

TITLE 2: NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION 4: LAND RESOURCES

§ 4241. Land Registration Teams: Duties Generally.

(a) A land registration team shall:

(1) Upon its appointment, institute a preliminary inquiry regarding the title to all lands claimed by individuals, families, or otherwise, within the area for which it is responsible and, if satisfied that such claims are well-founded, shall record the same for hearing.

(2) When the recording of such claims has been completed for the area, proceed, after notice, to hear the parties and witnesses and adjudicate such claims, subject to the exceptions provided in this chapter.

(3) On a decision being reached on any claim, record the place name, if any, of the land, otherwise a brief description thereof, together with the names of individuals, families, or other bodies found to be the rightful owners thereof and the type of ownership involved, and shall also record the name of any person or group who holds either any subordinate rights (such as rights of administration or use or an encumbrance or easement with respect to such land).

(b) Where the parties to any claim indicate their agreement to a settlement or compromise in the presence of the team, the particulars required by subsection (a)(3) of this section shall be recorded and shall have the same force and effect as a decision under this section.

(c) Upon completion of the actions set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the team shall submit its record concerning the claim to the Senior Land Commissioner for review. In all cases where a dispute has arisen, tape recordings or summaries of all pertinent testimony taken shall be made and shall be included in the team's record.

Source: PL 3-79, § 10.

Commission Comment: With respect to the reference to the "Senior Land Commissioner," see Executive Order 94-3 (effective August 23, 1994), reorganizing the executive branch, changing agency names and official titles, and effecting other changes, set forth in the Commission comment to 1 CMC § 2001; see also the comment to 2 CMC § 4212.