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To: Gary Roberts Surveying Foreman Umatilla County

Subject: Jurisdiction change on Short Mile Road, and Iskuulpa Creek Road

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) are interested in a change of jurisdiction on Short Mile Road (County Road 908) and Iskuulpa Creek Road (County Road 917). These two roads in particular are representative of local roads that the Tribes have an increasing interest in. Short Mile Road No. 908 serves Tribal housing areas and infrastructure, and we are currently building another housing area along this road.

Iskuulpa Creek represents access to an important area of the reservation. The Tribes are interested in controlling access to this area, as well as maintaining the road for long term access. There is a small washout on the road right now, and the Tribes are interested in fixing this problem.

We understand that County road maintenance and repair funds are limited just as they are here on the Reservation. Historically these roads have been maintained by Umatilla County but we feel that Tribal interests have become greater than the County's interests in these roads, and we are willing to take on the responsibility for them.

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