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A $125,049 contract for grading and surfacing roads on the Uintah and Ouray I Reservation in Utah was announced today by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Improvements will include a five-mile stretch of Route 7 which provides access to picturesque Uintah Canyon and a seven-mile section of Route 17, from Neola toward Big Springs.

Better roads will open an exceptionally scenic area for which the Uintah and Ouray Tribe has recreational development plans.

The spectacular Indian lands are not far from Dinosaur National Monument, Flaming Gorge and other locales with 'proven tourist appeal. There are 110 miles of trout streams, four sizable lakes, excellent hunting and many developed camping areas on the reservation. The tribe is considering the addition of a motel, an Indian cultural park with model village, gift shop and other attractions.

Successful bidder for the road contract was Whiting and Haymond Construction Company of Springville, Utah. The only competitive bid was $183,999.