

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE  
FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION

- WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act; and
- WHEREAS, The Constitution and Bylaws of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes to protect and preserve the property, wildlife, and natural resources of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes Natural Resources Department must improve it's Lease Compliance Program capabilities to meet increasing demands in this area; and
- WHEREAS, The Bureau of Indian Affairs has made available to the Three Affiliated Tribes \$35,000.00 that may be used in this effort; and
- WHEREAS, The Natural Resources Department has developed a proposal to provide for improved Lease Compliance Program services utilizing these monies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the attached Improved Lease Compliance Program proposal be approved and submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for funding.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 11 members, 7 constituting a quorum were present at a Regular meeting, thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 14 day of May, 1981; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 10 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members passed, and that the said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman (voting) (~~not voting~~).

Dated this 14 day of May, 1981.

*Lillie Walker*  
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

*Alvin A. Birtles*  
Chairman, Tribal Business Council

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES  
NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

IMPROVED LEASE COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

Introduction

The Three Affiliated Tribes Natural Resources Department's present Lease Compliance Program provides the following services:

- 1) Mineral lease compliance checks for all Trust lands under Bureau of Indian Affairs approved oil and gas leases and prospecting permits belonging to the Three Affiliated Tribes and their allotted lands located within the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation,
- 2) Conducts periodic field inspections of active companies operating under oil and gas leases and prospecting permits, etc.
- 3) Maintains a limited recordskeeping system of oil and gas lease compliance information, complaint files, inspection reports, and exploratory drilling updates.
- 4) Accomplishes complaint follow-up and related activities to resolve complaint.

The Natural Resources Department provides personnel, supplies, materials, equipment, facilities, and services necessary to administer the Lease Compliance Program.

The Tribal Rangers employed under the Lease Compliance Program work cooperatively with Bureau of Indian Affairs Range Aides on field inspections, mineral lease compliance monitoring, and oil and seismic complaints.

Increased Activity on Fort Berthold

The Natural Resources Department is seeing a rapid increase of

exploratory drilling and seismic activity on Fort Berthold lands. To date, 18 exploratory wells have been drilled or are presently drilling on the Reservation. Over 4,000 miles of seismic line has been permitted. All of this activity has occurred during the past two years.

The Department expects to see another 1,500 to 2,000 miles of seismic line permitted from May of 1981 to May of 1982, with half of it to occur between May and September of 1981. Another 20 to 30 exploratory wells are estimated within the next two and a half year period as this is the amount of time left on a majority of the oil and gas leases. Should any of these exploratory wells prove to be successful, this estimate is likely to double. Grace Petroleum officials (Grace holds a significant number of leases on the Reservation) indicated to the Department that they intend to drill another four or five exploratory wells on the Reservation within the next two and a half years.

Increased Demands on Monitoring and Services

The present activities level and the anticipated increase over this level emphasizes the need for additional monitoring and additional services to fulfill the objectives of the Natural Resources Department Lease Compliance Program. The Department has evaluated its present program and has defined areas where additional monitoring and services are necessary. They are as follows:

- 1) Daily field inspection of drilling and seismic operations should be accomplished rather than periodic checks,
- 2) Acquisition of equipment and materials necessary for the Rangers to make proper daily field inspections,
- 3) Must develop an expanded records system capable of handling

the influx of oil and gas lease compliance information, drilling and seismic complaints, line logs and shothole maps, line inspections, drilling updates and other files.

- 4) Must develop a Reservation map with color coded allotted, tribal, fee patent, and Corps of Engineers land; distinguished landmarks and trails; and landowner/operator headquarters. This map could be sold or issued to companies upon permitting and reviewed with company representatives to prevent possible trespassing and damages by companies.
- 5) Hire a Cartographer Assistant to aid in accomplishing the No. 4 activity (above) and to provide general assistance to enable the Cartographer to keep up with increased demands on his time also due to increased activity in this area.

Budget

May 1, 1981 through September 30, 1981

I. PERSONNEL			
Assistant Cartographer			
\$15,000.00 per annum x 5 mos.	\$ 6,250.00		
Fringe Benefits @ 15%	<u>937.50</u>		
		\$ 7,187.50	\$ 7,187.50
II. EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION			
Boat/Trailer		10,000.00	
Transit and Related Equipment		3,000.00	
Equipment/Outfitting		<u>4,000.00</u>	
Total Equipment Acquisition			17,000.00
III. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS			
Supplies/Telephone		<u>2,000.00</u>	
Total Administrative Costs			2,000.00
IV. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT		<u>8,812.50</u>	
Total Program Development			<u>8,812.50</u>
TOTAL BUDGET REQUEST			<u><u>\$35,000.00</u></u>

Budget Narrative

PERSONNEL - Increased cartography demands require that the Minerals and Water Cartographer be provided with assistance to accomplish his activities. An Assistant Cartographer position is provided for within this proposal.

BOAT/TRAILER - Many areas on Fort Berthold are virtually inaccessible by land. In such instances, the Tribes propose to adopt the Fort Berthold Agency's Range approach of achieving access by lake.

TRANSIT AND RELATED EQUIPMENT - Since it is often necessary to survey seismic lines to determine shothole location, a transit and related equipment are required.

EQUIPMENT/OUTFITTING - The Rangers must be uniformed and equipped to properly function in the field. As field personnel, not only are they exposed to extremes in weather, but on-site inspections often require exposure to hazardous conditions. Special equipment must be obtained to protect the rangers and aid them in accomplishment of such inspections. An example is the drilling rig inspections that must be completed (presently) once a week. The Ranger goes on-site and must be equipped with a hard-hat and be able to take other protective measures as the situation requires. They may be engaged in fire control, be exposed to dangerous chemicals, etc.

SUPPLIES/TELEPHONE line item is self-explanatory.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT - The Department continues to strive to improve it's capabilities through improving regulatory schemes, training, and by providing public awareness. The improved program proposes to meet increased demands, continue training, improve field capabilities through equipment procurement, expand the Natural Resources Department recordskeeping capability,

develop visual aids to companies and individuals in the form of mapping made available to all individuals and companies, and intensifying field inspection activities.