

LAND NEEDS OF THE COLVILLE INDIANS

PREAMBLE

We, the Colville people, through our officially elected governing body and through our hereditary chiefs do hereby request and solicit the Congress of the United States to give heed to the following petition. It is a simple fact that progress among our people is being very seriously jeopardized, due largely to the uncertain status of the land that we call our home. A home, to all peoples, is one of their most prized possessions, and we are no different from others. With all our hearts we are endeavoring to preserve that home; for our old people, to whom it always has been home; for our young people, to whom we desire to give the opportunity for a decent standard of living; and to our unborn children, to whom we earnestly hope to leave a heritage that they can be proud of.

In this our petition, we have enlisted the aid of all people whom we believe can help us. We have also solicited information from various reports and files of the Indian Agency and the officials attached thereto.



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**In the Superior Court**

of the  
STATE OF WASHINGTON  
in and for  
OKANOGAN COUNTY

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Plaintiff

vs.

Defendant

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*No. of Instrument*

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