

From: Jack Utter<jackutter@hotmail.com> Add to Address Book Block Address
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2006 9:37:44 AM EST
To: <IEED@bia.edu> <doylej@peak.org>
Subject: Rights-of-way on Indian Lands

[Previous](#) [Next](#)

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

The history of the federal government and tribal lands is well known. Indian country used to amount to ALL of America. Now it is down to about 2%. Therefore, federal land policy has led to the loss of the other 98%.

I fear the urgent push to move on this right-of-way policy "over night" does not bode well for tribes. Rights of way (ROW) are but another means of removing land from the direct control of the owner of the servient estate.

I ask that tribal control over ROW decisionmaking on the final remnant of their heritage not be taken away, and that control be restored by legislation where it has been taken away or gone unrecognized.

Jack Utter
Ft. Defiance, AZ
The Navajo Nation