



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2003:040

### REQUEST THE STATUS OF ALL USET MEMBER TRIBES' INDIAN RESERVATION ROADS (IRR) INVENTORY FROM BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CENTRAL OFFICE WEST

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-four (24) federally recognized Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET member tribes' transportation funding levels will be impacted by the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21) as well as a proposed Road Maintenance formula being developed by the USET Transportation Committee and the BIA Eastern Regional Office (BIA-ERO); and
- WHEREAS,** the BIA Central Office West is the authority and has the data base for the most recent data submitted by the USET member tribes for all BIA roads, bridges and trails; and
- WHEREAS,** the BIA Central Office West has not established a clear and concise timeframe for verifying, approving and entering the Indian Reservation Road (IRR) Inventory data for the USET member tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET member tribes require the most accurate Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) IRR Inventory data, as it affects each member tribe's funding levels; therefore be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors request that the Roads Staff at the BIA Central Office West verify, approve and enter all valid USET member tribe's Roads Inventory data and submit to the BIA-ERO within thirty (30) days of receipt of this resolution.

### CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Board Meeting and EXPO, at which a quorum was present in Uncasville, CT, Thursday, October 31, 2002.

Keller George, President  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Beverly M. Wright, Secretary  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.



## United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
Washington, D.C. 20240

December 13, 2002

Tiffany D. Cheuvront  
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Dear Ms. Cheuvront:

In response to your inquiry on the status of the Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) Inventory for the twenty-four federally recognized tribes of the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET), I am providing you the following information:

All of the FY 2002 road inventory update submittals by USET through the Eastern Regional Office have been reviewed by the BIA Division of Transportation and all acceptable and complete records have been entered into the Official 2002 Road Inventory Database file. However, not all submittals were acceptable. Attached you will find a summary status report of the individual USET inventory updates that have been returned to the Eastern Regional Office. Also attached is a deficiency report for each of the USET inventory updates submitted for the 2002 inventory update.

Please note that the Regional Office will coordinate these corrections with the affected tribes. The inventory update process is a continuous and in depth exercise involving the long range transportation planning effort of the tribes and not an exercise to meet a deadline once a year. Typically, gathering the additional information is an ongoing task and is dependent on the Region's workload and the response from the affected tribes. Once the additional or missing data is collected, the updates will be added to the current road inventory.


For your information, the following is provided as a background to the inventory update process. The first step in the road inventory update process involves the Regional office reviewing the updates received from the tribes or agency offices for accuracy and completeness. Upon review, the Regional Office works with the tribes and agencies to resolve any problems that might exist. When corrections and adjustments are made, the updates are forwarded to BIA Central Office to be entered into the national road inventory database. When BIA Central Office receives the updates, a quality assurance check is performed on the submittal. Because a portion of the entire inventory is directly connected to the funding formula, it is necessary that all data submissions be consistent and reflect the immediate needs of the entire program for all tribes. If the updates are found to be inaccurate or incomplete, the updates are returned to the Regional Offices for

correction. The Regional office then contacts the appropriate tribe/or agency office for corrections. The Region therefore has the primary responsibility to resolve any problems with it's tribal road inventory updates and the BIA Central Office generally does not communicate with the tribe on inventory record updating. In FY2002 alone, over 8,000 updates were received and checked before they could be included into the national road inventory. The regional office role of managing the road inventory requires that they coordinate any change/correction requested by the tribe/or agency.

If the records are incomplete, they are not changed or discarded but sent back to the Regions for additional supporting information, clarification, or correction. Depending on the time frame involved in the correction process, they will be either input into the current year inventory or the subsequent year's inventory and will ultimately reflect the needs as identified by the tribes and regions. Based on this, the paramount need for a consistent and accurate process determines whether inventory updates are accepted.

Please work with the Eastern Regional Office in addressing the oversights on the attached list. The Regional Official may return the corrected submittals and if acceptable at this point, they will be placed into the current road inventory database file.

