Medicine Creek Treaty

**United States Government and Indians of Puget Sound**

Articles of Agreement with Isaac Stevens, governor of the Territory of Washington, and the chiefs of the Indians of Puget Sound this twenty-sixth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

The Tahoma tribe of Puget Sound will give up all rights to the land occupied by them and will be given four tracts of land on Puget Sound. This land will be reservations for the Indians.

The tribe must agree to move to this land within one year.

The tribe will be allowed to fish in their usual places, but can only erect temporary houses at those places.

The United States will pay $32,000 for all of the land given up to the United States.

In the future, the President of the United States can move the Indians from these reservations to other reservations if he chooses.

The tribe promises to be friendly with all citizens.

The United States government will provide a school for twenty years to teach agriculture and other skills so the Indians can become carpenters, blacksmiths, and farmers.

The tribe will agree not to trade with tribes outside of the United States.

The undersigned Isaac I. Stevens, governor of the Territory, and the chiefs of Puget Sound set forth their hands and seals at this place and on the date of this treaty.

Isaac I. Stevens Sign here: