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**WIND RIVER TRIBAL COURT**  
 Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes  
 Wind River Indian Reservation  
 P.O. Box 608  
 Fort Washakie, Wyoming 82514  
 307-332-6702

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IN THE MATTER OF CUSTODY OF: )  
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 MINOR CHILD                      DOB                      ) )  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ )                      CIVIL NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 MINOR CHILD                      DOB                      ) )  
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 MINOR CHILD                      DOB                      ) )  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 PETITIONER (print your name)                      )

**PETITION FOR CUSTODY**

COMES NOW, \_\_\_\_\_ (print your name), \_\_\_\_\_, (your relationship to the child) files this Petition for Custody regarding the above-named minor child.

**1. Jurisdiction**

Petitioner hereby notifies the Wind River Children’s Court that it has jurisdiction to hear this matter due to the following (please check the MOST applicable):

Per §14-19-4 of the S & A Law and Order Code, the Wind River reservation is the home of the above-named child at the time I am filing this Petition, and a parent or person acting as their parent (meaning, a person, other than a parent, who has physical custody of the child AND who has either been awarded custody by a court or claims a right to custody) also lives on the Wind River reservation.

Per the same section, I allege it to be in the best interest of the child that this Court assume jurisdiction because \_\_\_\_\_ the child and their parents/ \_\_\_\_\_ the child and at least one contestant of custody (please check one) have a significant connection with the Northern Arapaho Tribe or the Eastern Shoshone Tribe (i.e., are enrolled or non-enrolled members) and there is evidence here on the reservation concerning the child’s present or future care, protection, training and personal relationships.

Per the same section, the child is physically present on the reservation and has been abandoned, or it is an emergency because the child has been threatened with mistreatment or abuse or is otherwise neglected.

This case was transferred to this Court from the following court, which declined to exercise jurisdiction due to this Court being the more appropriate forum:

\_\_\_\_\_ (name of the court from which this case was transferred)

**2. Prior Custody Proceedings**

Petitioner has knowledge of the following regarding prior custody proceedings for the minor child involved here (please check ALL that apply):

I have participated in other litigation (court cases) concerning the custody of this child in ANY capacity (please explain):

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I have information of another custody proceeding concerning this child which is currently pending in another court (please explain) :

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I know of a person who is NOT a party to this case I am filing who currently has physical custody of the child OR claims to have custody or visitation rights (please explain):

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**3. Information Concerning the Child**

Petitioner has the following information for the Court regarding the minor child for which they are petitioning for custody:

*A. Child's Birth*

The child was born on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_ .

They were born at \_\_\_\_\_ (print location). (please

attach a copy of the child's Birth Certificate, if available)

**B. *Child's Tribal Affiliation***

The child is an \_\_\_\_\_ enrolled \_\_\_\_\_ non-enrolled member of the

\_\_\_\_\_ Tribe (please attach enrollment card if applicable).

**C. *Child's Current Address***

The current address of the child is as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ (address)

\_\_\_\_\_ (city/st/zip)

**D. *Past Addresses of Child***

To petitioner's knowledge, the child has lived at the following addresses

within the last five (5) years (attach additional pages if necessary):

<b>Address</b>	<b>City/State/Zip</b>

**E. *Persons With Whom Child Has Lived***

To petitioner's knowledge, the child has lived with the following persons in

the last five (5) years (attach additional pages if necessary):

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City/State/Zip</b>

4. **Relief Requested**

Petitioner is requesting (check one):

FULL custody of the above-named minor child, to the exclusion of all others claiming a right to custody and/or visitation. I have \_\_\_\_\_ obtained/ \_\_\_\_\_ have not obtained (check one) a waiver of custodial rights of the non-petitioning parties (please attach if have).

FULL custody but with visitation rights based upon either the Standard Visitation Schedule of this Court or a visitation schedule they have drafted (please attach if applicable, and NOTE that if you do not, the Standard Schedule will be assumed).

A SHARED custody arrangement to be assigned by this Court, or an arrangement drafted by them and attached to this petition (please attach if applicable).

Petitioner hereby swears under oath as to the truth and accuracy to their knowledge of the facts stated above. Based upon those facts as well as this Court’s clear authority to hear this case, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court accept this petition and that the Court give notice to all interested parties and schedule a hearing on the custody of this minor child.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

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FOR THE CLERK/NOTARY

Subscribed and sworn before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

(Seal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Court Clerk or Notary Public

My commission Expires: