

**TRIBE:** Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

**UPDATE:** January 15, 1996

No negotiations or technical work have taken place since the last progress report, however, the CKST hosted a two day field trip for the Commission in early July, 1995 and the parties are drafting a Memorandum of Understanding (408 Agreement).

**TRIBE:** Crow Tribe

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A negotiating session took place on August 3, 1995. A compilation of a bibliography of federal documents relating to the Crow Indian Reservation was submitted to the Commission by the Crow Tribe.

#### **TECHNICAL WORK IN PROGRESS**

A hydrologic model of the river systems within the reservation is being developed. The first draft of a comprehensive land ownership map, depicting various classes of tribal and fee lands, has been completed. The map is based on federal and state data. Commission staff has been working jointly with the Crow Tribe to finalize the map. Land status legal issues and off-reservation hunting and fishing rights are being researched. A general history of the Crow Tribe is in draft. Irrigated lands in Big Horn County, based on the Montana Water Resource Survey, has been put into a digital format.

Tribal technical consultants have developed soils classifications which are being examined by Commission staff. A Memorandum of Understanding (408 Agreement) has been executed by the Tribe and the Commission. The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation is conducting claims examination of fee lands in the Pryor Creek Basin on the Crow Reservation. The next negotiating session has not been scheduled at this time.