

**3.14 NATIVE AMERICAN TRUST ASSETS**

Trust land is land owned by the federal government, but is set aside for use exclusively by Native Americans. Trust lands are considered “Indian country” and states do not have general criminal or civil jurisdiction over Native American activities occurring there (Pevar 2002). However, land use decisions must be approved of by the federal government. Trust lands can only be leased in accordance with all laws and regulations. Separate federal statutes govern each kind of trust lease, including oil and gas exploration (Pevar 2002).

There are no trust lands within the APE of the project.