

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

WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes generally authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities on behalf of and in the interest of the welfare and benefits of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and

WHEREAS, The United States Forest Service is in the process of revising it's Management Plans for the Little Missouri Grasslands; and

WHEREAS, This revision will include Rangeland and Forest Health, Community and Lifestyle Relationships, Livestock Grazing, Oil & Gas Leasing, Plant and Animal Control, Recreational and Travel Management and Special Area Designations; and

WHEREAS, All of these topics have potentially great impacts on the Fort Berthold Reservation, such as: Past and current uses of land, Social and demographic changes and trends and Diversity of jobs and income. Quality of life factors and main topics such as livestock grazing, oil and gas leasing and Special Area designations.

WHEREAS, The National Grazing lands directly adjacent to the Western border of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, specifically known as The Little Missouri National Grasslands were once a part of Fort Berthold until the Executive Orders of 1870 and 1880, specifically described as lands within Townships 147, 148, 149, 150, 151 and 152 North, Ranges 95 and 96 West . These lands were once used for Tribal hunting and Ceremonial purposes and now the Three Affiliated Tribes have no access to these lands which are permitted at low cost to non-Indians.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the lands directly adjacent to the Fort Berthold Reservation be leased to the Three Affiliated Tribes for grazing, a Buffalo compound and cultural and religious purposes. The Government to Government relationship shall be utilized to expedite this request prior to the 1998 expiration date of current lease.

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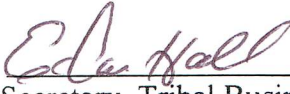
ALSO, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That the Blue Buttes Ceremonial areas be designated as a Special Interest Area and the correct historical names be used in this designation. ie: Table Butte aka Thunder Butte aka Eagle Nest Butte and Chimney Butte have always been sacred to the Three Affiliated Tribes' Low Cap Clan and Water Buster Clan. Traditional Ceremonies have been performed on these Buttes in the past and at the present time.

#### CERTIFICATION


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 7 members of who 5 constitutes a quorum, 6 were present at a Regular Meeting, thereof duly called, notice, convened, and held on the 10 day of July 1997; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman (voting) (not voting)

Dated This 10 day of July, 1997

  
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

  
Chairman, Tribal Business Council