

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE
HOLBROOK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #3
EDUCATION LAND GRANT APPLICATION**

Notice is hereby given that the United States Department of Agriculture, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests is considering an application by Holbrook Unified School District #3, Navajo County, Arizona, for the conveyance of land for educational purposes, pursuant to the Education Land Grant Act (114 Stat. 368; 16 U.S.C. 479a).

The application includes the following lands under jurisdiction of the Forest Service:

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, Navajo County, Arizona
Gila and Salt River Meridian
Township 17 North, Range 20 East

Section 1 – Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 in Block 217 of the Replat and Supplemental Plat to the Newman and Scorse Addition to the Town of Holbrook, Arizona.

The area described contains 0.86088 record acres, more or less.

Any or all of the above described property may be conveyed to the Holbrook Unified School District #3 for a price at \$10 per acre conveyed, plus all Forest Service costs directly associated with the processing of this application, such as, costs associated with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance, document preparation, surveys, recordation, and so forth. Conveyance will be limited to those lands essential to the school district's educational needs. A prerequisite to the conveyance is an approved site/development plan and covenants or standards, if any, needed to protect or mitigate valid existing rights and uses. Holbrook Unified School District #3 intends to continue using the property as it currently exists. The Navajo County Assessor's map, drawings depicting the existing improvements and future use along with applicable zoning ordinances are available for public review at the Apache-Sitgreaves Forest Supervisor's Office in Springerville or the Holbrook Unified School District #3 Administrative Office in Holbrook. A public hearing on this matter is scheduled for April 8, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the Holbrook Unified School District #3 Office in the boardroom located at 1000 North 8th Avenue, Holbrook, Arizona.

Use of the property by the school district which is currently authorized by a Forest Service Special Use Permit will continue to be as support for the district's education facilities.

Public comments must be filed within 45 calendar days from the first date of publication of this notice. Public comments must be sent to Forest Supervisor, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, P.O. Box 640, Springerville, Arizona 85938 or faxed to Attention: Joe Sitarzewski (FAX 928-333-5966). Electronic comments may be sent via e-mail (subject line = Holbrook School EGLA) to: comments-southwestern-apache-sitgreaves@fs.fed.us.

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