



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2006:001

RETURN OF TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION DOCUMENTS

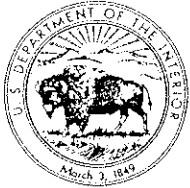
- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-four (24) federally recognized Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** it is a goal of USET and the individual member Tribes to become more self-sufficient with regard to transportation planning; and
- WHEREAS,** in the past the Bureau of Indian Affairs served in a managerial role regarding transportation planning for various Tribes and as a result have possession of documents relevant to current planning issues on tribal lands; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors requests action be taken by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to expedite the retrieval and return to respective member Tribes all propriety construction documents, road right-of-ways and surveys for all Indian Reservation Roads within the Eastern Region; constructed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs prior to the implementation of the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act (PL 93-638).

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting & EXPO, at which a quorum was present, in Orlando, Florida, on Thursday, October 13, 2005.

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

Eddie L. Tullis, Secretary
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cc Transportation Committee

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Dear Mr. Martin:

In response to your letter dated October 24, 2005, with regards to the resolution past by the Board of Directors at the annual USET meeting held in Orlando, Florida, during the week of October 10-14, 2005. The resolution addressed the concerns brought up by the USET, Transportation Committee. Comments on **Resolution No. 2006:001** – Return of Tribal Transportation Documents are as follows:

There are no Tribal proprietary documents related to construction, road right-of-ways and surveys for the Indian Reservations Roads within the Eastern Region. All roads constructed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs are constructed using Federal Highway Trust Funds and therefore any documents generated from such projects are the property of the United States Government. The Tribes may request copies of such documents on a case by case method. The Tribes will need to provide the project information such as route number, route name, year designed/constructed, and a property section number for right-of-way document reference.

I hope this response addresses your concerns adequately. If you need additional information you may contact Mr. Larry Haley, Regional Road Engineer, at 615-564-6860.

Sincerely,

Director, Eastern Region

