

BLM

Land Issues

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Q: What must my village do before land in the village area can be surveyed by the Bureau of Land Management?

A: Before a survey can be made, the village corporation must decide what land belongs to what family, group, or church. BLM will give the village an enlarged aerial photograph of the village area. The village corporation should use this to draw in the boundaries of the parcels owned by various persons. When the final map is agreed upon by the village corporation, it will be returned to the BLM to use as a plan for surveying the area into lots or parcels.