Sample Chain of Surveys, Land Description Review and Boundary Assurance Certificate

The following Standards for Indian Trust Lands Boundary Evidence Certificates are provided as an example of how the certificates are completed. The surveyor may be asked to complete portions of the Certificate of Inspection and Possession (CIP) or to point out the corners and boundaries to the official completing the CIP. In this case the surveyor is not completing the CIP but has provided a statement to be attached to the CIP.
Land Description Review Worksheet
United States Department of the Interior
Tribal, Tribal Center, WA 98

To: BLM Oregon Cadastral Survey, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR 97208
Attention: Mary Hartel, Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Washington

Work to be performed by: Certified Federal Surveyor, WA 98
Subject: Land Description Review (LDR) Worksheet

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Please review the land description(s) in the attached conveyance/activity document(s) for the case identified above, please complete the attached interoffice memo and return them to me for filing in the official case file [when applicable]. The purpose for the LDR is: Fee to Trust Conveyance

In addition BLM is to report upon (check box(s), and within the brackets circle the service(s)):

☑ Condition of corner monuments based upon (existing knowledge or office investigation or field investigation)
☑ Condition of boundary line marking based upon (existing knowledge or office investigation or field investigation)
☑ Practicability of the boundaries for compliance with program purposes based upon (existing knowledge or office investigation or field investigation)
☐ Condition of Geographic Coordinate Data Base (GCDB).
☐ Acres determined from GLO/BLM records.
☑ Acres determined by other means.
☐ Other -

The LDR is needed by: July 1-2008

Authorized by:

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Date Received By Cadastral Survey: Received By: 

Attachments: To CFEDS

Preliminary title report, adjoining deeds and 50 year chain of title

This worksheet is to be retained in the official case file
To: XXX Tribe
From: Mary Hartel, Chief Cadastral Surveyor
BLM Oregon State Office
Subject: Land Description Review (LDR) Certificate

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By letter dated May 28, 2008 received by this office on 6-2-2008, the land description(s) as stated in the attached conveyance document(s) for the above referenced realty/resource action has been reviewed. The following determination has been made:

(Check one!)

✔ The land description is acceptable as written and presented, see comments below.

The land description has potential problems as noted below; however, the risk appears minor and the conveyance/activity should not be affected.

The land description has potential problems and should not be used as written in the subject conveyance/activity document. The following errors and/or concerns as noted below, need to be corrected/addressed before this description should be used.

**Sufficiency of the land description to the land for the stated purpose:** The land description contained in Title Report Order No. is unambiguous and sufficient for a fee to trust conveyance.

**Comments/Concerns/Corrections:** Volume 32 of Short Plats, Page 99, records of County, Washington is the short plat that created the subject parcel. Note 6 on sheet 2 of 2 of said short plat explains deficiencies with the description of the parent parcel and outlines the procedure used to calculate the boundaries. Since the above referenced title report refers to lot 2 of said short plat, it is my opinion that Title Company has accepted the boundaries of said short plat, as recorded, as sufficient to convey title.

**Condition of corner monuments:** All monuments were found in good condition on 5-30-2008 except for the most easterly corner monument, which was disturbed by recent excavation. To perpetuate the position of this corner, two new monuments were set at a 100-foot offset along the northeasterly and southeasterly lines. In addition, new monuments were set at the intersection.
of easements shown on said short plat along the northeasterly and southwesterly lines.

**Condition of boundary line marking:** The northeasterly line was created on 10-25-2007 during the subdivision of the parent parcel per Volume 32 of Short Plats, Page 99, records of [county] County, Washington. Said line falls along a side hill of a road grade. No fence line or occupational indicators exist along this line.

Three new monuments were set along this line, two at the location of an ingress and egress easement for walkway purposes created per said short plat, and one at a 100 foot offset from the most easterly corner as noted above.

The southeasterly line falls within 0.5 feet of an existing chain link fence for most of the line except where said fence jogs around an existing shed where said fence falls 5 feet northwesterly of the line. The shed appears to have previously housed an electrical switch that now appears abandoned. Said shed (which is on skids and not attached to the ground) encroaches approximately 0.8 feet onto the subject property. In addition, a utility line was found that is interior of the subject property up to the existing shed where it than crosses onto the adjoining property. No document could be found indicating the exact location of this apparent easement. One new monument was set along this line at a 100-foot offset from the most easterly corner as noted above.

The southwesterly line was created on 10-25-2007 during the subdivision of the parent parcel per Volume 32 of Short Plats, page 99, records of [county] County, Washington. No fence line or occupational indicators exist along this line. One new monument was set along this line at the intersection of the 60-foot ingress and egress easement created per said Short Plat.

