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Kickapoo Leadership Isn't Giving Up on Reservoir

(AP)-- Leaders of the Kickapoo tribal reservation in northeast Kansas want the federal government to help out with a longstanding effort to build a reservoir.

A federal court ruled this month that the tribe couldn't compel a water district to use its powers of eminent domain to obtain the private property so the reservoir can move forward. The Topeka Capital-Journal reports that tribal chairman Steve Cadue has sent a letter to Governor Sam Brownback urging him to petition the U.S. Department of the Interior and Bureau of Indian Affairs to intervene.

The tribe has been trying to complete the project for nearly two decades. Tribal leaders say it is vital to their people's water security.

The reservation sits on a rock formation that blocks access to underground water.

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