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Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter No 462558 of the 8th instant with copy of letter forwarded to Mr. Van Roberson of Upper Kootenai in regard to a road that he is using across the Kootenai Reserve. On inspection I beg to report that I have had consultation with Mr. Roberson and the Chief and members of the band. The Chief states that Mr. Roberson should pay \$100⁰⁰ for the privilege of using the reserve with his lumber for this season.

I have again travelled the road through the reserve and find that no damage has been done and as previously reported fragments of saw log roads formerly made by the Kootenai Indians. Mr. Roberson states that there will be about 100 ft. of hard lumber and he would be willing to pay at the rate of 25 cents per ft. for the use of the road, which Mr. Smith is desirous of. It also beg to report that it is not a question of the money with the Chief and Indians, as much as Mr. Roberson's trespass upon the reserve.

Yours obedient servant
Geo. C. Davidson

Dept. of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

Geo. P. Davidson
Indian Agent