



July 15, 2015

The Honorable Rob Bishop
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Bishop:

Thank you for your letter to Acting Administrator Denise Turner Roth dated June 15, 2015, requesting that the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) provide an updated version of the 1962 comprehensive Inventory of the Jurisdictional Status of Federal Areas Within the States. Acting Administrator Roth has asked me to respond to your inquiry.

GSA does not have jurisdictional inventory information more recent than 1962 and is therefore unable to immediately provide an updated version of the report.

The 1962 report was produced by the U.S. Department of Justice, the Bureau of the Budget, and GSA at the request of the President of the United States. The report required a Government-wide data call to obtain the required information. GSA does not have the independent authority to require other Federal agencies to report the jurisdictional status of their assets to GSA. Nor does GSA collect or maintain this information for other agencies.

With the passage of Executive Order (E.O.) 13327, 69 Fed. Reg. 5897 (February 6, 2004) Federal Real Property Asset Management, GSA was directed to create a centralized database describing the nature, use, and extent of all real property under the custody and control of executive branch agencies, except when otherwise required for reasons of national security. Led by the Federal Real Property Council (FRPC), GSA developed the Federal Real Property database. As the steward of the database, GSA has overall responsibility to maintain the database and, since 2005, has been collecting real property inventory information on Federal real property holdings in three categories: land, buildings, and structures. Jurisdictional status is not among the 27 data elements that the FRPC requires agencies to submit to the database.

E.O. 13327 requires Chief Financial Officer Act agencies to report annually the data on real property owned, leased, or otherwise managed by the Federal Government (including property outside the United States) and improvements on Federal lands. The data reported to the database is as of September 30, and the reporting cycle closes every year on December 15.

E.O. 13327 includes a number of exclusions from FRPP reporting requirements, which include public domain land (including lands withdrawn for military purposes) or land reserved or dedicated for national forest, national park, or national wildlife refuge purposes except for improvements on those lands; land held in trust or restricted fee status for individual Indians or Indian tribes; land easements or rights-of-way held by the Federal Government; and land and interests in land that are withheld from the scope of the order by agency heads for reasons of national security, foreign policy, or public safety. Much of the data included in the 1962 report pertains to these exclusions.

To update the 1962 report, GSA would require the authority to request Federal agencies to report the jurisdictional status of their assets to GSA. A similar letter has been sent to your colleague.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa A. Austin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lisa" being the most prominent.

Lisa A. Austin
Associate Administrator

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 15, 2015

Denise Roth
Acting Administrator
General Services Administration
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Washington, DC 20405

Dear Acting Administrator Roth,

We write to request an updated version of the 1962 comprehensive *Inventory of the Jurisdictional Status of Federal Areas within the States*. As you are aware, this report's purpose was to assist the federal government in resolving jurisdictional status problems and in the development of appropriate remedial legislation.

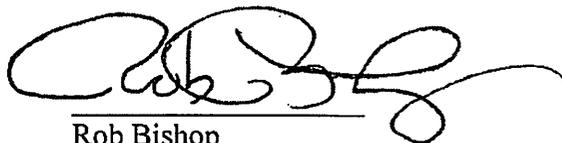
Policymakers have an ongoing interest in the control and management of federal facilities, federally managed public lands, and real property. These topics continue to be at the forefront of local, state, and federal policymaking agendas. An updated report will help inform this discussion and corresponding legislation that might follow.

Thank you for your attention to this issue and consideration of our request. We welcome any questions, and look forward to working together on these complex issues. Colton Miles in Representative Chaffetz' personal office is the lead staff member and can be reached at 202-225-7751.

Sincerely,



Jason Chaffetz
Member of Congress



Rob Bishop
Member of Congress