ceded" land to tribe.
19. Act of May 19, 1926 (44 Stat. 458) Construct power plant.

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General Statistics - Flathead Reservation

Total Indian population.....	3490	(1944)
Residing on the reservation (estimate only)	2200	"
Residing at another reservation	"	"
Residing elsewhere	"	"
In armed forces	"	"
Total number of full blood Indians.....	322	
Total number of mixed blood Indians.....	3178	
Total number 1/4 degree Indian or less.....	1362	
Total resident Indian families.....	700	
Total families having agricultural income	203	
Total Individual Indian Income.....	\$578,648.00	(1943)
Average family income.....	826.00	"

Land under the Jurisdiction of the Office of Indian Affairs

Total area.....	632,516	acres
Trust allotted.....	231,743	"
Tribal.....	399,490	"
Government owned.....	1,283	"
Ultimate Irrigable acreage.....	138,000	" (109,942 non-
Total irrigated.....	81,519	" Indian)