The northwesterly line falls between an existing chain link fence and a concrete curb. The chain link fence falls between 0.4 feet and 1 foot southeasterly of the property line. The concrete curb falls between 0 feet and 1.28 feet northwesterly of the property line.

**Condition of Geographic Coordinate Data Base (GCDB):** Not applicable.

I certify that the parcel described on the attached conveyance document contains the following acreage(s):

- [ ] acres determined from GLO/BLM official records.
- 13.065 acres determined by survey.
Certification: This Land Description Review correctly represents the records and documents compiled by me or under my direct supervision in conformance with the requirements of the Department of the Interior Standards for Indian Trust Lands Boundary Evidence, of the tract(s) or parcel(s) of land identified above.

| Name: [Signature], Certified Federal Surveyor | Title and Contact Information: [Signature], PLS, CFS | Date: 6-5-2008 |
| [Print Name] | [Print Name], WA 98 | |

Certification: This Land Description Review correctly represents the records and documents compiled under my direction and control and in conformance with the requirements of the Department of the Interior Standards for Indian Trust Lands Boundary Evidence, of the tract(s) or parcel(s) of land identified above.

This attached opinion is based on the information supplied and the official record. Other record information not in our possession could influence this report. No warranty is expressed or implied as to the accuracy of the State authority survey.

The documents supplied to this office include:

| Name: Chief Cadastral Surveyor | Contact Information: [Signature] | Date: |
| [Print Name] | [Print Name] | |

Attachments:

- Title report from [Signature] Title Company.
- Adjoiner deeds from [Signature] Title Company.
- 50-year chain of title from [Signature] Title Company.

*This certificate is to be retained in the official case file*
Land Description Review Worksheet  
United States Department of the Interior  
Tribal Community Development, WA 98

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In addition BLM is to report upon (check box(s), and within the brackets circle the service(s)):

- [X] Condition of corner monuments based upon (existing knowledge or office investigation or field investigation).
- [X] Condition of boundary line marking based upon (existing knowledge or office investigation or field investigation).
- [X] Practicality of the boundaries for compliance with program purposes based upon (existing knowledge or office investigation or field investigation).
- [ ] Condition of Geographic Coordinate Data Base (GCDB).
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The LDR is needed by: **July 1 - 2008**

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Date Received By Cadastral Survey: ___________________________ Received By: ___________________________

Attachments: **CFEDS**

Preliminary title report, adjoining deeds and 50 year chain of title

*This worksheet is to be retained in the official case file*
To: Tribe

From: Mary Hartel, Chief Cadastral Surveyor
BLM Oregon State Office

Subject: Chain of Surveys (COS) Certificate

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By letter dated May 28, 2008 the chain of surveys for the attached land description(s) for the above referenced realty/resource action has been complied. The following determination has been made:

(Check one!)

✓ The land surveys are acceptable, see comments below.

The land surveys have potential problems as noted below; however, the risk appears minor and the conveyance/activity should not be affected.

The land surveys have potential problems and should not be used for the subject conveyance/activity. The following errors and/or concerns as noted below, need to be corrected/addressed before the surveys should be used.

**Sufficiency of the chain of survey of the land for the stated purpose:** The chain of survey evidence is sufficient for a fee to trust conveyance.

**Comments/Concerns/Corrections:** There have been many surveys showing the boundaries of the parent parcel, which the subject property was once a part of. However, full disclosure in the public record showing sufficient controlling boundary monumentation and procedures used to justify boundaries did not occur until 2004 when a comprehensive survey was performed for the . This survey recorded in Volume 56 of Surveys, Page 91, records of . County, Washington documents how the Sampson Claim, the Inner Harbor line of the harbor were derived. Subsequent to said survey the subject property was subdivided into 3 lots at the request of the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and recorded in Volume 32 of Short Plats, Page 99, records of County, Washington. The description of the boundaries of the parent parcel used to subdivide said
property was poorly written and failed to reference adjoining record documents. Note 6 on said short plat adequately explains the procedure used to calculate the boundaries.

**Corner History:** The monuments of the subject parcel were originally established in 2007 during a subdivision of the parent parcel for the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). This subdivision is recorded in Volume 32 of Short Plats, Page 99, records of [County, Washington]. On 5-30-2008, an additional survey was done of the subject property to determine the condition of the corner monuments and the condition of the boundary lines. All monuments were found in good condition except for the most easterly corner monument, which was disturbed by recent excavation. To perpetuate the position of this corner, two new monuments were set at a 100-foot offset along the northeasterly and southeasterly lines. In addition, new monuments were set at the intersection of easements shown on said short plat along the northeasterly and southeasterly lines.

