

Reservation Proclamation vs. Indian Trust Land: There is an important difference between taking land into trust and adding land to a reservation. These are two very different things. Land can be taken into trust without it being added to, or becoming part of, a reservation. So, it is possible that the land in this case may be taken into trust for the tribe, but it may or may not be added to the tribe's reservation. Taking land into trust follows an application and approval process, and proclaiming land to be part of, or added to, a reservation is a separate application and approval process. Attached are some examples from the Federal Register of land into trust decisions and reservation proclamations to highlight the difference. Taking land into trust converts fee land to Indian trust land. A reservation proclamation changes non-reservation Indian trust land to reservation Indian trust land.