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Re: Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Comments/Requests re Draft Truckee Meadows Public Lands Management Act

Dear Jamie,

Thank you for soliciting comments and requests from the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe on the preliminary draft maps for the proposed Truckee Meadows Public Lands Management Act. The Tribe is very much interested in directly participating in the ongoing process of developing draft legislative text and mapping. In addition to attending public workshops, the Tribe looks forward to future one-on-one meetings with Washoe County, Reno and Sparks, and the federal Congressional delegations.

First, the Tribe is unable to provide its full comments at this point without the actual text of the proposed legislation. The Tribe looks forward to reviewing draft bill text as soon as it is available, and reserves the right to provide additional comments, concerns and proposals once bill text is made available.

Second, the Tribe is generally aware that culturally sensitive sites have been identified throughout the areas covered by the preliminary maps, but has not been provided specific information of the location or nature of these sites. The Bureau of Land Management is in possession of this information, but has not released it to the Tribe. The Tribe reserves its right to provide additional comments once this very important information is made available. As you can imagine, the Tribe is very concerned with any potential to impact culturally sensitive areas through land disposal and/or changes to federal lands designations.

Third, the Tribe anticipates providing a specific proposal in the future for land transfer to the Tribe and for changing designations of other lands from the preliminary proposals as discussed at your January 24, 2020, public workshop. You can expect the Tribe's proposal to address the economic development component of the draft TMPLMA, including the designation of the area around the Pah Rah mountain range to the southwest of the Pyramid Lake Reservation boundary down to the I-80 corridor; and the Fox Mountain/Pole Creek/Selenite Mountains Wilderness Study Area. Before the Tribe is able to provide its proposal to you, however, it must first be discussed with, and approved by, the Tribal Council. Just like the resolutions approved by Washoe County, Reno and Sparks, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council is the ultimate Tribal authority with respect to these matters.

Again, the Tribe appreciates the opportunity to work closely with the governmental entities that are undertaking this federal lands bill process, and we look forward to continued discussions.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Sampson, Sr.', written in a cursive style.

Anthony Sampson, Sr., Chairman
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