

## Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

September 18, 2008

---

Agenda Item: 14b

Action

Topic: Fort Yamhill Easement for Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde

Presented by: Cliff Houck

---

### **Background:**

OPRD recently acquired a 14.4-acre site located adjacent to the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Pow-wow grounds. The “Graves” acquisition was for a maintenance site to service the Fort Yamhill State Heritage Area. At the time of acquisition, staff discussed a potential partnership with the Confederated Tribes to make mutually beneficial road connections from the “Graves property” to the Pow-wow grounds and the park service road.

The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde has requested a non-exclusive easement over a corner of OPRD property to allow better access to a new traditional plank house being constructed on Tribal Lands. This easement would allow the Confederated Tribes to move forward with road construction that could also benefit OPRD by increasing access from the maintenance site to the park service road. The Confederated Tribes request the approval of the easement as we continue efforts for a reciprocal easement that would formally connect OPRD to the service road by easement right.

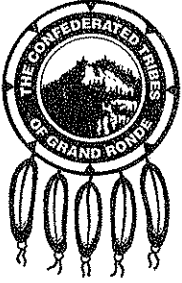
The normal process would be to complete a reciprocal easement for the entire road connection. This reciprocal easement is still of interest to OPRD and the Confederated Tribes, but is anticipated to require a lengthy review by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Confederated Tribes are requesting to move forward with this initial easement in order to complete construction of the road and traditional plank house for a November 2008 opening.

OPRD will benefit by a physical connection from the Graves property to the park service road at no cost to OPRD. The Confederated Tribes have agreed to maintain the road in the easement area.

**Action Requested:** Staff recommends and requests your approval of the easement to the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde.

**Prior Action by Commission:** Commission approved the purchase of the Graves property on November 29<sup>th</sup> 2007.

**Prepared by:** Cliff Houck



## The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon

Tribal Land Management  
Phone (503) 879-2394 or  
(503) 879-~~2388~~ 2394  
Fax (503) 879-1353

9615 Grand Ronde Rd  
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

---

August 14, 2008

Cliff Houck  
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department  
725 Summer Street NE, Suite C  
Salem, Oregon 97301-1266

Re: Easement Request

Mr. Houck,

Thank you so much for taking the time to meet with my office regarding our request for an easement on the corner of your property located at 45000 SW Hebo Rd.

On behalf of the Tribe, we enjoy working with State Parks and look forward to many years of good "partnerships" of support concerning the Old Yamhill Fort/Historic Ground/Pow-wow area.

We are working on a new traditional plank house on Tribal Lands as noted in the maps attached to this letter and e-mailed to your office. Due to the location and topography, we are requesting a non-exclusive easement as identified in the maps and prepared legal description. This project will enrich the culture of the area and greatly benefit the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. It is slated for opening this November.

Due to the time lines of this specific project, I am requesting that State Parks approve the easement as presented, with the idea that we will meet and discuss broadening the easement to reciprocate access in the very near future.

Of course, the Tribe will be responsible for maintaining the road in the easement area. The document is being drafted and reviewed by our attorneys, Paul Weddle and Jennifer Biesack. Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have.