Thank you again for your interest in the Indian Reservation Roads Inventory. If you have any addition questions regarding this matter, please contact the Mr. Kimo Natewa, of the Division of Transportation at (505) 346-6834.

  
Mike Talley  
Special Assistant to the AS-IA

cc: LeRoy Gishi  
Steve Wilkie  
Johnny Parham

EASTERN REGION 2002 ROAD INVENTORY UPDATE SUMMARY

No.	Memo Date	Receive Date	Receipt Date	Reg/A	Res. I	Reservation	Total Sections	Accepted & Encoded	Mileage	Needs More Work/ Not Accepted	Date Returned to Region	Mileage	% Error
1.	05/03/02	05/31/02	06/04/02	S50	336	Tunica-Biloxi	22	17	2.5	5	12/11/02	0.6	22.7
				S50	970	Chitimacha	1	0	0.0	1	12/11/02	0.1	100.0
				S50	32	Catawba	20			20	12/11/02	8.5	100.0
				S50	31	Aroostook	9	8	4.0	1	12/11/02	0.4	11.1
				S50	27	Narragansett	76	58	18.0	18	12/11/02	5.3	23.7
2.	03/12/02	03/14/02	03/14/02	S50	28	Poarch Creek	3			3	12/11/02	1.5	100.0
				S50	34	Jana Band Choctaw	76	32	17.1	44	12/11/02	12.8	57.9
				S52	1	Cherokee	110	110	139.6		12/11/02		0.0
3.	05/28/02	05/31/02	06/04/02	S52	1	Cherokee	6	6	2.1		12/11/02		0.0
4.	05/28/02	05/31/02	06/04/02	S78	980	Choctaw	44			44	12/11/02	12.8	100.0
							<b>367</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>183.3</b>	<b>136</b>		<b>42</b>	

Narragansett(S50-027)

**NEEDS MORE WORK / NOT ACCEPTABLE**

Rt	Name	Tribal Resolution		Comments
		Sec.	Miles	
301	Perry Trail Road	10	0.3	There is no Narrative Description,
		20	0.5	There is no Regional Director Approval,
302	Indian Cedar Swamp	10	0.2	There is no ADT backup data,
		20	0.9	
303	Beal Gate Road	10	0.5	
307	Attuk Road	10	0.6	
401	Indian Church Road	10	0.1	
		20	0.3	
		30	0.1	
		40	0.3	
		50	0.1	
		60	0.3	
		70	0.1	
		80	0.1	
411	Kings Factory Road	10	0.1	
413	Lewis Trail	10	0.2	
		20	0.2	
		30	0.4	
<b>Total</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>5.3</b>	



Eastern(S78)

**NEEDS MORE WORK / NOT ACCEPTABLE**

Choctaw-980

Tribal Resolution

Rt	Name	Sec.	Powers Road	Miles	Comments
2212	Phillip Cemetery Road	10		0.2	There is no Tribal Resolution,
2355	Hunters Place/Boque	10		0.4	There is no Narrative Description,
2229	Rolling Hills Road	10		0.6	There is no Regional Director Approval,
2230	Rolling Hills Circle	10		0.7	There is no ADT backup data,
2231	Rolling Hills Cove	10		0.1	
2232	Hilltop Drive	10		0.3	
2233	Park Place Street	10		0.2	
2234	Hope Lane	10		0.4	
		20		0.1	
		30		0.1	
		40		0.4	
2235	Jefferson Road	10		0.1	
2236	Archie Hickman Road	10		0.2	
2237	Dixon Road	10		0.3	
		20		0.2	
2238	David Ben Road	10		0.3	
2239	Ball Park Road	10		0.5	
2240	Ball Park Cove	10		0.5	
2241	Isaac Cemetery Road	10		0.3	
2242	North Loop Road	10		0.8	
		20		0.1	
	Bridge	30			
		40		0.2	
2243	River Oaks Drive	10		0.2	
		20		0.2	
2244	Deer Trail	10		0.3	
2245	Chata Estates Road	10		0.1	
		20		0.2	