**Line and Measurement History:** The subject parcel falls within the boundaries of two original plats, the James Sampson Claim and the “Map of the tide land of the City of [County, Wash].” Below is a chronological list of surveys showing line measurements that affect the boundaries of the subject parcel.

1891-The James Sampson Claim was surveyed by John W. Ashley, U.S. Deputy Surveyor between September and November 1891 with the Plat being filed on October 26, 1893.

1893-The “Map of the tide land of the City of Port Angeles, [County, Wash]” was surveyed by Norman R. Smith, Civil Engineer and dated April 10, 1893.

1899-The James Sampson Claim was subdivided in lots “A” through “F” and recorded in Volume 2 of Plats, Page 61 on June 6, 1899 at the request of R.C. Wilson. There is no indication of who surveyed or prepared the plat noted thereon.

1944- E.F. Duffy, Professional Engineer, performed a property survey of the entire James Sampson Claim and its subdivision for Fibreboard Products Inc. dated December 18, 1944. Said survey map shows that Mr. Duffy recovered numerous concrete monuments in addition to setting new pipe and hub monuments at the corners and subdivision lines of the Sampson Claim.

1956- Irving Zirpel, Jr. Cartographer, (Cadastral), recovered a spike at the southwest corner of the Sampson Claim and set a witness monument to said corner during the retracement of the United States Navy and Military Reservation between April 27 and June 8, 1956.

1973- Kenneth A. Clark, Professional Land Surveyor, monumented the centerlines of Third Street and Marine Drive. Marine Drive, by deed is described as the south 70 feet of portions of The Sampson Claim. Said survey shows monument number 4 of the 1947 Duffy survey but does not disclose the method of determining the south line of the Sampson Claim. This survey is dated March 28, 1973, is unrecorded and found in the files of the City of [County].

1981- Kenneth A. Clark, Professional Land Surveyor, performed a survey for the Port of Port Angeles of portions of Tideland Blocks 14-16 West of Laurel Street and portions of tracts “D” through “F” of the Sampson Claim and recorded it in Volume 6 of Surveys, Page 82, records of [County, Washington] on April 20, 1981. Said survey does not disclose the monuments or methodology used to determine the boundaries of the Sampson Claim or the Tideland Blocks. The most southerly corner of parcel 1 of this survey is cited as the point of beginning in subsequent conveyances of the subject parcel.

1989- Ronald L. Nesary, Professional Land Surveyor, performed a comprehensive survey for Merrill and Ring, Inc. of the entire Sampson Claim, portions of tideland Blocks west of Laurel Street and portions of the and recorded it in Volume 15 of Surveys, Page 81 on June 8, 1989. Said survey does not show or disclose the entire methodology needed to determine the location of the Inner Harbor line or the northeasterly boundary of the Sampson Claim.


2002- Jerry D. Moore, Professional Engineer, prepared a plan of the Graving Dock Site for the Washington State Department of Transportation, which was approved and adopted on November 22, 2002. A note on sheet 13 of said plans states that “Data shown on this plan based on record of survey filed in Volume 6, Page 82, records of County. Additional information found on record of survey filed in Volume 15, Page 81.” Said plans do not disclose the methodology needed to determine the location of the Harbor lines or the boundary of the Sampson Claim.

2003- Rob Johnston, Professional Land Surveyor, performed a survey of lease lots within parcels 1 and 2 of the 1981 Clark survey, recorded in Volume 51 of Surveys, Page 96, records of County, Washington, and recorded it on March 27, 2003. Said survey contains a note citing slight differences in measurements between his survey and the 1981 Clark survey and the 1989 Nesary survey. This survey shows monument number 4 of the 1947 Duffy survey but does not show or disclose the entire methodology needed to determine the location of the inner Harbor line or the northeasterly boundary of the Sampson Claim.

2004- Bradley R. Lymangrover, Professional Land Surveyor, performed a survey to subdivide portions of tracts D through F of the Plat of the Sampson Claim. This survey also included portions of Tideland Blocks 14 through 16 and other lands for the and recorded it in Volume 30 of Short Plats, Page 76, records of County, Washington on May 4, 2004. Said survey contains a note citing slight differences in measurements between his survey and the 1981 Clark survey and the 1989 Nesary survey. This survey shows monument number 4 of the 1947 Duffy survey but does not show or disclose the entire methodology needed to determine the location of the inner Harbor line or the northeasterly boundary of the Sampson Claim.

