

Place of Falling Waters

Part Three

Part Three focuses on the agreement reached about Kerr Dam in 1984, which specified that the Montana Power Company would control the dam until 2015, paying a rental fee to the Tribes of \$9 million. In 2015 the Tribes would have the option of taking over control of the dam. Current estimates of the dam's profits run to about \$50 million per year.

1. Specify at least two ways that some speakers in the film feel the Kerr Dam money should be used. Include the names of the speakers and quotes that support your answer.

2. The concepts of "sovereignty" and "tribalism" are both debated in the film. What do you understand each term to mean?

3. Which vision for the future of the Tribes seems most likely **or** most beneficial from your point of view. Explain your answer.

Sources

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