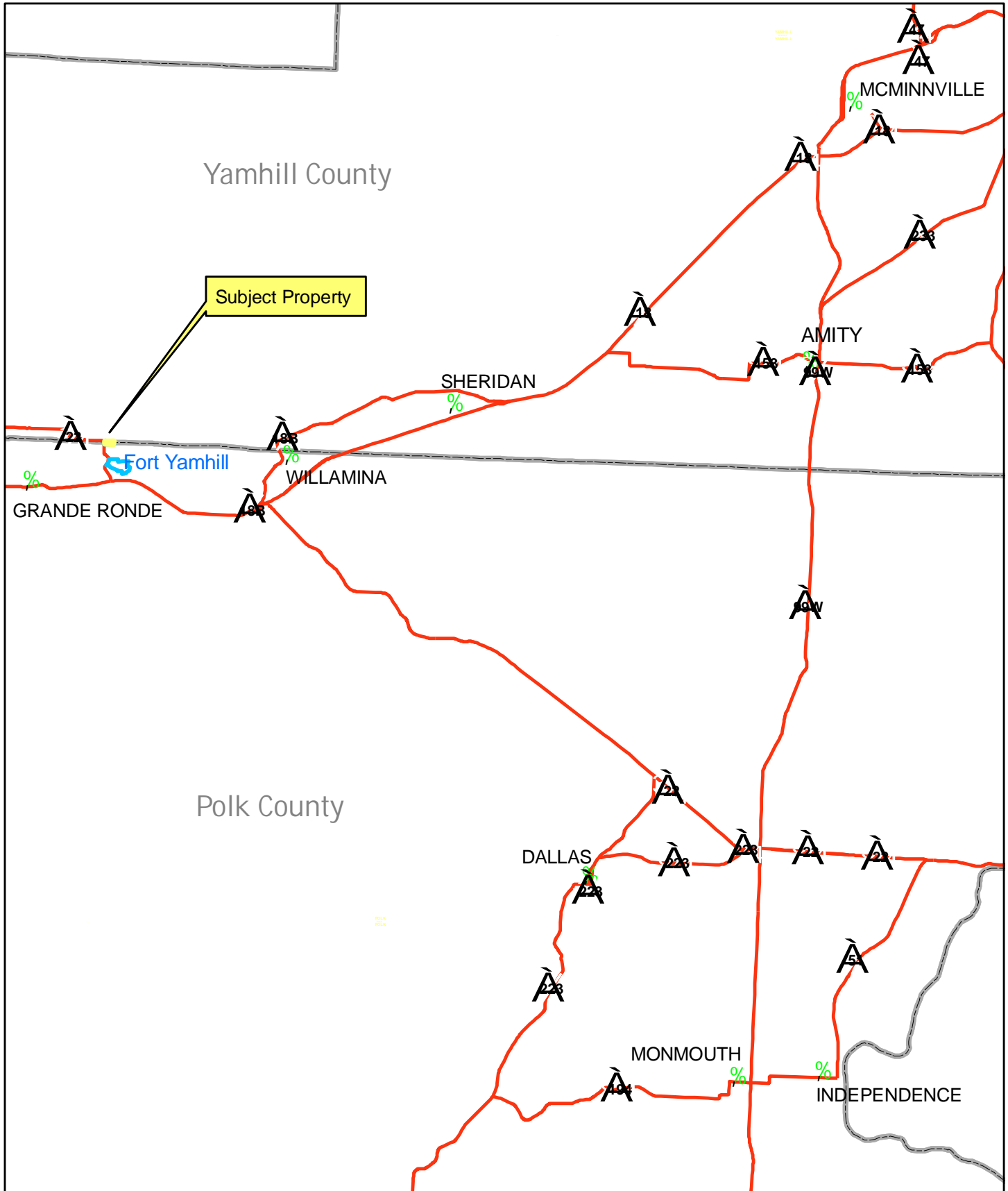
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jan M. Reibach". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jan Michael Reibach  
Tribal Lands Manager

# Fort Yamhill I Vicinity Map

Oregon Parks & Recreation Dept.  
725 Summer St. NE, Suite C  
Salem OR, 97301



This product is for informational purposes and may not have been prepared for, or be suitable for legal, engineering, or surveying purposes. Users of this information should review or consult the primary data and information sources to ascertain the usability of the information.

Oregon Lambert Projection  
Datum NAD 83



0 11,000 22,000 Feet

amb 08/22/2008  
\\parks\park\af\file.mxd



# FORT YAMHILL

Oregon Parks & Recreation Dept.  
725 Summer St. NE, Suite C  
Salem OR, 97301

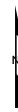


Nature  
HISTORY  
Discovery



This product is for informational purposes and may not have been prepared for, or be suitable for legal, engineering, or surveying purposes. Users of this information should review or consult the primary data and information sources to ascertain the usability of the information.

Oregon Lambert Projection  
Datum NAD 83



0 137.5 275 Feet

bc 8/22/08

\\projects\righ-of-way\  
fortyamhill\fortyamhill\_plankhouse.mxd