2004- Bradley R. Lymangrover, Professional Land Surveyor, performed a survey to subdivide
portions of Parcel 2 of Volume 30 of Short Plats, Page 76, records of County, Washington and recorded it in Volume 1 of Binding Site Plans, Page 10, records of said County, on June 4, 2004. Said survey contains a surveyor’s report that explains the review and acceptance of the 1944 Duffy survey. The report also explains a discrepancy with the 1981 Clark survey, the 1989 Nesary survey and the 2003 Johnston survey. This discrepancy has no effect on the subject property.

2004-James Wengler, Professional Land Surveyor, performed a survey for the encompassing areas within the Harbor and recorded it in Volume 56 of Surveys, Page 91, records of County, Washington on December 3, 2004. This survey shows the first comprehensive reconstruction of the entire James Sampson Claim and the inner and outer Harbor lines within the . Extensive notes on said survey explain the procedures and methodology used to determine said boundaries. Although minor discrepancies were found when comparing the previous surveys performed by Clark, Nesary, Johnston and Lymangrover, the results indicate that all of these previous surveys were faithful retracements of the 1944 Duffy survey even though all of the controlling monuments needed to support the boundaries were not disclosed.

2007- James Wengler, Professional Land Surveyor, performed a subdivision of a parcel described in Auditor’s file number 2005-1150797, records of County, Washington and recorded it in Volume 32 of Short Plats, Page 99, records of said County on October 25, 2007. Note 6 on sheet 2 of 2 of said short plat explains deficiencies with the description of the parent parcel and outlines the procedure used to calculate the exterior boundaries. Lot 2 of this short plat is the parcel that is the subject of this report. Both the northeasterly and southeasterly lines of said parcel 2 were created per instructions received from the Washington State Department of Transportation.

2008-James Wengler, Professional Land Surveyor, performed a retracement survey of lot 2 of Volume 32 of Short Plats, Page 99, records of County, Washington and recorded it in Volume 12 of Surveys, Page 34, records of said County on June 10, 2008. Note 3 on said survey reports the conditions of the corner monuments and lines as follows:

During the course of this survey the condition of the corner monuments were investigated. All monuments were found to be in good condition except for the most easterly corner of the subject property. Said monument was found to be at the edge of recent excavation and is in danger of being lost. To perpetuate the position of this corner 2 new monuments were set at 100-foot offsets along the northeasterly and southeasterly lines as shown hereon.

In addition, the condition of the boundary lines were also investigated and are reported as follows:

The northeasterly line was created on 10-25-2007 during the subdivision of the parent parcel per Volume 32 of Short Plats, Page 99, records of County, Washington. Said line falls along a side hill of a road grade. No fence line or occupational indicators exist along this line.

Three new monuments were set along this line, two at the location of an ingress and egress easement for walkway purposes created per said short plat, and one at a 100 foot offset from the most easterly corner as noted above.

The southeasterly line falls within 0.5 feet of an existing chain link fence for most of the line
except where said fence jogs around an existing shed where said fence falls 5 feet northwesterly of the line. The shed appears to have previously housed an electrical switch that now appears abandoned. Said shed (which is on skids and not attached to the ground) encroaches approximately 0.8 feet onto the subject property. In addition, a utility line was found that is interior of the subject property up to the existing shed where it than crosses onto the adjoining property. No document could be found indicating the exact location of this apparent easement. One new monument was set along this line at a 100-foot offset from the most easterly corner as noted above.

The southwesterly line was created on 10-25-2007 during the subdivision of the parent parcel per Volume 32 of Short Plats, Page 99, records of [redacted] County, Washington. No fence line or occupational indicators exist along this line. One new monument was set along this line at the intersection of the 60-foot ingress and egress easement created per said short plat.

The northwesterly line falls between an existing chain link fence and a concrete curb. The chain link fence falls between 0.4 feet and 1 foot southeasterly of the property line. The concrete curb falls between 0 feet and 1.28 feet northwesterly of the property line.

**Certification:** This Chain of Surveys correctly represents the records and documents compiled by me or under my direct supervision in conformance with the requirements of the Department of the Interior Standards for Indian Trust Lands Boundary Evidence, of the tract(s) or parcel(s) of land identified above.

| Name: [redacted], Certified Federal Surveyor | Title and Contact Information: PLS, CFS | Date: 6-5-2008 |
| [Signature] | [Print Name] 98 | |

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| Name: Chief Cadastral Surveyor | Contact Information: | Date: |
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**Attachments:**

1891-The James Sampson Claim and notes
1893-The “Map of the tide land of the City of [redacted], Wash”
1899-The James Sampson Claim, Volume 2 of Plats, Page 61
1944-E.F. Duffy survey for Fibreboard Products Inc.
1956-Irving Zirpel, Jr. Cartographer, (Cadastral) survey and notes
1973-Kenneth A. Clark unrecorded survey of Third Street and Marine Drive
1981-Kenneth A. Clark survey, Volume 6 of Surveys, Page 82
1988-Silas W. Davis III survey, Volume 13 of Surveys, Page 29
1989-Ronald L. Nesary survey, Volume 15 of Surveys, Page 81
1997-Barrat G. Scott survey, Volume 38 of Surveys, Page 33
2000-Jerry D. Moore plan of the [redacted] Graving Dock
2003-Rob Johnston survey, Volume 51 of Surveys, Page 96
2004 Bradley R. Lymangrover survey, Volume 30 of Short Plats, Page 76
2004 Bradley R. Lymangrover survey, Volume 1 of Binding Site Plans, Page 10
2004-James Wengler survey, Volume 56 of Surveys, Page 91
2008-James Wengler survey, Volume XX of Surveys, Page XX
Certificate of Inspection and Possession Attachment

I hereby certify that I am a Registered Profession Surveyor in the State of Washington and a Certified Federal Surveyor and that I have made a personal examination and inspection of Lot B, Volume 66 of Surveys, Page 60, records of Washington, and that I am fully informed as to the boundaries, lines and corners of said tract. I have personally pointed out the corners and boundaries to the following individual:

1. [Name], Realty Specialist, [Tribe], on July 7, 2008.

July 8, 2008
(date)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
BOUNDARY ASSURANCE CERTIFICATE

Boundary Assurance Certificate No. BES-2008-1

To: [Redacted], Community Development, Tribe

From: Chief, Branch of Geographic Sciences

Subject: Lot B, Volume 66 of Surveys, Page 60, records of County, Washington

Certification: Subject to the exceptions, conditions and stipulations, listed in Schedule B, I, Ron Scherler, BLM Cadastral Surveyor, certify that critical records have been examined and boundaries have been inspected, and as of the Date of Boundary Assurance shown in Schedule A, assure that the United States of America will not sustain or incur a loss or damage, based upon the current/intended use of the land or interest in land shown in Schedule A, by reason of:

1. Land Description Review dated 07-22-2008, prepared by [Redacted], Certified Federal Surveyor No. [Redacted];
2. Chain of Surveys dated 07-22-2008, prepared by [Redacted], Certified Federal Surveyor No. [Redacted] and;

___________________________________    __________________
Ronald W. Scherler                  Date
Cadastral Surveyor

Certification: This Boundary Assurance Certificate correctly represents the records and documents compiled under my direction and control and in conformance with the requirements of the Department of the Interior Standards for Indian Trust Lands Boundary Evidence, of the tract(s) or parcel(s) of land identified above.

___________________________________    __________________
Acting Chief Cadastral Surveyor      Date
Washington State Office
SCHEDULE A

Boundary Assurance Certificate No. BES-2008-1

Date of Boundary Assurance _______________ [at a.m./p.m.]

1. Name of Authorizer: [ ], Community Development, Tribe

2. The land or interest in land referred to in this Boundary Assurance is described as follows:
Lot B, Volume 66 of Surveys, Page 60, records of County, Washington

3. The boundary of the land or interest in land which is covered by this Boundary Assurance is: The assurance pertains to all boundaries of the subject parcel.

4. The current/intended use of the land or interest in land is: The purpose of this Certificate is to facilitate the fee to trust conveyance.

SCHEDULE B

Boundary Assurance Certificate No. BES-2008-1

EXCEPTIONS FROM BOUNDARY ASSURANCE COVERAGE

This Boundary Assurance Certificate does not cover loss or damage which arise by reason of:

1. The destruction of survey monuments subsequent to the latest recorded survey. It is noted that numerous recently established survey monuments were destroyed prior to the 2008 survey of the subject parcel recorded in Volume 66 of Surveys, Page 60, County Washington.

2. The following minor encroachments identified in the Land Description Review:
   a. The southeasterly line falls within 0.5 feet of an existing chain link fence for most of the line except where said fence jogs around an existing shed where said fence falls 5 feet northwesterly of the line. The shed appears to have previously housed an electrical switch that now appears abandoned. Said shed (which is on skids and not attached to the ground) encroaches approximately 0.8 feet onto the subject property.
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