2358	10	0.4	Thompson Road
2359	10	0.2	Bell Road
2360	10	0.1	Mahalia Drive/Trailer Park Road
2361	10	0.2	Bogue Chitto Cove
2362	10	0.2	Green Lane
2466	10	0.1	Fani Lakna Road
2467	10	0.5	McMillan Circle
2468	10	0.2	Patrick Drive
2523	10	0.2	Standing Pine Trails
2524	10	0.3	Standing Pine School Road
2636	10	0.5	Okahomma Drive
2637	10	0.2	Red Hills Road
2638	10	0.1	Redwater Trailer Park
2813	10	0.3	Red Oak Road
2814	10	0.3	Hugh Mitchell Road
2815	10	1	Conehatta School Road

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Total      35      44      12.8



Eastern(S50)

**NEEDS MORE WORK / NOT ACCEPTABLE**

Tunica - Biloxi(336)

Tribal Resolution

Rt	Sec.	Miles	Comments
3003	10	0.1	Bosra Road
3008	10	0.2	Spruce St.
3009	10	0.1	Biloxi Lan ADT Backup
3012	10	0.1	Earl J Barbry Sr. Blvd
3013	10	0.1	<u>Paragon Place</u>
<b>These are completed projects, Why are they still being coded as CN 1 (have a CTI)?</b>			
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.6</b>

Eastern(S50)

**NEEDS MORE WORK / NOT ACCEPTABLE**

Chitimacha -970

Tribal Resolution

Rt	Name	Sec.	Mohegan Drive	Miles	Comments
1015		10		0.1	There is no Narrative Description. Question: Where is the Deletion of 0.1 mile?

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Total	1	1	0.1
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Eastern(S50)

**NEEDS MORE WORK / NOT ACCEPTABLE**

Catawba-032

Tribal Resolution

Rt	Sec.	Miles		Comments
1900	10	0.2	Trimnal Road	There is no Narrative Description,
2000	10	1	Heat Start Road	There is no Region Director Approval,
2100	10	0.1	Sturgis Road	There is no Regional Road Engineer
	20	0.3	Sturgis Road Exit	There is no Transmittal Memorandum
2200	10	0.1	Nassawo Circle Conne	There is no Attachment I ?
	20		Bridge	
	30	0.1		
2300	10	0.2	Nassaw Circle	
2800	10	0.1	Road A	
2900	10	0.3	Road B	
3000	10	0.1	Road C	
3100	10	0.2	Road D	
3200	10	0.8	Business Park Road	
3300	10	0.3	Neely Store Road	
	20	2		
3500	10	0.3	Road to Dave Lyle Blvd	
	20	0.3		
3600	10	1	Ramp to Dave Lyle Blvd	
3700	10	0.1	Big Bear	
3800	10	1	Dave Lyle Blvd Extn.	

Total

15

20

8.5

Eastern(S50)

**NEEDS MORE WORK / NOT ACCEPTABLE**

Aroostook-031

Tribal Resolution

Rt	Name	Sec.	Powers Road	Miles	Comments
29		10		0.4	There is no Narrative Description, There is no ADT backup data.

**Total**      1      1      0.4



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**MEMO:**

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BIO2003:032

Date: December 17, 2002

To: **USET Tribal Leaders**  
**USET Transportation Committee Members**

From: Tiffany D. Chevront, BIO 

Re: Response to USET Resolution 2003:040

At the USET Annual Meeting in Uncasville, CT, October 28-31, 2002, the USET Board of Directors passed Resolution No. 2003:040 (attached), requesting that the status of all Member Tribes' Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) Inventory be updated and released to those tribes. Attached you will find a response from Mike Talley, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, including a letter, a summary status report of individual tribes' inventory updates, and a deficiency report for each individual inventory update. **Any Tribes listed in the deficiency reports should contact BIA Eastern Regional Office Highway Engineer Larry Haley at (615) 467-2945 as soon as possible.** The updated and corrected information will be added to the FY 2003 Temp Road Inventory Database File

If you have any other questions regarding this response, please contact the USET office at (615) 872-7900.

*"Because there is strength in Unity"*

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