



2010 Annual Conference Spokane, Washington

RESOLUTION #10 - 58

"FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY OFFICE FAILURE TO CONDUCT INDIAN RESERVATION ROADS (IRR) INVENTORY"

PREAMBLE

We the members of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants rights secured under Indian Treaties, Executive Orders, and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and constitution of the United States and several states, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise to promote the welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) are representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and specific tribal concerns; and

WHEREAS, ATNI is a regional organization comprised of American Indians/Alaska Natives and tribes in the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Northern California, and Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity, and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of the ATNI; and

WHEREAS, Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA-LU) required the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) to complete an accurate and comprehensive inventory of all transportation facilities eligible for inclusion in the Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) System by 2007; and

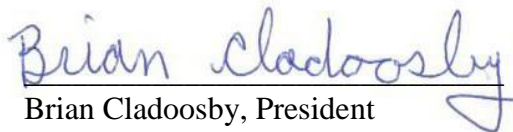
WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation assigned the Federal Lands Highway Office the responsibility to complete this task; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Lands Highway Office has failed to complete or even make substantial progress on their assigned task; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby request the USDOT to assign completion of the IRR Inventory as required by SAFETEA-LU to the Office of Asset Management, in consultation with tribal governments.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2010 Annual Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Northern Quest Resort and Casino in Spokane, Washington, September 20-23, 2010 with a quorum present.


Brian Cladoosby, President


Norma Jean Louie, Secretary