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The following is an update on the status of the rights-of-way on Lac Courte Oreilles Indian Lands as presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the membership.

LCO – Settlement of Alleged Trespass

As we have previously informed our members, the Board and management of Jump River Electric Cooperative continue to work with our legal counsel to address the issue of four expired easements across Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation Lands.

While Jump River disagrees with the Lac Courte Oreilles tribe and The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) regarding the alleged trespass, our attorneys have advised us that it may be in the Cooperative's best interest to settle this dispute, provided that we can negotiate an appropriate settlement agreement with the tribe and BIA, which protects the Cooperative's interests.

On October 6, 2014, the BIA issued a formal Notice of Trespass to Jump River, alleging trespass damages of \$91,400.00. Despite efforts to reach a settlement, the BIA issued a formal Demand Letter to Jump River on July 14, 2015. Jump River has filed a Notice of Appeal with the BIA, and since July, our attorneys have been engaged in settlement discussions with representatives of the Lac Courte Oreilles tribe.

Those settlement negotiations are ongoing, and we will keep our members informed of future developments