

United States Indian Service,

Malheur

Agency,

Malheur City, Or, Feby 4th, 1887.

Rev. J. H. Wilbur,

U.S. Indian Agent,

Sakama Agency, W. T.

Sir:

In compliance with instructions from the Office of Indian Affairs under date Jan 11th directing me to place myself in communication with you in relation to the authorized transfer to your agency of the moveable ^{property} remaining here, I would respectfully submit herewith, for your use, a schedule of all public property remaining on hand, as per my Property Return of Dec. 31, 1880, except public buildings. Since that date the expenditures have been very light, and will not materially reduce the quantities stated, except of forage for public animals and subsistence for Employees.

I am directed to consult with you in regard to the date at which the transfer shall begin.

This must depend upon the condition of the roads; and probably, to some extent, upon the route selected. I am not sufficiently acquainted with the route via Halgrande and Umatilla to venture an opinion as to its practicability. Should the route via Canyon City and The Dalles be chosen the chief obstruction to travel will be the snow in the Blue Mountains, this side of Canyon City. Last year the first wagons passed over, lightly loaded, on June 12th, when the roads were yet very bad from melting snow. The snow in the mountains at the present time is thought to be about the same depth as at this time last year.

I have three four-horse teams; but as two of the horses are not suitable for such work, only two four-horse and one two-horse teams can be relied upon. I have with me four white employees.

If you could spare the time, I would suggest that you come over and look at the roads and inspect the property.

Special Agent A.R. Smith has been absent for ten days at Malheur City and I have not consulted him, as directed.

With the information herein, it is thought you may be enabled to proceed understandingly with plans for the transfer. As the quantity to be transferred rests solely with you; and the transportation must also depend largely upon you, I shall cheerfully defer to your judgement in all matters pertaining to the transfer. You may also rely upon my earnest and hearty co-operation in the execution of any plan you may adopt.

Very respectfully,

Your Obedt. Servant,

W.V. Rinehart

Malheur Agency, Or,
Feby 4th 1881.

W. V. Rinchart
Farmer-in-Charge

Transmitting Schedule
of Property subject to
transfer.

(1) Inclosure