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asks for assistance  
to fence the same by  
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Some Lake River, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 1860

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Sir

The deplorable and neglected condition in which I found this Reservation and the immediate necessity because of the near approach of planting and seeding time, have induced me to report to the department through you, in advance of the general report which I am instructed to make after visiting all the Reservations, the buildings generally answer very well. I fear now except a temporary one run out of repair <sup>only</sup> enclosing the main quarters, this Reserve is located in the center of the best <sup>pr</sup> grazing country in the State, and the feed in the Sacramento Valley being in a great measure taken out and much of the <sup>land</sup> enclosed which having created a scarcity of feed for the immense herds owned by persons residing in that Valley and led them to drive their stock to the inviting pasturage adjoining this Reserve, which, being <sup>with</sup> <sup>out</sup> fence rendering it impossible to make a crop, to plant and seed is only labor thrown away besides discouragement to the Indians to work as they see no return for their labor, there are at this time at least a dozen of men

twenty squatters on the land immediately adjoining the Res<sup>rv</sup>,  
 on all sides of it and all owning stock, a few of whom are  
 making farms with a view of settling, but the majority only  
 to graze and raise stock their business being trading in  
 stock, cattle horses &c none of them seeming to have any regard  
 for the rights of the poor Indian their stock is turned on  
 grain fields If Indians attempt to drive them off they  
 are threatened with being shot and have been severely treated  
 for trying to protect their grain, till at last they could neither  
 be persuaded nor forced to drive the stock from the fields  
 being accompanied and protected by some of the employees,  
 Under such a state of things you will easily perceive the  
 utter impossibility of raising and saving a crop

The past season some three hundred acres was ploughed and  
 sowed <sup>in</sup> wheat rye and barley and from the appearance  
 of straw and stubble on <sup>the</sup> ground must have produced <sup>very</sup>  
 but was nearly all destroyed by hard work and close water  
 200 Bush. wheat 600 of Rye and 60 or 70 Bushels Barley  
 was all that could be saved and is now in hand

If this Res<sup>rv</sup>, is to be continued provision must immediately  
 be made to fence a portion of it at least and the only way  
 this can be accomplished <sup>at present</sup> is to purchase sawed lumber  
 and have Post and board fence made, as there is but little  
 timber on the Res<sup>rv</sup>, and the little there is I have already given  
 orders to be cut and put into fencing

I submit a calculation of the cost of board fence for  
a square section of land 57200 feet boards at 48¢ per foot  
delivered at Yreka the present market price there, such large  
quantity might be bought for a little less, but at 48¢ making  
the lumber would cost 2048 dollars, it would also require 1280  
posts 6 1/2 feet long 6 by 4 inches thick 13 feet in a post making  
16640 feet, half of the posts might be got on the reservation  
which would leave say 8000 feet to be purchased costing three  
hundred and twenty dollars which added to 2048 dollars  
making the sum total 2368 dollars for lumber at Yreka in  
the hauling the Sacramento River distant 20 miles from  
the Reservation, the hauling could and should be done by the  
Reservation teams and Indians without cost, but unfortunately  
there are no wagons, three were turned over to me by Agent  
Singer but they are so thoroughly worn out as to be totally  
unfit even for repairs now one must be procured if the  
Department determines to make these essential improvements  
and if not then this Reservation has better be abandoned  
~~altogether~~ I should recommend wood at least for the  
city I have for these poor miserable creatures scattered about  
the place most of whom are old and decrepit women and  
children having become accustomed to being fed it would be  
hard for them to be driven to their former mode of living,  
Should the Department approve of the plan suggested by  
me money should be immediately allotted for the purchase

of the lumber and mill, which I forgot to mention  
in the calculation, also for the purchase of two good wagons  
I shall have more to say in relation to the management  
of this Reservation in my general report which I cannot  
get ready under three or 4 weeks and have only made  
this for the reading above given. The lumber should by all  
means be hauled before the rains commence.

As to the culture and fertility of the soil of this reservation  
with good tillage I hesitate not to say that ~~from~~ <sup>from</sup> 40  
to 50 bushels of wheat to the acre is no extravagant esti-  
mate and I am confident that on sections under good  
enclosure with honest and judicious management with  
the facilities of cutting hay and a ready market, will  
pay all expenditures except wages of employees and  
under first rate management might be made to do that  
also this however is hardly to be expected.

My communications from your department please have  
attained to Red Bluff. I should be a little more  
convinced but the Postoffice is so miserably <sup>conducted</sup> ~~managed~~  
that the dispatch of any mail matter is exceedingly  
uncertain.

Yours  
Hon. A. D. Greenwood  
Commissary of  
Indian Affairs  
Washington D.C.

Very Respectfully  
Your Obedient Servant  
W. A. Drichel  
Spring 1840.