

ARTICLE III - TERRITORY AND JURIDICITION

Section 1. Territory. The Territory of the Tribes shall include all lands which are held by the United States for the benefit of the Tribes or the People, and any additional lands acquired by the Tribes or by the United States for the benefit of the Tribes or the People and which are held by the United States for the benefit of the Tribes or the People. The lands within the Territory shall include all water, property, airspace, surface rights, subsurface rights, natural resources, and any interests therein, notwithstanding the issuance of any patent or right-of-way in fee or otherwise, held by the governments of the United States or the Tribes, existing or in the future.

Section 2. Jurisdiction. The Jurisdiction of the Tribes shall extend to all persons, activities, and property within the Territory based upon inherent Sovereignty, except as prohibited by federal law. Any person who enters the Territory shall, by entering, be deemed to have consented to the Jurisdiction of the Tribes. Every license or permit issued under the authority of the Tribes shall include a provision submitting all parties and their assigns to the Jurisdiction of the Tribes. Any employee of the Tribes shall, by accepting employment, be deemed to have submitted to the Jurisdiction of the Tribes. The Legislature shall have the power to assert the Sovereignty and Jurisdiction of the Tribes by law over all matters that affect the interests of the Tribes. Nothing in this Article shall be construed to limit the ability of the Tribes to exercise its Jurisdiction based upon its inherent sovereignty as an Indian Tribe.